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MONETA: volunteers worked more than 4,500 hours and raised over CZK 830,000

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During 2023, MONETA volunteers worked 4,560 hours, supporting 36 public benefit organisations across the country. 729 volunteers were involved in more than 100 activities aimed at environmental development, helping disadvantaged citizens, children, and the elderly. A total of CZK 834,605 was raised in charitable activities, including employee fundraisers.

"We are pleased that the interest in corporate volunteering is constantly growing. The number of 729 volunteers means that last year over 28% of all MONETA employees were involved in supporting good causes. The bank has set itself the goal of involving at least 26% of all its employees in volunteering activities by 2026. So, we have already met this goal last year," said Zuzana Filipová, Director of Sustainability and Communication at MONETA Group.

As part of its volunteer programme called „PÁCHÁME DOBRO – MONETA Dobrovolníci“ (“WE COMMIT GOOD - MONETA Volunteers”), MONETA has been providing each of its employees with two fully paid working days per year to volunteer for a non-profit organisation of their choice for seven years. As a result, they donated 4,560 volunteer hours last year, or 570 volunteer days, supporting 36 nonprofit organizations.

A total of 729 volunteers were involved in 111 volunteer activities, which took place, for example, at the Palata Home for the Visually Impaired, the Krkonoše National Park, the Magnolia Home and the Hospital of the Sisters of Charity of St. Charles Borromeo in Prague. *"Interestingly, our oldest volunteer is 64 years old and has been participating in the programme for a long time,"* added Zuzana Filipová.

Employees have also been involved in expert volunteering. As part of the traditional Bankers to Schools educational programme organised by the Czech Banking Association, 14 bankers visited a total of 17 primary and secondary schools across the Czech Republic last year. MONETA bankers helped pupils and students to understand basic financial issues and warned them about possible threats in the online environment related to cyber security.

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Since 2006, MONETA has also been promoting financial literacy in Czech primary schools through its own "Understanding Money" project, in which it cooperates with AISIS non-profit organisation. Last year, 25 more schools joined the project, where financial literacy is taught throughout the school year according to a comprehensive and structured methodology approved by the Ministry of Education of the Czech Republic. The programme included a summer school of the same name, during which more than two dozen teachers from partner schools deepened their knowledge of financial literacy.

MONETA employees were also active in 2023 in employee fundraising: throughout the year, CZK 250,000 was collected for the needs of the organization Pomocné tlapky (assistance dog training) as part of the so-called charity bake-offs. A further CZK 580,000 was raised from baking events for the MONETA Clementia Foundation, an extraordinary collection for financial assistance to the family of a deceased colleague, traditional fairs, and a cycling handy marathon for a colleague's sick son.

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