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## **Fight for the Mitropa Rally Cup Championship at the 3-Städte-Rallye**

(Munich, October 05, 2021) The second last round of this year's Mitropa Rally Cup starts with the 3-Städte-Rallye from October 14-16 in the Bavarian district of Freyung-Grafenau. 22 teams of the Mitropa Cup have submitted their entries and will guarantee a lot of action on the 13 special stages with a total length of 173 kilometers.

The current situation in the championship before the 3-Städte-Rallye lets expect exciting fights between the young Austrian Lukas Dunner and the Allgäuer Manuel Kößler. They are separated by only 2 points in the championship lead, with Dunner having to sit out the round in Hungary and Kößler therefore having one more result to his credit.

Bavarian Hermann Gaßner Sr. follows in third place. The 6-time winner of the Mitropa Rally Cup is 60 points behind, but still has a mathematical chance of winning the title. In a remarkable 5th place runs Olaf Rachner. Thanks to continuous driving, he is among the top 5 of the championship with his significantly weaker-engined Suzuki Swift.

Also at the start of the 3-Städte Rallye are the second and third-place finishers in the two-wheel classification: routine rider Alois Scheidhammer and youngster René Noller. Both Scheidhammer and Noller can take the lead in the 2WD classification.

In addition to Dunner and Noller, youngster Jonas Ertz is again fighting for points in the newcomer classification for drivers up to 25 years of age. Austrians Fabian Zeiringer and Daniel Mayer are also competing in the 3-Städte Rallye, so that all five young drivers of the Mitropa Rally Cup can once again demonstrate their talents here.

In the historical classification of the MRC, it looks like a victory for the Italian Rino Muradore with his beastly Ford Escort RS 1800 MKII, but his rival Attila Mesziati is saving his championship chances with his Lada and therefore starts as well as Muradore in the 3-Städte. Also competing in this category of historic vehicles, which is extremely popular for spectators, are Cup participants Alfons Nothdurfter, Hans-Ulrich Zacher and Burghard Brink.

The MRC internal club championship for cars that are no longer homologated is led by Martin Kainz with a comfortable lead. His opponent Ariel Gyarmati from Hungary is not competing here. If Kainz, which is to be expected, shows a clean performance at the 3-Städte-Rallye, victory in this category should no longer be out of his reach. Norberto Droandi will also be at the start. The Italian is president of the Mitropa Rally Cup and will not miss the opportunity to visit the 3-Städte-Rallye as a participant this year.

The start is at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, October 15, when the first car leaves the Waldkirchen service area. The special stages are at Peilstein (Austria/12.1 km), Klafferstraß (12.0 km), which will be driven twice, and on the almost 9-kilometer spectator circuit directly at the factory premises of title partner Knaus Tabbert AG (start of 1st car 4:41 p.m.).

On Saturday, October 16, the first car will leave the service area at 7:30 am. The first special stage will take place at 8 a.m. in Röhrnbach (19.80 kilometers). It continues on the Austrian side in Kollerschlag (9:11 a.m.; 11.40 kilometers) and Julbach (9:49 a.m.; 17.30 km). The stage in Perlesreut (8.90 km) follows at 12:01, before it's back to the Knaus-Tabbert circuit (12:42). This is followed by round two in Röhrnbach (14:28), Kollerschlag (15:39) and Julbach (16:17).

<https://3-staedte-rallye.de/>

### **Mitropa Rally Cup Calendar 2021**

Rally Velenje (Slovenia) 28.-29.05.21  
54. Mecsek Rallye (Hungary) 24.-26.06.21  
Rally del Casentino – Toscana (Italy) 02.-03.07.21  
Rally Zelezniki (Slovenia) 23.-24.07.21  
Rally del Friuli (Italy) 19.-23.08.21  
Rally Nova Gorica (Slovenia) 9.-11.9.21  
ADAC 3-Städte-Rallye (Germany) 14.-16.10.21  
Rally Citta di Bassano (Italy) 22.-23.10.21

The Mitropa Rally Cup is of the oldest rally series in Europe. It was founded in 1965. Famous names such as Sandro Munari, Franz Wittmann, "Lucky" Luigi Battistolli, Armin Schwarz and Hermann Gassner have already entered their names in the series' winners' lists. Fans affectionately refer to the Mitropa Rally Cup as the "unofficial European Rally Championship for private drivers." The series is a championship recognized by the FIA (Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile). Participants can register in the categories FIA homologated vehicles and historic vehicles according to FIA Appendix K.

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