

PRESS RELEASE
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Start list of Mattoni Ústí nad Labem Half Marthon

Ústí nad Labem will not lose an elite starting field this year! Although, the coronavirus pandemic forced us to suspend the EuroHeroes project, the Mattoni Ústí nad Labem Half Marathon hosts a number of exciting runners – European born or raised, in line with the original EuroHeroes concept.

Also, top Czech athletes will have an opportunity to run fast half marathon organized by RunCzech on the Czech soil in 2020! The Czech half marathon female record holder, Eva Vrabcová Nývltová, is coming back to competition after giving birth to a baby girl Adela. From other Czech stars you should keep an eye on Marcela Joglová, Vít Pavlišta, Jiří Homoláč and Jakub Zemaník, the best Czech in the 10,000 meters.

Top endurance athletes from Spain, Italy, Germany, France, Ukraine and Belarus will also take part in the event. "We are very happy that we managed to secure such a strong field for the Mattoni Ústí nad Labem Half Marathon. This is an evidence, among other things, that we are really serious about supporting European athletics, with the idea of EuroHeroes being based on the development and promotion of European competitors. With our original project being forced, by the circumstances we are living through, into a short break, Saturday's race contributes to keeping it alive." says Carlo Capalbo, President of the RunCzech Organizing Committee.

Further press release to follow post-tomorrow's press conference.

ELITE FIELD

MEN

Said El Otmani	Italy	1:01:31 (Verbania, 2019)
Alejandro Jimenez	Spain	1:03:05 (Valencia, 2019)
Jiří Homoláč	Czechia	1:03:23 (Prague, 2017)
Alberto Sanchez Pinilla	Spain	1:03:39 (Puerto de Sagunto, 2020)
Bohdan-Ivan Horodyskyi	Ukraine	1:04:43 (Kovel, 2019)
Vít Pavlišta	Czechia	1:05:09 (Prague, 2016)
Emmanuel Roudolff-Levisse	France	1:05:22 (Lille, 2019)
Robert Míč	Czechia	1:07:23 (Ústí nad Labem, 2017)
Azeddine Habz	France	debut

Jakub Zemaník	Czechia	debut
Sebastian Hendel	Germany	pacemaker for women's race

WOMEN

Fatma Maraoui	Italy	1:10:08 (Cremona, 2011)
Eva Vrabcová Nývltová	Czechia	1:11:01 (Prague, 2018)
Ekaterina Korneenko	Belorussia	1:12:45 (Poznań, 2019)
Marcela Joglová	Czechia	1:13:46 (Kostěnice, 2020)
Kristina Hendel	Germany	1:14:02 (Berlín, 2019)
Ivana Sekyrová	Czechia	1:14:06 (Pardubice, 2013)
Cecilia Mobuchon	France	1:14:16 (Sevilla, 2020)
Nuria Lugueros Diaz	Spain	1:15:11 (Madrid, 2019)
Tereza Hrochová	Czechia	1:15:59 (Kostěnice, 2020)
Barbora Jíšová	Czechia	1:18:51 (Prague, 2018)
Tereza Jagošová	Czechia	1:25:08 (Olomouc, 2018)

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Note: You will find photos from the race in high quality at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/runczech/>. Please use the source: RunCzech

Note for editors:

- RunCzech organizes running events in cities across the Czech Republic and in Italy, with Napoli Running, and in Japan and China supported by local entities.
- Prague International Marathon spol. s.r.o. ("PIM") was established in 1995 by Carlo Capalbo, President of the Organizing Committee, with the aim of staging a world-class international marathon in Prague.
- Nearly 1.2 million runners have participated in RunCzech events since its inception. In 2019, we welcomed over 120 000 finishers from 101 different countries.
- ALL RUNNERS ARE BEAUTIFUL is our way of welcoming everyone to the world of running.
- Initiatives like RunCzech Running League and SuperHalves were created to motivate casual runners. To support elite European athletes, we created the EuroHeroes Challenge.
- RunCzech Racing is dedicated to the development of young athletes, community ties, and sporting excellence. Eight World records so far and over 150 podium finishes for our team!
- We host other events such as our Bambini Runs, Family Runs and Junior Marathon Championship to encourage youth participation.
- Our FreeRun courses form a network of running trails across the Czech Republic.
- Our Running Mall serves as the epicenter of the running world in Prague.