



## HEALTHY CITIES OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

### INTERVIEW



**An interview with Mayor of the Healthy Municipality of Bolatice and politician of the Healthy Municipality Project (HMP) and Local Agenda 21, Mr. Herbert Pavera**

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**The Healthy Municipality of Bolatice is one of the youngest members of HCCZ. What induced you to become a Healthy Municipality and what are your further plans in this respect?**

I found out about the activities of Healthy Cities when I still was a headmaster of Opava – Kylešovice basic school that is a member of the National Network of Healthy Schools. The experience from this collaboration and the fact that a number of activities for public, such as the Earth Day had been already practised, motivated us to join the HCCZ. We were aware that our municipality may progress further in its development solely under the condition that it would learn the good models from others. The experience with regular communication with citizens as well as excellent background provided to its members (practical counselling, information about events, well-tried methodology etc.) have also been an important factor in the process of deciding about HCCZ membership. My recent participation at HCCZ Summer School even confirmed this conviction of mine. Owing to this summer activity I have a number of further impulses for improving the life in the municipality.

**What are your expectations from HCCZ membership from the point of view of municipality and in what way do you intend to utilize the membership for wider collaboration, e.g. within the micro-regional framework?**

We would like to, besides the previously mentioned, to engage as many citizens of our municipality as possible into the public life. I also intend to pass the experience I acquired to other municipalities of Hlučinsko Micro-Region. I believe that I will manage to succeed in engaging at least some colleagues into the activities of the Healthy City and Local Agenda 21 projects, even though I admit that the majority of them only have a vision of subsidies so far, while mostly neglecting the spirit and engagement of citizens – even I forgot occasionally.

**The September is approaching, packed with events to the subject of traffic and safety. In Bolatice you have come up with an interesting programme/activity for senior citizens, can you disclose more.**

Our municipality intends to participate gradually in the highest number of campaigns possible within our limits. The European Mobility Week is approaching and as a part of it we would like to concentrate on prevention of safe road traffic, in particular on biking. In a funny way we would like to point out e.g. bad habits of cyclists. We can often see old women with sticks and bags full of purchase riding unequipped bikes through intersections without stopping at “Stop” sign. And as a part of the Bolatice harvest home, attended by up to 1000 people, we are going to show examples of correct and incorrect ride through an intersection.

### TOPIC OF THE MONTH: “THE HEALTHY COUNTRY”

Somewhere around 1800 about 2% of the world population lived in cities, all the others inhabited areas we call the country. While in developed countries today, two hundred years later, approximately 75% of inhabitants live in cities. This menacing development hopefully takes a different direction in the new millennium and the former contrast between the industrial – developed and rural – underdeveloped, is disappearing. The turbulent urbanization and problems related to it have in the end shown us that country has its irreplaceable role in every well functioning society. In order that it maintains and further develops its function it is necessary to create long-term conditions for quality life in the country. Among these belong e.g. provision of basic infrastructure, satisfactory level of local services, availability of quality education etc. The competitiveness of the country is facilitated by investments into modernisation and innovations as well as e.g. use of renewable resources of energy and new technical farming products that decrease dependence on the agricultural sector. The country also has an important role in protection of natural resources and the environment; it is the bearer of tradition and cultural heritage that must be preserved for generations to come. All these aspects then concurrently enhance the attractiveness and potential



*One of important functions of the country is revival of traditional trades and their preservation for next generations.*

of the country and their development is a precondition to cessation of further outflow of the young generations in particular that is currently being faced by rural areas.

This double issue of HCCZ Bulletin is issued in the summertime when many of us run away from overcrowded cities and seek asylum in the country as far from "civilisation" as possible. In the further lines you can read about activities developed by the Healthy Cities, Municipalities and Regions in order that they support development of healthy and viable country. A lot of interesting and useful information can be also found in regular columns.

## TOPIC HOME AND ABROAD

### In the next days the country awaits extraordinary changes – will it turn into an attractive and healthy place for living or into mere open-air folk museum of deserted villages and extinct trades?

