

Rally Poland – Rajd Polski: Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 driver Teemu Suninen wins and extends lead

- › Teemu Suninen and co-driver Antti Haapala (Škoda Fabia RS Rally2) win the fourth round of the FIA European Rally Championship for team The Racing Factory.
- › Local pairings Jakub Matulka/Daniel Dymurski and Mikołaj Marczyk/Szymon Gospodarczyk complete a full Škoda podium.
- › The final result after 15 stages features six Škoda crews across the top ten.

Katowice (POL), 27 July 2026 – Taking the lead after the fourth stage, Teemu Suninen and co-driver Antti Haapala won the 82. Rally Poland – Rajd Polski. But the Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 crew from Finland had to work hard for their very first victory in the FIA European Championship. After roughly 175 competitive kilometres, less than 20 seconds separated the top four.

The fight for seconds began even before the official start: Dominik Stříteský and co-driver Ondřej Krajča won the qualifying stage and were given the honour of opening the road. However, the Czech crew could not enjoy the advantage of a less polluted road for long. An accident during the third stage brought their rally to an end.

With a fastest time on the following stage, Teemu Suninen/Antti Haapala took the lead from their Škoda brand colleagues Jakub Matulka/Daniel Dymurski. Italians Andrea Mabellini/Virginia Lenzi as well as Polish Škoda crew Mikołaj Marczyk/Szymon Gospodarczyk joined the fierce four-way fight for the lead, entertaining thousands of fans along the special stages. At the first leg's finish, Teemu Suninen/Antti Haapala were leading Andrea Mabellini/Virginia Lenzi by 8.4 seconds. Jakub Matulka/Daniel Dymurski and defending champions Mikołaj Marczyk/Szymon Gospodarczyk followed with gaps of 0.5 and 1.8 seconds respectively.

The tense fight for the victory continued over the second leg on Sunday. With three fastest times across the day's seven stages, Teemu Suninen/Antti Haapala secured the victory. Jakub Matulka/Daniel Dymurski and Mikołaj Marczyk/Szymon Gospodarczyk took second and third position, making the podium a full Škoda affair. "This rally was quite tricky, the win ranks very high in my career," emphasized Teemu Suninen, who also gave team The Racing Factory their first ever overall victory in the FIA European Rally Championship. The 32-year-old Finn extended his lead over Andrea Mabellini in the drivers' overall rankings to 23 points. Defending champion Mikołaj Marczyk sits in third position after four of seven events.

The FIA European Rally Championship continues with Barum Czech Rally Zlín from 14–16 August.

Number of the rally: 6

Marco Bulacia from Bolivia together with Spanish co-driver José Murado as well as Polish pairings Adrian Rzeźnik/Kamil Kozdroń and Jarosław Szeja/Marcin Szeja finished in positions six to eight. This brings the total of Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 crews inside the top 10 to six.

**Result Rally Poland – Rajd Polski (POL), 24-26 July 2026,
4th round of the FIA European Rally Championship**

- 1 Teemu Suninen/Antti Haapala (FIN/FIN), Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, 1:38.52.8 hours**
- 2 Jakub Matulka/Daniel Dymurski (POL/POL), Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, +9.7 seconds**
- 3 Mikołaj Marczyk/Szymon Gospodarczyk (POL/POL), Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, +13.5 seconds**
- 4 Andrea Mabellini/Virginia Lenzi (ITA/ITA), Lancia Ypsilon Rally2 HF Integrale, +16.1 seconds
- 5 Kajetan Kajetanowicz/Maciej Szczepaniak (POL/POL), Toyota GR Yaris Rally2, +41.5 seconds
- 6 Marco Bulacia/José Murado, (BOL/ESP), Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, +51.4 seconds**
- 7 Adrian Rzeźnik/Kamil Kozdroń, (POL/POL), Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, +1:07.1 minutes**
- 8 Jarosław Szeja/Marcin Szeja (POL/POL), Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, +1:16.2 minutes**

Standings Drivers (after 4 of 7 events)

- 1 Teemu Suninen (FIN), Škoda, 80 points**
- 2 Andrea Mabellini (ITA), Lancia, 57 points
- 3 Mikołaj Marczyk (POL), Škoda, 47 points**
- 4 Giandomenico Basso (ITA), Škoda, 45 points**
- 5 Jakub Matulka (POL), Škoda, 35 points**

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Škoda crews at Rally Poland – Rajd Polski
Teemu Suninen and co-driver Antti Haapala from Finland won their first ever FIA European Championship event with The Racing Factory's Škoda Fabia RS Rally2.

Source: Škoda Auto



Škoda crews at Rally Poland – Rajd Polski
Local crew Jakub Matulka/Daniel Dymurski (Škoda Fabia RS Rally2) pushed until the last stage and eventually finished second.

Source: Škoda Auto



Škoda crews at Rally Poland – Rajd Polski
Reigning FIA European Rally Champions Mikołaj Marczyk/Szymon Gospodarczyk from Poland (Škoda Fabia RS Rally2) collected points with third position.

Source: Škoda Auto



Škoda crews at Rally Poland – Rajd Polski
Full Škoda podium with winners Teemu Suninen/Antti Haapala (centre), Jakub Matulka/Daniel Dymurski (left) and Mikołaj Marczyk/Szymon Gospodarczyk (right).

Source: Škoda Auto



Škoda crews at Rally Poland – Rajd Polski

Marco Bulacia from Bolivia and Spanish co-driver José Murado brought their Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 home in sixth position.

Source: Škoda Auto



Škoda crews at Rally Poland – Rajd Polski

Strong performance with eighth place after the 15 stages: local Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 crew Jarosław Szeja/Marcin Szeja

Source: Škoda Auto

Škoda Motorsport

- › Škoda celebrates 125 years of Motorsport since the first efforts in 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 three times in 2020, 2022 and 2023. In 2025 Toksport WRT took another WRC2 Teams' title and Nikolay Gryazin/Konstantin Aleksandrov of Toksport WRT become WRC2 Challenger drivers' and co-drivers' champions respectively.
- › 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;
- › effectively exploits the potential in important growth markets such as India, Vietnam and the ASEAN region;
- › currently offers customers 14 passenger car model ranges: Fabia, Scala, Octavia, Superb, Kamiq, Karoq, Kodiaq, Elroq, Enyaq, Epiq, Peaq, Slavia, Kylaq and Kushaq;
- › delivered more than 1,040,000 vehicles to customers worldwide in 2025;
- › 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 Slovakia, Kazakhstan 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.