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### A renovated trip destination at the outskirts of Prague – the Mýto nature trail

**Nedvězí near Prague (27 September 2012)** –The Czech Union for Nature Conservation (CSOP) together with its general partner, NET4GAS, presented another nature location to the public. The Mýto nature trail will show visitors around the romantic valley of the Rokytka brook and familiarise them with the reasons for the protection of this hidden piece of nature at the outskirts of Prague.

The nature trail runs through one of the most beautiful parts of the south-eastern outskirts of our capital. Though the area of the Mýto nature reserve is less than 18 hectares, natural grove vegetation full of spring flowers, valley meadows, age-old willow trees and abandoned slate quarries can be found here. The sinuous watercourse of the Rokytka brook creates spectacular meanders in the locality. The banks eroded by the high water suit to the “jewel of our nature”, rare Kingfisher. One would not believe that he is still in Prague...

Neither tourist nor cycle routes run through Mýto, and the nature trail existing here in the eighties of the 20<sup>th</sup> century ceased to exist long time ago. Only extraordinarily observant and eagle-eyed visitors were able to find the route in the wild valley. However, the “Botič-Rokytka” Basic Organisation of the Czech Union for Nature Conservation that takes care of many interesting nature places of this area, as its name suggests after all, did not forget about the natural riches of the Mýto locality. “It was our longtime member and expert on this valley, the botanist Vítězslav Jaroš who came up with the idea of the renovation of the onetime nature trail,” says RNDr. Jitka Loubová, Chairwoman of the Botič-Rokytka Organisation of the Czech Union for Nature Conservation. “When the opportunity for funding a natural trail presented itself within the NET4GAS’s Closer to Nature programme, not for a moment did we hesitate about where to direct our efforts. Mýto definitely deserves greater interest of the public.”

Besides six stopovers of the nature trail, a new footbridge over the brook was built in collaboration with the Prague –Nedvězí District City Hall and the part of the way, closed until then, was opened to allow passage on the left bank of Rokytka. This project maximally fulfils the vision of the NET4GAS’s Closer to Nature programme. People will comfortably and safely get to the local unique nature and realise the reasons for the need of its protection,” said Milan Řepka, spokesperson for NET4GAS.

The route is almost circular and is 2.5 km long. The right-bank part of the route is accessible even for visitors with bikes or for parents with baby carriages; the second part runs through a more difficult terrain on a narrow path and is intended exclusively for walking. The circle is well marked with a green band in a white square. Transport connection: by bus No. 267 from the underground C line Háje terminal station to the Hájová station at Nedvězí. Hikers can see the nature trail information panel right there.

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**The Czech Union for Nature Conservation** is a civic association of people who share an active interest in nature conservation and the environment. ČSOP's mission is to protect and restore nature, the landscape and the environment, to promote environmental education and support sustainable living. The Union currently has 9,000 members coming from the ranks of professional naturalists, experienced volunteers as well as pure enthusiasts who simply love nature. For more information please go to [www.csop.cz](http://www.csop.cz).

**NET4GAS** is aware of its social responsibility and therefore develops and constantly deepens its concept of corporate philanthropy and sponsorship. The company acts as a reliable and safe gas transmission system operator and develops a responsible environmental policy that takes into account the interests of future generations. The NET4GAS long-term strategy - which is put into practice through the NET4GAS Closer to Nature programme - springs from the close relation between the core business pursued by NET4GAS on the one hand, and nature-conservation and environmental issues on the other. NET4GAS is the general partner of the Czech Union for Nature Conservation since 2007 and supports other projects for which the motto "Closer to Nature" represents an integral part of sustainable development. For detailed information on the localities newly opened to the public and on other nature spots of interest, as well as for destination tips, please visit [www.closertonature.cz](http://www.closertonature.cz).