**The European Union prepares massive investments and motivates the member countries to reduce regional unevenness and stop the outflow of young people into cities through intensive support of the rural areas. Its objective is to create out of country an area that favours not only ecological agriculture but also young and middle enterprises utilising state-of-the-art technologies and outstanding brains. In return to this the country should take care of protection and improvement of the environment, cultivation of local landscape and preservation of traditional culture as a part of historical heritage.**

The support of rural areas development is one of priorities of the European Union and is closely related to the Common Agricultural Policy of EU. The support is based on harmonisation of priorities at the level of EU and member states and specific requirements of individual regions. The importance of the country is also underlined by existence of a number of conceptions that should ensure its harmonious development in further 8 to 10 years. The basic documents in the CR for the period of 2007-13 comprise the **National Strategic Plan of Rural Development** that formulates rather general objectives and topical and regional priorities and the **Programme of Rural Development** that defines particular measures and also deals with financing issues. This programme picks up the threads of the currently finishing **Horizontal Plan of the CR Rural Development** for the period of 2004-05 (see also HCCZ Seminar).

Besides the state institutions, an important role is played mostly in the process of realisation of particular activities by non-profit organisations that new developmental impulses also come from. The mission of Association for Restoration of the Country, founded in 1993, is to contribute to rehabilitation of the country, to restore and enhance social and spiritual life, to reinforce economical stability and prosperity of the country and to endeavour to motivate the citizens living in the country for voluntary activity. The most significant event organised by the Society is the **Village of the Year competition**, announced since 1995 along with the Union of Cities and Municipalities of the CR, ministries for local development, agriculture, environment and culture. Another important non-profit organisation is the **National Rural Observatory** that offers collaboration and services to partakers of the rural development, in the first place to **local operational groups** (LOG), on two platforms – they can join as collaborators or they may become members of Observatories of the currently established **National Network of Rural Development** (NNRD). The main focus of NNRD is utilisation and development of rural potential on basis of inter-sector partnership, collaboration with

governmental and regional organisations, servicing and information services for LOG and representation of their interests at various negotiations. More than 30 LOG have applied for collaboration within the NNRD (find out more at [http://leader.isu.cz/cz/article.asp?article\\_id=119&lang\\_id=1](http://leader.isu.cz/cz/article.asp?article_id=119&lang_id=1)). Students also apply themselves to the subject of the country. The citizens' association **Podblanickem** with their partners already organise the second international meeting of students and young people from all over Europe within the **Students for the Country Project**, whose objective is to support the interest of young people in the country life and to engage them actively in the projects aimed exactly at improvement of rural life (find out more at <http://www.podblanickem.net/conference>). An important element in development of the rural life is voluntariness. This is typical e.g. of the citizens' association **Renaissance of Šumava** that endeavours to revive the Šumava's borderland in accord with Local Agenda 21. You can find out more about the cross-border collaboration and its other activities at <http://www.renesance-gabreta.info>.

The **Rural Voice Project** also belongs among the initiatives supporting the country, with an objective of finding and preparing managers for rural areas, provision of relevant information for rural development and participation at the international non-governmental PREPARE initiative. The project supported from PHARE SPP and C.S.Mott



Foundation resources through of PREPARE is carried out in close collaboration with the **Centre for Community Work** (CCW). Within the Rural Voice Project the CCW issues an electronic bulletin Rural News, intended for those interested in rural development <http://www.cpkp.cz/ruralvoice/>. Another interesting information resource is represented e.g. by the web pages of **Consultancy Centre for the Country** <http://www.prvo.cz>.



*A specialist HCCZ seminar dedicated to the issue of rural development took place in attendance of representatives of departments, regions, local operational groups, municipalities and others.*

### Specialist HCCZ seminar has been dedicated to the issue of rural development

**An opportunity for exchange of experience and good practice examples has been brought by the HCCZ seminar dedicated to Rural Development – Collaboration of Micro-Regions and Local Operational Groups that took place on 15<sup>th</sup> June in Prague at the building of Czech Association of Scientific and Technical Societies at Novotného lávka.**

A specialist seminar focused on sample procedures in the field of rural development and on collaboration of municipalities, micro-regions and local operational groups (LOG) introduced successful projects realised at the micro-regional level. Particular experience with realisation of projects financed especially from the Leader resources, served as an inspiration for other municipalities or micro-regions. The seminar participants have been welcomed by the HCCZ director Mr. Petr Švec who reminded the mission of HCCZ and in brief introduced the activities of the association for this year.

