



Optimistic for the anniversary year: Eschborn-Frankfurt is preparing for the 60th edition

It is already foreseeable that May 1, 2021 will be a special event for Eschborn-Frankfurt. An adapted event concept takes the current situation into account. Furthermore, with the 60th edition of the German classic and the 20th anniversary of the ŠKODA Velotour two anniversaries lie ahead.

The organizer, Gesellschaft zur Förderung des Radsports, is optimistic about the coming year and is counting on the German classic to be held again on May 1st. In addition to a new event schedule, which will primarily align the time of the ŠKODA Velotour, intensive work is being carried out on an extensive hygiene concept. As the most important adjustment, the ŠKODA Velotour will encompass the elite race: the ŠKODA Velotour Classic begins before the professionals over 100 kilometers - after the professionals, the ŠKODA Velotour Skyline starts over 40 kilometers. Starting blocks are made smaller and starting distances are increased. Overall, the starting time for amateur athletes will be extended from the current 30 minutes to 1.5 hours.

"Even if the official requirements for May 1st have not yet been determined, we are preparing for changes. The diversity of the cycling classic makes this task very complex, but we have redesigned every single area in the last few weeks. Because one thing is very clear: We want the 60th anniversary edition of Eschborn-Frankfurt to take place," says **Claude Rach, Managing Director of the Gesellschaft zur Förderung des Radsports.**

Adnan Shaikh, Mayor of the City of Eschborn, welcomes the early planning: *"Regardless of the development of the current situation up to May, it is very likely that major events for spring will have to be planned with adjustments. The cycling classic has been part of the region for decades and, especially in its anniversary year, we're looking forward to the bike festivities. For everyone involved, from the fans to the authorities, it is good that such a detailed concept is already available."*

Markus Frank, City Councilor and Department Head for Economy, Sport, Security and Fire Brigade of the City of Frankfurt am Main, says: *"We are optimistic about the next year and are looking forward to celebrate our traditional bike race in its 60th edition in the sports city of Frankfurt and in the Rhine -Main region. A big thank you goes to the committed organizers, who started planning early on and with great foresight in order to coordinate detailed concepts for implementation."*

"Our concept for the cycling classic 2021 includes well over 100 adjustments. Some things, such as the professional route, remain unchanged - in other areas the innovations become more noticeable. For example, the ŠKODA Velotour participants will experience their anniversary on two routes with more distance between each rider," continues **Rach.**

Registration for the ŠKODA Velotour is now open again at www.skoda-velotour.de. Several thousand participants kept their registration from this year and thus secured the coveted starting place for 2021 early on. You don't need to register again. All other amateur athletes can use the current early bird rate to book their starting place. This rate is valid until December 31, with 750 registrations to allocate.