

# Škoda Motorsport Bonus Program continues in the FIA European Rally Championship in 2026

- > Entries are now open: For the third consecutive year, teams competing in the ERC with a Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 can benefit from reward vouchers worth tens of thousands of euros.
- Škoda Motorsport rewards podium results as well as top 3 positions in the final standings of the 2026 FIA European Rally Championship.
- > During the 2025 season, FIA European Rally Champion Mikołaj Marczyk and third-placed overall Andrea Mabellini collected the biggest rewards for their respective teams.
- > Škoda Motorsport will again provide an on-site parts service during the 2026 ERC events.

Mladá Boleslav, 17 December 2025 – When the 2026 FIA European Rally Championship (ERC) kicks off with Rally Hungary in March, teams competing with Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 will not only be chasing points. Škoda Motorsport is extending its dedicated Bonus Program, which rewards top results with vouchers worth tens of thousands of euros. Also, the Škoda Motorsport spare parts truck will again be present in service parks.

**Michal Hrabánek, Head of Škoda Motorsport,** says: "The Škoda Motorsport Bonus Program perfectly highlights our strong commitment to our customers, who are at the heart of everything we do. Out of the eight rounds of this year's ERC, Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 crews won half, making our brand the most successful. We strive to give them the right car to compete for podium positions, victories and titles again next year."

The Škoda Motorsport Bonus Program returns for the upcoming FIA European Rally Championship (ERC) season. Škoda Motorsport launched a rewards program for its customers in 2024. With 13 teams and 16 drivers registered, the inaugural season was an immediate success. The following year, already 21 drivers from 17 teams competed for spare parts vouchers worth a total of €40,000 at each event. Additional rewards were outlined for the overall ranking at the end of the season. The largest prize money was collected by the teams of FIA European Rally Champions Mikołaj Marczyk/Szymon Gospodarczyk and Andrea Mabellini/Virginia Lenzi, who finished the 2025 season third overall. The title earned Topp-Cars Rally Team an additional €50,000 discount on the purchase of a new Škoda Fabia RS Rally2. The Racing Factory received a similar voucher worth €15,000.

This unique support program will continue into 2026, marking its third consecutive year. Škoda Motorsport is once again offering the Bonus Program to Škoda customer teams competing in the FIA European Rally Championship. First, second and third positions at each of the eight rounds will be rewarded with spare parts vouchers worth €20,000, €12,000 or €8,000 respectively. These vouchers, with a combined value of €40,000, can be redeemed against orders for spare parts from Škoda Motorsport.

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If a Bonus Program registered driver competing with a Škoda Fabia Rally2 car wins the ERC title, their team will receive a €50,000 discount on the purchase of a new Škoda Fabia RS Rally2. A possible runner-up will receive a €25,000 voucher, and the team of a Škoda driver who finishes third overall will receive a €15,000 voucher towards the same model. They are also guaranteed the availability of a new Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 for the following season.

The Škoda Motorsport Bonus Program is open to all teams competing with any variant of the Škoda Fabia Rally2, provided they register for the program. Full regulations and application forms are available on the <u>Škoda Motorsport website</u>. Applications must be completed and submitted by email to **bonus.program.erc@skoda-auto.cz** by **2 March 2026**.

In addition to rewarding the most successful Škoda drivers, Škoda Motorsport will continue to support all customer teams at selected FIA European Rally Championship and FIA World Rally Championship events with its dedicated spare parts truck. This on-site service gives teams direct access to essential spare parts within the service zone.

#### Calendar 2026 FIA European Rally Championship

20-22 March Rally Hungary (gravel)

17-19 April Andalusia Rally-Sierra Morena – Córdoba World Heritage Site/Spain (asphalt)

22-24 May BAUHAUS Royal Rally of Scandinavia/Sweden (gravel)

3-5 July Rally di Roma Capitale/Italy (asphalt)

24-26 July Rally Poland (asphalt)

14-16 August Barum Czech Rally Zlín (asphalt)

4-6 September JDS Machinery Rali Ceredigion/Wales (asphalt)

9-11 October Rally Five Cities North of Portugal (gravel)

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Škoda Motorsport extends its customer team support scheme into the 2026 season of the FIA European Rally Championship.

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### Škoda Motorsport Bonus Program 2026

Competing with a Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, Mikołaj Marczyk and Szymon Gospodarczyk from Poland won the 2025 FIA European Rally Championship, securing the top prize in the Škoda Motorsport Bonus Program for Topp-Cars Rally Team.

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#### 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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- > aims to become one of the top three best-selling brands in Europe by the end of the decade by offering its customers the best of both worlds through a range of attractive BEV, hybrid & ICE products;
- $\ \ \, \textbf{ effectively exploits the potential in important growth markets such as India, Vietnam and the ASEAN region; } \\$
- > 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;
- > has been part of the Volkswagen Group, one of the world's most successful car manufacturers, for more than 30 years;
- > is part of Brand Group CORE, an organisational merger of the Volkswagen Group's volume brands, with the aim of achieving joint growth and significantly increasing the overall efficiency of all five volume brands;
- > 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.