The first specialised contribution was presented by Mr. Rostislav Hošek of the Ministry of Agriculture of the CR who dealt with the **National Strategic Plan of Rural Development** that defines the main priorities for drawing resources from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD). This independent financial tool will solve the



*In the Healthy City of Jilemnice there has already been 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Krakonoš's Summer Evenings held, also attended by the Association of Ladies of Jilemnice.*

support of the agricultural area in all 25 countries of EU. In the CR the EAFRD deals with municipalities under 2 thousand inhabitants and therefore concerns approximately 2.6 million inhabitants.

Mrs. Magdalena Svatoňová of the county council of the Healthy Region of Vysočina in her presentation called **Rural Development in Vysočina** introduced the independent special-purpose Vysočina Fund. The Fund is partially focused on rural development and this year there have been 69 million CZK distributed within its framework. The same amount is available for this year. For the next programming EU period there is prepared the **Partnership for Vysočina** project that represents a collaboration of cities and municipalities, profit and non-profit sectors. Collection of project propositions for financing from EU resources that has been continuously in progress under methodological guidance by HCCZ is also an important part of the project. At present there are more than 1800 propositions filled (find out more at <http://partnerstvi.nszm.ecn.cz>).

**LOG as a potential for development of local partnership** was the subject of presentation by Mr. Michal Jarolímek of the National Rural Observatory, founded in 2005 as a servicing organisation for the needs of LOG (see more above). LOG's are often created for the purpose of particular projects and purpose-based drawing of financial resources. The basic conditions of LOG sustainability consist of education and qualification of its members, professionalisation, multi-resource financing and openness to public.

**The role of micro-regions in LOG functioning** has been outlined to seminar participants by Václav Pošmurný of LOG Posázaví. The LOG also closely collaborates with micro-region owing to the activity of the **Voluntary Union of Municipalities**. The role of micro-region lies especially in the care for land-development, it collaborates with entrepreneurial sector, also serves as an informational resource for public or in the area of education of municipal representatives. But it also realises its own projects and collaborates abroad. A precondition for successful operation of micro-region is own professional manager and multi-source financing. The point of view from the other side has been dealt within the presentation **LOG's Contribution to the Development** of Micro-Region by Jan Malík of "Sdružení Růže" micro-

region. In this area LOG ensures partners and financial resources for the development of micro-region. It also helps the project proposers with their realisation and supervises the contribution of these projects to the region. For instance the projects "Revival of Castle Park - Nové Hradý" or "Utilisation of Less Valuable Wood Substance by Mechanised Logging" have been chosen for financing last year.

The presentation to the subject of "**Energetically Sustainable Municipality**" has been presented by Mrs. Lucie Stuchlíková, representative of CZ BIOM - Czech Association for Biomass and company Porsenna. Energetic sustainability anticipates achievement of such level of supply of energy from locally available resources that suffice for sustenance and maintenance of basic functions of local community. Constructional and other measures leading to energetic sustainability are based on relevant directives of EU and in their consequences not only result in energetic savings and reduction of environmental strain but for instance also creation of new jobs.

Collaboration between LOG and micro-region was also a subject of the presentation by Jan Helíšek, the mayor of the Healthy Municipality of **Strašín**. This Šumava mountains' municipality with adjacent settlements has a total of 365 inhabitants and faces the problems of neglected cross-border region, mostly with outflow of young people, lack of schools and gradual depopulation. Strašín also deals with these problems owing to operation of the local citizens' association called Friends of Šumava. The communal policy is based on active communication with inhabitants by means of e.g. mobile phones, web pages or by questionnaire surveys. People could also express their opinions at a public hearing of the community Plan of Health and Quality of Life. Strašín actively participates in HCCZ campaigns and works on development of relationships with the National Park and Natural Reserve of Šumava Region, with local inhabitants, medical facility, school and other subjects.

Mrs. Jana Tesařová of the Veronica – Hoštětín Centre introduced the activities of the **Centre of Model Projects for the Country**. The municipality of Hostěšín lies in the Natural Reserve of Bílé Karpaty. The region deals with threats such as change of soil utilisation but also with outflow of inhabitants. In the process of preparation and realisation of projects an emphasis is put on sustainable development and collaboration of all subjects, a number of projects is also being prepared and financed together with foreign partners. Among the supported projects belong e.g. a biomass-based municipal heating plant, root sewage clarification plant, fruit drier or seminar building of Veronica – Hoštětín Centre. In 2005 there was LOG Bojkovsko founded in collaboration with the micro-region with the objective of common preparation for drawing of resources from the programming EU period 2007-13.

