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Renovated station building will become embellishment of entire spa triangle

Passengers in Františkovy Lázně will use the new station building as early as next spring. Today, Správa železnic inaugurated its complete renovation. The works will include the restoration of the historical facade as well as the modernisation of the check-in hall and ticket counters. All accesses will be barrier-free. The total cost of the construction amounts to CZK 252 million.

"Thanks to the reconstruction, the railway station in Františkovy Lázně will become a worthy gateway to the town, which together with Karlovy Vary and Mariánské Lázně is part of the so-called spa triangle, inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2021. A modern station building with an original face will be exactly how we should approach the historical heritage on the railway: with an eye for the beauty of the original architecture and with the current needs of passengers in mind," said Minister of Transport Martin Kupka.

The roof and facade will be restored to its original appearance, both in terms of colour and materials, and the appearance of the historic cornices. In the interior, the floors, walls and ceilings will be completely restored, and the doors will be refurbished. A total of 11 apartments on the upper floors will be renovated.

The check-in hall and ticket counters are being modernised. The main entrance to the building will also be renovated, and access walkways will be created directly to Platform 1. Bicycle boxes, parking spaces for bicycles and places for charging electric bicycles will be built in close proximity to the building.

"The overall renovation of the building has seen its first success even before the work has started. Last year, the expert jury of the competition 'Stavba Karlovarského kraje' (Construction of the Carlsbad Region) awarded it the prize for the best project. So, passengers have something to look forward to," noted Jiří Svoboda, Director General of Správa železnic. The project documentation was prepared by APRIS 3MP.

"When renovating the station building in Františkovy Lázně, we will take advantage of our extensive experience with the reconstruction of historical buildings. We will again involve our colleagues from the Monuments Restoration Operation, who have valuable knowledge and skills in the field of historical crafts. The implementation will be carried out during uninterrupted operation, which will bring some inconvenience for all involved. We will do our best to ensure that the construction work affects passengers and staff as little as possible," said Karel Volf, Director General of the company Metrostav DIZ. It is the contractor of the works together with the company AVERS.

Construction will be completed in May next year. Its financing is provided by Státní fond dopravní infrastruktury (State Fund for Transport Infrastructure).