

Central European Rally: WRC2 Teams' title in reach for Škoda Motorsport customer Toksport WRT

- › At the twelfth round of the FIA World Rally Championship, Toksport WRT could prematurely secure the overall victory in the WRC2 Teams' category
- › Toksport WRT crew Nikolay Gryazin/Konstantin Aleksandrov (Škoda Fabia RS Rally2) are targeting a WRC2 Challenger win to keep their title hopes alive
- › Italians Roberto Daprà and co-driver Luca Guglielmetti (Škoda Fabia RS Rally2) will be joining the fight for WRC2 Challenger points

Mladá Boleslav, 15 October 2025 – Only three rallies left in the 2025 FIA World Rally Championship (WRC), and two important titles are still up for grabs. The Central European Rally (16–19 October 2025) will determine the outcome of the WRC2 Teams' Championship, a category which Škoda Motorsport customer team Toksport WRT is currently leading. Meanwhile, the fight for the WRC2 Challenger crown remains wide open. In the mix: Nikolay Gryazin and co-driver Konstantin Aleksandrov, who are competing with a Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 run by Toksport WRT.

The Central European Rally is the only WRC event to visit three countries: Germany, the Czech Republic and Austria. One stage, the “Beyond Borders” to be driven twice on Sunday, even crosses from Germany into Austria. Needless to say, there will be no passport control for the crews during the 12.37-kilometre race against the clock.

Drivers and co-drivers competing for the WRC2 Challenger title can collect points across no more than seven rallies. Nikolay Gryazin and navigator Konstantin Aleksandrov are the only candidates in the upper region of the respective overall standings, who can score in all three of the remaining events. This puts their current positions into perspective: Gryazin is in sixth place in the drivers' standings, Aleksandrov holds fifth among the co-drivers. “I like the character of the tarmac stages of the Central European Rally. But rain, dirt and leaves on the road can make grip quite unpredictable. Anyway, I feel well prepared with my Škoda Fabia RS Rally2,” Nikolay Gryazin looks ahead.

Italians Roberto Daprà and co-driver Luca Guglielmetti are also travelling to the Central European Rally with the aim of collecting WRC2 Challenger points. Competing with a Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, Roberto Daprà currently sits in fifth place in the overall standings. Meanwhile, Czech driver Jan Černý is making a welcome return to the Škoda family. His and co-driver Ondřej Krajčů's challenge is not only to deliver a good result: “We also want to impress our fans, especially on the stages that run through our home country,” emphasises Jan Černý.

Nikolay Gryazin and Konstantin Aleksandrov are also playing a vital role in the duel for the WRC2 Teams' title. Škoda Motorsport customer team Toksport WRT, which fields the Bulgarian-Kyrgyzstan pairing, currently leads the category with a 20-point advantage over PH Sport. The French team has entered Léo Rossel/Guillaume Marcoiret into the Central European Rally. Nikolay Gryazin and Konstantin Aleksandrov's goal is to defend Toksport WRT's lead against their competitors.

The Central European Rally consists of 18 special stages, covering a total distance of 306.08 kilometres. After starting on Thursday (16 October) at 1:55 pm CEST in the Bavarian town of Passau, the crews will travel to Bad Griesbach, where they will complete the "Golf und Therme" stage twice. Despite the compact format of the rally, the Friday leg features six stages running through all three host countries Germany, the Czech Republic and Austria. Saturday brings the longest leg of the rally, with 103.64 competitive kilometres across six stages. Following four more stages on Sunday (19 October), the winner will be celebrated on the podium in Passau at 4:30 pm CEST.

Did you know, that...

...for the third year running, the Central European Rally is the only event in the FIA World Rally Championship to be held in three different countries: Germany, the Czech Republic and Austria?

...the fans will be treated to demo runs by a number of historic rally cars on selected stages under the name of 'Slowly Sideways'?

...the varying grip levels present a significant challenge for the crews, as the tarmac roads are frequently contaminated with dirt and leaves due to drivers cutting corners?

Standings WRC2 Challenger/Drivers (after 11 of 14 rallies)

- 1 Roope Korhonen (FIN), Toyota, 90 points (2 points-scoring events left)
- 2 Robert Virves (EST), Škoda, 75 points (1 points-scoring event left)**
- 3 Jan Solans (ESP), Toyota, 72 points (2 points-scoring events left)
- 4 Kajetan Kajetanowicz (POL), Toyota, 72 points (1 points-scoring event left)
- 5 Roberto Daprà (ITA), Škoda, 71 points (2 points-scoring events left)**
- 6 Nikolay Gryazin (BGR), 67 points (3 points-scoring events left)**

Standings WRC2/Teams (after 11 of 14 rallies)