## GOOD PRACTICE

### The Healthy Cities, Municipalities and Regions maintain the rural traditions and contribute to sustainable development of the country

**Support of tourist industry also belongs among the priorities of the healthy country besides the maintenance of the traditional trades. The most usual form of support is building of cycling tracks and other cycling infrastructure. EU subsidies also help with realisation of projects that contribute to the general improvement of rural life.**

Cultural and historical event in a historical city is an opportunity for reminding some rural folk customs and binds of the city with the surrounding region. In the Healthy City of **Telč** there were Historical Celebrations of Zachariáš of Hradec and Kateřina of Valdštejn and



The traditional St. Lawrence's feasts in the Healthy City of Hodonín always take place on the day of St. Lawrence when the city livens up by the summer fair with traditional folk trades. There are women from other villages coming in colourful folk costumes from wide neighbourhood, accepting the invitation of the local band.

Mozart's Ride held on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Besides various parades related to historical subject matter and performances with folk songs and dances there was also the traditional fair held on the Zachariáš of Hradec Square. Visitors could view the exhibitions of folk trades, such as smithery, pottery or wood carving. The project of the Healthy City of **Hodonín** called "Hodonín – Zisterdorf, The Cities of Tourism, Folklore and Culture" is of a similar orientation. On each weekend closest to the St. Lawrence's Feast there are St. Lawrence festivities held with a programme consisting of Saturday fair and Sunday folklore performances. Hodonín, together with the Slovak City of Holíč organises the "Hodonín's Cultural Autumn" that Wine Feast is also a part of. The traditional folk merry making reminds the permission of wine distribution by the historical domain owner Pertold of Lipá. The cultural event called Krakonoš's Summer Evenings 2006 was organised by the Healthy City of **Jilemnice** and adjacent Muniapl Union Jilemnicko during the second holiday week. In the course of a four-day exhibition, attended by the Krakonoš himself, the visitors could see a performance by children from kindergarten and basic school, volunteers and enthusiasts from various dramatic, singer and sports unions operating in the municipalities of the Union. Professional artists have been represented for instance by the singer Věra Poláčková – Kavanová, native of Jilemnice. As a part of the event there has taken place announcement of results of a competition called "Krakonoš Praises" that appreciates companies, entrepreneurs and traders contributing by their activities to the development of local municipalities.

The Healthy Municipality of **Strašín** pretty much relies on its youngest inhabitants. This is why there are events for children being held in and out of school, for instance the creative afternoon or children's St. John's Eve. The Šumava National Park and citizens' association Friends of Šumava also help with nature-oriented events. As a part of the partnership with neighbouring Bavaria in June there was a visit to Strašín by the students of Munich Agricultural University who made a tour of the local farm cooperative and local private farmers. Processing of local crops is supported by the Healthy Municipality of **Křižany** as a part of its development. Owing to the subsidy of LEADER programme they managed to expand the equipment of cider house and distillery. Restoration of the local folk architecture is contributed to by the plant for production of wood and building units for log buildings. The project of Cycle Track Křižany - Zdislava is also realised there, among others it includes restoration of the original fruit alley along the road. Development of tourism is also the key activity for the Healthy Micro-Region of **Drahanská Vrchovina**, consisting of voluntary union of twelve municipalities west of the Moravian City of Vyškov. The local attractive natural conditions attract a growing

number of visitors which is why the municipalities of micro-region support the construction of new walking trails and cycle tracks that consequently connect the local natural and cultural landmarks. In the Račice municipality, local area Pístovice, there will be new sporting-tourist centre created at the Riviera by the pond. For winter guests the micro-region of Drahanská vrchovina also prepares construction of tourist marking for cross-country skiing routes. Provision of equipment for treatment of cross-country skiing routes on the ranges of Vsetínské Hills has been achieved with the assistance of subsidies by the Union of Municipalities of **Valašsko – Horní Vsacko** whose member is also the Healthy City of **Vsetín**. The union of municipalities is to renovate within the next three years the **Bečva cycle track**, whose path will lead from Vsetín to Velké Karlovice. Next year the Union of Municipalities may apply for a subsidy of the European Fund for a project with total value of almost 80 million crowns. Vsetín is ready to provide advantageous credits to those municipalities that would find covering of participation difficult. One of sections of the cycle track has already been realised as a part of the Clean River Bečva Project that deals with the issue of waste water cleaning in a total of fifteen cities and municipalities in the former Vsetín district.



