

The Čehovice landscape, Prostějov district in Moravia, Regional Land Office Prostějov



The landscape of Čehovice results from a project of territorial ecological rehabilitation, aimed at reversing the major transformations of the landscape brought about by the reassignment of plots of land after the Second World War. This led to the landscape being unable to retain water, which in turn led to a decrease in biodiversity and an increased risk of erosion and flooding. In order to combat these problems, a project of land consolidation was launched which involved restoring rural roads, natural vegetation and various other natural and historical elements. To achieve ecological stability, a biocentre with bio corridors was developed, along with the creation of a wetland, the planting of various trees and the reintroduction of species of vegetation that had disappeared. Due to the extensive renovation work conducted on these badly exploited lands, the area now boasts an array of birdlife, from wild ducks to herons. The water table has been stabilised, and there is no longer a risk of drought in the dry seasons. For the local population, the “green island” has become an oasis for recreation, and school children can visit the area to learn more about their landscape.

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe recognised the great value of the project: it is a fine example of the successful rehabilitation of a degraded area, revitalising the area’s biodiversity, for the benefit of the local economy and the well-being of the population.

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