

NEWSLETTER

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Ostrava residents are most satisfied with transport, schools and leisure opportunities

In the spring of this year, a public opinion survey was held as part of the process of drawing up Ostrava's **new Strategic Development Plan**. We asked the city's residents how they view life in Ostrava, which aspects they are satisfied with and which things are lacking or need improvement. The results of the survey are currently being analyzed, and the next issue of this Newsletter will present its findings in more detail.



New Lower Vítkovice cycle bridge now open

On Friday 9 June, a new cycle bridge received official approval for use. The bridge links Vítkovice with the cycle route leading in one direction to Ostrava city centre and in the opposite direction to Frýdek-Místek. The bridge will be very beneficial not only to cyclists, but also to people attending summer festivals or those who want to walk from the city centre to the historic industrial complex in Vítkovice.

Zoo visitors can now use a new parking garage

From June, visitors to Ostrava's zoo can now use a brand-new parking garage containing 195 spaces. The garage has two floors, including roof parking. Construction began in June 2022 and was completed in May of this year, with the total of almost 140 million CZK (excl. VAT).

Tender announced for the building contractor in the new concert hall project

At the beginning of the year, the concert hall project was granted the necessary construction permit, and a **tender is currently underway to find the building contractor**. The deadline for the submission of bids is **27 June 2023**. The contract will include the construction of the **new concert hall**, the complete reconstruction and revitalization of the existing City of Ostrava Cultural Centre, and improvements to public spaces in the surrounding area.



Boutique Business Incubator Ostravica

Offices, studios, meeting rooms. A roof garden as a perfect party venue. Conference rooms, a music club, a theatre. Great coffee and sandwiches in the café. The reconstructed former Ostravica department store – now set to be reinvented as the **Boutique Business Incubator Ostravica** (BBIO) – will offer state-of-the-art facilities for creatives and startups.



Green-blue infrastructure in Ostrava

Green-blue infrastructure in urban areas involves an **integrated combination of "green" and "blue" elements, helping to optimize rainwater management systems**. The benefits of this modern approach include the absorption of rainwater, reductions in temperature and noise levels, soil stabilization, and more. Some interesting examples of green-blue infrastructure are given **here**.



Ostrava is a partner in the international MECOG-CE project



MECOG-CE

The MECOG-CE project focuses on **strengthening metropolitan cooperation and management in Central Europe**. The City of Ostrava is participating in this three-year project in order to share experience and gain feedback on current systems of metropolitan cooperation. **The project will help raise international awareness of the city and enhance our image as a European metropolis**. Our participation will help boost our metropolitan role, and it also forms an integral part of Ostrava's Strategic Development Plan, specifically its first goal – Building and Interconnected City. See **here** for more information.



A "green street" will be created in the heart of Mariánské Hory

Přemyslovců Street, one of the main arteries of Ostrava's Mariánské Hory district, is set to undergo a complete transformation. The first step will be a major modernization of the water supply and sewer systems. This will be followed by the creation of a **"green street"**, which will provide a **friendly environment for pedestrians, cyclists and local businesses**.



Ostrava will again feature as part of a joint exhibition of Czech cities and regions

Ostrava will present its development locations at the **EXPO REAL investment event**, which will be held this year in Munich from **4–6 October**. The Czech Cities & Regions presentation will feature Ostrava, the Moravian-Silesian Region and Prague, and it is being designed by the architectural studio CHYBIK+KRISTOF ASSOCIATED ARCHITECTS s.r.o. Investors, developers, construction firms, architects and consultants who are interested in participating in the presentation can contact the City of Ostrava by e-mailing adela.koudelova@ostrava.cz.

