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Press release

VINCI renovates the Charles Bridge in Prague

VINCI's Czech subsidiary, SMP, has just been selected to carry out the renovation work on the Charles Bridge, a historic monument in Prague, registered as a UNESCO world heritage site.

The work includes renovation of the balustrade, pavement layers (mainly waterproofing), and the two access ramps to the bridge, including repair of the wastewater network. The works, worth €6.7 million, began at the beginning of August and are to last for 34 months. The job will be carried out in sections, on one half of the deck at a time, in order to maintain dense pedestrian traffic.

The Charles Bridge, for which building began in 1357, is the oldest conserved bridge in Prague. It is 516m long and 10m wide and supported by 16 pillars. The deck, which crosses the Vltava River, is framed on either side by the Malá Strana and Staré Mesto towers, one on each bank. There are thirty statues and sculpted groups of saints on the guardrail, which were installed between 1683 and 1714.

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