Shrovetide celebrations, in this case in the Healthy Municipality of Strašín, belong among the folkways practised not only in the country.



Examples of good practice from other areas can be found in **Database of Good Practice Examples** - <http://www.dobrapraxe.cz>.

## RESOURCES AND PROJECTS

### Rescours

#### Finances for rural support will have three main resources

Three main resources will be available for rural support in the next programming period 2007-13 - the **European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)**, **Regional Operational Programme (ROP)** and so called **Community Initiatives** (especially Interreg). Specific projects may become an exception owing to their extent or orientation, e.g. water purification plants in municipalities over 2000 equivalent inhabitants that will be possibly financed from the **Operational Programme for the Environment (OPE)**, large

supraregional projects of rural tourism then from the **Integrated Operational Programme (IOP)**. The total public resources (domestic and EU) in the rural area should annually in average reach almost **half a billion** crowns (459 mil. Euro). More than half of this money will be intended for improvement of the environment and landscape. Individual ROP's are based on needs of regions that co-create these within the NUTS II framework and support of the country is included in some of the priority axes. (e.g. regions of the South Bohemia and Vysočina have the rural support included in priority axis 3 – Development of Cities and Rural Sector). Financial support can be also obtained from resources of regional self-administrations. One of successful examples of assistance is the regionally oriented **Vysočina Fund** that not only provides subsidies for development projects through its programmes but also assists the applicants in preparations for the strict conditions of drawing resources from the EU Structural Funds. Despite the fact that almost all regions distribute a part of their means through grants, the Vysočina Fund so far remains the only self-contained system of such support in the CR and this year it will distribute, just like last year, 69mil. crowns in the Programme of Rural Restoration and another tens of millions in other programmes such as for instance Village Development 2006, Biowaste 2006, Clean Water 2006 and others (find out more at <http://www.kr-vysocina.cz/www/fondvysociny>).



Other up-to-date information can be found at <http://www.mze.cz>, <http://www.mzp.cz> (reference "Zahraniční vztahy/EU", "Evropské fondy") and at the website of Regional Councils of individual solidarity funds (e.g. <http://www.jihovychod.cz>). Propositions of individual operational programmes – departmental and regional, current calls and other useful information can be seen at <http://www.strukturalnifondy.cz>.

## Projects

### Biomass can help to ensure energetic self-sufficiency

**Vysočina agency for energy prepared a project that offers the municipalities of the Telčsko micro-region the certainty of long-term supply of renewable fuels and at the same time enables sustentation of valuable face of a landscape.**

The project called **Support of Development of Biomass Utilisation in Telčsko Region** is also a part of the prepared energetic concept of the Vysočina Region. The project for which they managed to obtain resources of the CBS Phare Fund, Grant Scheme of Sustainable Development and Protection of the Environment and the State Environmental Fund. Besides solving the long-term supply of municipalities by bio-fuels the project aims to increase the awareness of inhabitants about individual renewable energy resources and their advantages. In each municipality of Telčsko Micro-Region there will be a sample boiler for biomass installed, numerous seminars and consultations dealing with the issue will take place. The project anticipates establishment of a large and self-sufficient system of utilisation of renewable energy resources whose part will be growing of energetic plants by local farmers, processing of bio-fuel directly in the municipality and direct provision of inhabitants with this fuel. In

the initial stage the supplies will be ensured by the Vysočina Agency for Energy, boilers will be lent to inhabitants by the Telčsko Micro-Region. Growing and processing of bio-fuels in the region with typical character of landscape may solve the problem of overproduction of foodstuffs or with processing of waste from agriculture and from logging industry and may thus contribute to the improvement of landscape care. Increase in the number of jobs in this new field is also anticipated and last but not least there is an anticipation of improvement in the quality of air owing to reduction of solid fuels utilisation.

