Press Release

Škoda Motorsport Bonus Program attracts record participation in 2026

- **In the third season of the Škoda Motorsport Bonus Program, participation increased by almost 60 per cent compared to 2025**
- **22 teams and 33 drivers competing in the FIA European Rally Championship registered, with rewards worth a total of €370,000 on offer**
- **Seven drivers competing in a Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 finished in the top 10, with Finland's Teemu Suninen becoming FIA European Rally Champion ahead of Poland's Mikołaj Marczyk***

Mladá Boleslav, 18 November 2026 – The 2026 FIA European Rally Championship (ERC) season was yet another success for teams competing with the Škoda Fabia RS Rally2. Their sporting triumphs also brought record rewards through the Škoda Motorsport Bonus Program, in the form of spare-parts vouchers and discounts on new cars.

In its third year, the Škoda Motorsport Bonus Program, which runs in conjunction with the FIA European Rally Championship, attracted a record 33 drivers – an increase of around 60 per cent compared to 2025. The number of registered teams also climbed by almost 30 per cent to 22. These drivers and teams competed for spare-parts vouchers worth a total of €280,000 across the seven ERC events, plus a further €90,000 in new-car discounts based on their final championship standings.

Lukáš Paták, Head of Customer Program at Škoda Motorsport, says: "This significant increase in the number of participating teams and drivers is further proof of the popularity of the Škoda Motorsport Bonus Program. These rewards provide a powerful incentive for our customer teams, alongside our additional support at events, such as the spare-parts truck and our team of engineers on hand to offer advice."

At each of the seven rounds of the 2026 FIA European Rally Championship, the Škoda Motorsport Bonus Program offered three vouchers worth €20,000, €12,000 and €8,000 to registered drivers or their respective teams finishing first, second or third in Škoda Fabia Rally2 cars. Over the season, Škoda Motorsport awarded vouchers worth a total of €200,000 for these podium finishes. The vouchers could be redeemed against orders for Škoda Motorsport spare parts.

The biggest year-end rewards went to FIA European Rally Champion* Teemu Suninen from Finland and runner-up* Mikołaj Marczyk from Poland. Suninen's title earned his team, The Racing Factory – Motorsport Solutions, a €50,000 discount on the purchase of a new Škoda

Fabia RS Rally2 from Škoda Motorsport. Meanwhile, Topp Cars Rally Team, which ran Marczyk's car, received a €25,000 discount on a new Škoda Fabia RS Rally2.

Alongside the Bonus Program, Škoda Motorsport provided logistical support to its customer teams at most ERC round. Its service park truck supplied spare parts while Škoda Motorsport engineers were available to advise customer teams. This support contributed to a strong season: Škoda crews won six of the seven rounds of the 2026 FIA European Rally Championship, and seven drivers competing in a Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 finished in the top 10 of the overall ERC classification*.

** Subject to confirmation of the results by the FIA*

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The FIA European Rally Championship titles* for Teemu Suninen and co-driver Antti Haapala earned The Racing Factory – Motorsport Solutions a year-end reward of a €50,000 discount on a new Škoda Fabia RS Rally2.

Source: Škoda Auto



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Mikołaj Marczyk finished second overall in the FIA European Rally Championship drivers' classification*. His result earned Topp Cars Rally Team a €25,000 discount on a new Škoda Fabia RS Rally2.

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An all-Škoda podium at Rally Poland earned the winning crew vouchers worth €20,000, with €12,000 for the runners-up and €8,000 for the third-placed crew.

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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) and 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 became 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).

Škoda Auto

- is successfully steering through the new decade with the Next Level Škoda Strategy;
- 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, Epiq, Elroq, Enyaq, 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 Spain, 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.
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