1 Toksport WRT, Škoda, 198 points

2 PH Sport, Citroën, 178 points

3 Toyota Gazoo Racing WRT NG, Toyota, 89 points

4 Sarrazin Motorsport-Iron Lynx, Citroën, 64 points

2025 FIA World Rally Championship

Rallye Monte-Carlo	22-26 January
Rally Sweden	12-16 February
Safari Rally Kenya	20-23 March
Rally Islas Canarias (ESP)	24-27 April
Rally de Portugal	15-18 May
Rally Italia Sardegna	5-8 June
Acropolis Rally Greece	26-29 June
Rally Estonia	17-20 July
Rally Finland	31 July-3 August
Rally del Paraguay	28-31 August
Rally Chile Bio Bío	11-14 September
Central European Rally (CZE/AUT/DEU)	16-19 October
Rally Japan	6-9 November
Rally Saudi Arabia	26-29 November

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Škoda crews at Central European Rally

The ever-changing autumn weather in Germany, the Czech Republic and Austria throws special challenges at the crews like Toksport WRT's Nikolay Gryazin/Konstantin Aleksandrov (Škoda Fabia RS Rally2).

Source: Škoda Auto



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Nikolay Gryazin (Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 of team Toksport WRT) wants to move up in the overall standings of the WRC2 Challenger category.

Source: Škoda Auto



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Roberto Daprà/Luca Guglielmetti (Škoda Fabia RS Rally2) compete the Central European Rally for the first time.

Source: Škoda Auto



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The Italian Škoda crew of Roberto Daprà and co-driver Luca Guglielmetti still has chances for a top position in the WRC2 Challenger overall standings.

Source: Škoda Auto

Škoda Motorsport

- › Škoda has been active in motorsport since 1901, garnering success in rallies as well as in circuit racing.
- › Highlights include winning the 1981 European Touring Car Championship (ETCC) with the Škoda 130 RS.
- › Since 2009, the Škoda Fabia celebrated numerous successes for the Czech manufacturer on rally stages worldwide.
- › Until 2014, the Škoda Fabia S2000 (2.0 naturally aspirated engine, four-wheel drive) secured 50 international titles and national rally championships. The Škoda Fabia S2000 also helped to win the FIA European Rally Championship (ERC) and the Intercontinental Rally Challenge (IRC) three times each.
- › The successor model Škoda Fabia R5 (1.6 turbo engine, four-wheel drive) entered the scene in 2015. Later renamed to Škoda Fabia Rally2 and followed by the further developed Škoda Fabia Rally2 evo, the model collected nearly 2,000 victories in 68 countries until the end of the 2022 season.
- › During this period, Škoda Motorsport factory drivers Jan Kopecký (CZE), Esapekka Lappi (FIN), Pontus Tidemand (SWE) and Kalle Rovanperä (FIN) won the FIA World Rally Championship's support category WRC2/WRC2 Pro. Škoda Motorsport also took the WRC2/WRC2 Pro Manufacturers' title five times in a row from 2015 to 2019.
- › Beginning with the 2020 season, Škoda Motorsport changed its strategy to supporting private teams. The success story continued: Driving a Škoda Fabia Rally2 evo run by Toksport WRT, Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR) und Emil Lindholm (FIN) became WRC2 Champions in 2021 and 2022. Mikkelsen became WRC2 Champion again in 2023 with team Toksport WRT, when the all-new Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 entered the scene. The Škoda Motorsport supported team Toksport WRT also won the WRC2 Teams' title four times in a row from 2020 to 2023. In 2024, the WRC2 title fight was not decided until the season finale. Škoda driver Oliver Solberg of team Toksport WRT finished second overall.
- › Škoda Motorsport customer teams have also won titles in the FIA World Rally Championship (WRC), FIA European Rally Championship (ERC), the FIA African Rally Championship (ARC), the FIA North American and Central American Rally Championship (NACAM), the FIA South American Rally Championship (CODASUR) and the FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship (APRC).

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- › effectively exploits the potential in important growth markets such as India, Vietnam and the ASEAN region;
- › currently offers customers 12 passenger car model ranges: Fabia, Scala, Octavia, Superb, Kamiq, Karoq, Kodiaq, Elroq, Enyaq, Slavia, Kylaq and Kushaq;
- › delivered more than 926,000 vehicles to customers worldwide in 2024;
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- › independently develops and produces components such as MEB battery systems, engines and transmissions for other Volkswagen Group brands;
- › operates three production plants in the Czech Republic; has production capacities in China, Slovakia and India, mostly through group partnerships, as well as in Vietnam and Ukraine in cooperation with a local partner;
- › employs around 40,000 people worldwide and is active in almost 100 markets.