## EVENTS

### Representatives of the Healthy Cities educated together at HCCZ Summer School 2006

**Between 11.-14. July the Healthy City of Litoměřice hosted participants of the HCCZ Summer School 2006. The educational meeting was this time focused mostly on participation of the whole office in realisation of HCP and LA21 projects.**

The HCCZ Summer School 2006 was attended by 45 representatives of 24 Healthy Cities, Municipalities and Regions who then went through already **5<sup>th</sup> block of accredited educational HCCZ programme for coordinators of the HCP and LA21**. The introductory discussion workshop was dedicated to the collaboration of HCP and LA21 project coordinators with secretaries of offices of the Healthy Cities, Municipalities and Regions, with politicians and project managers. HCCZ director Mr. Petr Švec focused his presentation on the system of HCP and LA21 within the organisational structure of office and pointed out among others the necessity of political covering of



*At the beginning of summer the representatives of the Healthy Cities, Municipalities and Regions met together with their specialist partners at already fifth HCCZ Summer School, this time in pleasant surroundings of the historical City of Litoměřice.*

the whole process. He also emphasised the importance of HCCZ Methodology whose visions could become a foundation for the plan of each Healthy City. Its electronic version is available at the address <http://www.nszm.cz/metodika>. In further discussion the Summer School participants spoke about direct and indirect responsibilities of a HCP and LA21 coordinator whose outputs had been implemented into the Methodological Sheet – **The Summary of Responsibilities of a HCP and LA21 Coordinator**. In the introduction to the afternoon block Mrs. Marie Petrová of the Ministry of Environment presented

the subject of institutional support of **Local Agenda 21 Criteria and LA21 Database**. Presence of a city or municipality in this database is so far the only official measure of LA21 process quality; HCCZ director Mr. Petr Švec therefore invited the representatives of Healthy Cities to active filling of the database. At the same time he reminded the advantages of mutual collaboration among the Healthy Cities, Municipalities and Regions at particular projects. He also pointed out the possibility of creating **project storage** within the framework of **HCCZ DataPlan**.

For the practical part of the HCCZ Summer School 2006 its participants were divided into two groups and alternatively dealt with discussions over presented subjects and trainings of the Log Frame Method intended for preparation and maintenance of projects. The method was introduced to the present by specialist lecturer Mr. Dalimil Vítek. A model project was represented by the **European Mobility Week Campaign** (EMW). Summer School participants could try out creating of the so called mind maps and utilise auxiliary methods such as brainstorming or brainwriting. Both groups also dealt with preparation of a model project to the subject of **Centre for Health in city of Mladá Boleslav**, or outlined the necessary preparation and outputs of the European Mobility Week by means of the Log Frame Method.

Another section of the accredited educational programme for HCP and LA21 coordinators will take place within the Autumn HCCZ School 2006 on 1.-3. November in the Healthy City of Pelhřimov.

Further information including the minutes, photo documentation and working materials can be found at <http://www.nszm.cz/ls>.

## IN BRIEF

### City reflections

#### HCCZ, Regions of Olomouc and Zlín

In connection to HCCZ activities in the Healthy region of Vysočina and South-Bohemian Region from last year there are going to be another pilot exhibits from **establishment of local partnership and enhancing of project capacity** in the second half of 2006. This time there are going to be examples from **Olomouc** and **Zlín** Regions. Emphasis will be put especially on engagement of all relevant target groups – public administration, non-profit organisations, companies, educational facilities etc.

#### HCCZ

Another HCCZ members are participating in the series of the so called **project incubators**. Incubators have been so far in progress in the Healthy Micro-regions of **Kuřimka**, **Drahanská Vrchovina** and **Kroměřížsko**, another will follow. These consultations from the part of HCCZ and their expert partners represent a specialist and practical assistance in the process of preparation of quality projects for the upcoming programming period 2007-13.

#### HCCZ

In the second half of 2006 HCCZ launches a series of one-day accredited educational programmes in individual regions, financed from resources of the European Social Fund. Education is in particular focused on familiarisation with the issue of sustainable development, strategic management and Local Agenda 21 as the new methods of quality in public administration. The main target groups are workers of regional and municipal offices. The nearest applications will take place in South-Bohemian, Central-Bohemian, Pardubice and Vysočina Regions.

