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130 mil EUR released by the Czech government for immediate repair of roads, railways and trails

Following devastating floods in the Czech Republic last week that hit South, Central and North Bohemia and Prague, the Czech Ministry of Transport released 50 mil. EUR for repair and clean-up of main roads, railways and cycle trails from the Czech State Fund for Transport Infrastructure (SFDI). The EuroVelo and other long distance routes in the Czech Republic copying main rivers like Elbe (Labe), Vltava (Moldau) and Berounka were flooded together with Bohemian towns incl. Czech capital Prague last week. Total of 8 people died and, thousands of inhabitants must have been evacuated from their homes. Over 100 roads, railways and cycle trails were flooded incl. Elbe greenway, Vltava and Berounka trail which are backbones of EuroVelo 7 and 4. Almost 50.000 ha of land were under water. The damage caused by this flood - similar to 2002 floods - will reach several hundred millions of EUR.

"We wish to accommodate immediate needs of all affected municipalities and regions and we will make sure if necessary the funds will be forwarded to flooded areas and to road owners so the ongoing necessary repairs can be made without delays", stressed the **Czech Transport Minister, Mr. Zbyněk Stanjura**. The Czech government also decided to release another 80 mil. EUR for further damages on road and railway network.



The **EuroVelo network in the Czech Republic** consists of 4 routes - the EuroVelo 4, 7, 9 and 13 with total length of 2.100 km. The national long distance cycle route network CzechMobil (CeskoJede) consists of national and regional routes with total length of 5.300

km. The signposting of long distance routes in the Czech Republic has recently undergone re-branding that allows to signpost long distance routes with 1 or 2 digit number and logo. Main partners in CzechMobil project are Czech Tourism, Czech Ministry of Transport, Ministry for Regional Development, Ministry of Health, Center for Transport Research (CDV), national railway company Ceske drahy and national cycle friendly certification of services Cyclists Welcome.



See you at CzechMobil VeloCity expo stand 1.03

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foto1.JPG – Some cycle routes in the Czech Republic was under water during flood in June 2013.

Photo: Zdenek SNEJDAR

foto2.JPG – First EuroVelo routes in the Czech Republic were signposted this spring.

Photo: Jiřka VRTALOVÁ

All photos are available for download at www.cyklodoprava.cz – section „Pro media“

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