#### NSZM

New projects partner-participated also by HCCZ start in September this year. It is a project **Partnership for Sustainable Consumption**

**and Production**" whose aim is introduction of more sustainable patterns of consumption and production (SCP). The project of Czech information agency for the environment CENIA is focused on new concepts and procedures and on their practical application in private and public sector. The role of HCCZ lies mostly in application of good practice examples in practice of SCP. Second project is **"Development of Network of Environmental Consulting and Information Centres of Moravia-Silesian Region II"**. Within the project network HCCZ collaborates with Moravia-Silesian Region, the project bearer, on creation of facilitating centre for training of qualified facilitators not only for the field of LA21 processes. At the same time HCCZ will actively participate in extension of the current number of LA21 in the regional area. The Centre for Environmental Issues of UK belongs among other partner organisations that HCCZ collaborates with on particular activities and projects. The project called **"URSUS"** whose aim is to find out in what way the urbanised systems depend on surrounding environment and on the other hand how socio-economical metabolism influences ecosystems and their services including bio-diversity, is going to run from September this year.

## Calendar of events

**5.9.** - HCCZ in collaboration with the Healthy Cities of Litoměřice has hosted a Swedish delegation from the ministry of sustainable development. Among the issues discussed was e.g. possible collaboration in the field of environmental saving technologies and their particular application in practice.

**13.9.** - In Lidové noviny newspapers was issued already second insert of the **Healthy Cities, Municipalities and Regions**, this time dedicated to the main HCCZ topic "Safe and Sustainable Transport".

**13.-15.9.** - In Karlovy Vary there was the 9<sup>th</sup> year of international conference **Transport and Technology for Sustainable Development** that also presented examples of good practice from Healthy Cities. More at <http://www.nszm.cz/udrzitelnadoprava>.

**16.-22.9.** - In these days another year of significant international campaign called **European Mobility Week**, within whose framework there will be the **Car Free Day** held on 22.9., is being held. This years EMW follows up to the European consumer's campaign for climate protection **"You Control the Climate"**. More information at <http://www.nszm.cz/etm> or <http://www.env.cz/edba>.

**19.9.** - In the Healthy City of Chrudim a conference **Safe Route To School** took place that introduces examples of good practice to the identically titled project and other activities within the European Mobility Week.

**20.-22.9.** - On this date in the area of Premonstratensian monastery in Teplá by Karlovy Vary there will be held National Rural Conference 2006. The programme and detailed information can be found at <http://leader.isu.cz>.

**26.9.** - In the Healthy City of **Velké Meziříčí** there will be another **Methodological Seminar of HCP and LA21 Politicians**, this time focused on the issue of project creation and collaboration with project managers. More information at <http://www.nszm.cz/ms>.

**27.9.** - On this day the applications are closed to the competition **About People with People** that appreciates municipalities, cities and regions for good communication with the public and for support of

democracy at the local and regional level. More at <http://www.cpkp.cz/soutez>.

30.9. - The last day to which you may join the **HCCZ Topic** for the period 2006-2007 "**Safe and Sustainable Transport**". More at <http://www.nszm.cz/doprava>. This is also the final date for giving opinions to conditions of fulfilment of the so called **HCCZ League**. More at <http://www.nszm.cz/liga>.

30.9. - This date has been determined by the Ministry of the Interior of the CR as the final date for all organisations that participated in the competition for the **prize of Minister of the Interior for quality in regional administration** and sent thus the final report. More information at [http://www.mvcr.cz/souteze/2006/kvalitavs\\_06.html](http://www.mvcr.cz/souteze/2006/kvalitavs_06.html).

All website references are generally in Czech language

## OUR NEXT TOPIC

The topic of the month for September is going to be "Sustainable Transport".



**HEALTHY CITIES OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC: Topic of the month**

# September 2006: Sustainable transport

			<p><b>Campaigns</b> and awareness raising activities supporting ecological transport</p> <p>European mobility week &amp; Car free day</p> <p><b>Traffic calming</b> in cities, traffic safety</p> <p><b>Public transport development</b>, reducing passenger car transport</p> <p><b>Barrier free</b> transport</p> <p><b>Accessible &amp; Affordable</b> transport</p> <p><b>Cycling &amp; walking</b></p>
			<p><b>EVENTS:</b></p> <p><b>13.-15.9.2006</b> Transport and technologies for sustainable development <i>Carlsbad</i></p> <p><b>16 - 22.9.2006</b> European mobility week</p> <p><b>FURTHER INFORMATION:</b></p> <p><b>28.9.2006</b> HCCZ Bulletin <a href="http://www.healthycities.cz">http://www.healthycities.cz</a></p>
			

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