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Acropolis Rally Greece: ŠKODA driver Andreas Mikkelsen wants to keep WRC2 title chances alive

- › WRC2 drivers' classification leader Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR) of ŠKODA Motorsport supported team Toksport WRT needs a top result in the fight for the WRC2 crown
- › South-American crew and Toksport WRT teammates Marco Bulacia/Marcelo Der Ohannesian (BOL/ARG) travel as interim third of the WRC2 Championship to Athens
- › ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo crew Kajetan Kajetanowicz/Maciej Szczepaniak (POL/POL) aims to close the gap to the leader of the WRC3 category
- › Toksport WRT will enter six ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo into the ninth round of the FIA World Rally Championship 2021

Mladá Boleslav, 9. September 2021 – At the Acropolis Rally Greece (9 – 12 September), ninth of scheduled twelve rounds of the FIA World Rally Championship 2021, the title fight in the WRC2 category enters the final stage. Category leader Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR) behind the wheel of the Toksport WRT ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo needs another top result to keep his title chances alive. According to the regulations, only the top six results out of seven events are taken into account. The Norwegian has already one retirement as drop result. On the gravel paths of Greece, his sixth event, he has to go for maximum points. Kajetan Kajetanowicz and co-driver Maciej Szczepaniak (POL/POL), driving a privately entered ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo, are again among the favourites in WRC3 and want to close the gap to the category leader.

Andreas Mikkelsen finished fourth overall at Acropolis Rally Greece in 2013, the last time the event counted as a round towards the FIA World Rally Championship. "I definitely want to build on my experience. What really makes me confident, is the speed and robustness of my ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo on tough gravel roads. I know, that I need a top result in Greece to keep my title chances alive and I will definitely go for it," says the Norwegian.

Toksport WRT teammate Marco Bulacia from Bolivia is currently third in the WRC2 standings and is looking together with co-driver Marcelo Der Ohannesian (ARG) for another good result. During the last WRC round on gravel they finished third in the category.

The private Polish ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo crew Kajetan Kajetanowicz and co-driver Maciej Szczepaniak won WRC3 category at Rally Croatia and Vodafone Rally de Portugal before they suffered a set-back in Italy due to an accident. At Rally Estonia, they conquered the second category position. Their target for Greece is to close the gap to championship leader Yohan Rossel from France. Also in WRC3, a couple of fast ŠKODA privateers are among the top favourites. Potential top-runners are two crews from Toksport WRT: the 2019 FIA European Rally Champions Chris Ingram/Ross Whittock (GBR/GBR) and Emil Lindholm/Reeta Hämäläinen (FIN/FIN).

17 of the in total 36 Rally2 cars expected at the Acropolis ceremonial start are ŠKODA FABIA, making the Czech brand again the most popular in this class. Toksport WRT alone has entered six crews. To provide support, ŠKODA Motorsport will be present at the Acropolis Rally Greece with technical staff and a truck fully equipped with ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 spare parts.



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The EKO Acropolis Rally Greece, dubbed "Rally of the Gods", features 15 rough gravel stages totalling 292.19 kilometres. The rally starts on Thursday (9 September) 5:30 pm local time in front of the Acropolis, before a short show stage kicks off the action. The podium ceremony is scheduled for Sunday (12 September), 2:38 pm local time.

Did you know, that...

...Acropolis Rally Greece makes a return to the FIA World Rally Championship for the first time since 2013?

...the rally's twisty and rocky mountain gravel stages under high temperatures offer one of the series' toughest challenges for men and machine?

...the service park will be situated at the National Trade Fair area in Lamia?

...Acropolis Rally Greece will also host the eSports WRC Championship Grand Final on Wednesday (8 September) in Athens?

Top-3 overall WRC2/Drivers (after 8 of 12 rounds)

1. **Andreas Mikkelsen (NOR), ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo, 98 points**
2. Mads Østberg (NOR), Citroën C3 Rally2, 87 points
3. **Marco Bulacia (BOL), ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo, 82 points**

Top-3 overall WRC2/Teams (after 8 of 12 rounds)

1. **Toksport WRT (ŠKODA), 168 points**
2. M-Sport Ford World Rally Team, 131 points
3. Movisport, 125 points

Top-3 overall WRC3/Drivers (after 8 of 12 rounds)

1. Yohan Rossel (FRA), Citroën C3 Rally2, 127 points
2. **Kajetan Kajetanowicz (POL), ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo, 82 points**
3. Nicolas Ciamin (FRA), Citroën C3 Rally2, 57 points

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2021 FIA World Rally Championship

Rallye Monte-Carlo	21 – 24 January
Arctic Rally Finland powered by CapitalBox	25 – 28 February
Rally Croatia	22 – 25 April
Vodafone Rally Portugal	20 – 23 May
Rally Italia Sardegna	3 – 6 June
Safari Rally Kenya	24 – 27 June
Rally Estonia	15 – 18 July
Renties Ypres Rally Belgium	13 – 15 August
EKO Acropolis Rally Greece	9 – 12 September
Rally Finland	30 September – 3 October
RallyRACC Rally de España	14 – 17 October
Rally Japan	11 – 14 November

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ŠKODA Motorsport at Acropolis Rally Greece

Norwegian Andreas Mikkelsen at the wheel of the ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo from ŠKODA Motorsport supported team Toksport WRT wants to score maximum points in the WRC2 category

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Youngster Marco Bulacia (BOL) and co-driver Marcelo Der Ohannesian (ARG) compete in a ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo of ŠKODA Motorsport supported team Toksport WRT

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Privateers Kajetan Kajetanowicz and co-driver Maciej Szczepaniak (ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo) from Poland aim for victory in the WRC3 category

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ŠKODA Motorsport Overview

ŠKODA has been successful in motorsports since 1901. Be it on the circuit or in rallies, ŠKODA has celebrated victories and won titles all around the world. Historical highlights include victory in the European Touring Car Championship 1981 as well as multiple titles in the FIA World Rally Championship's WRC2 category. Over the years, ŠKODA customer teams also won numerous national championships as well as titles in the FIA European Rally Championship (ERC), the der Intercontinental Rally Challenge (IRC), 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 teams have also triumphed in the world's oldest and most famous rally, taking several class victories in the legendary Rallye Monte-Carlo, which was first held in 1911.

In 2009, the ŠKODA FABIA SUPER 2000 took the rally scene by storm. The following seasons, the all-wheel-drive rally car with a 2.0 litres normally aspirated engine won 50 national and international titles worldwide. It then wrote the most successful chapter in ŠKODA's motorsport history – until its successor surpassed it. The ŠKODA FABIA R5, a production-based rally car with four-wheel drive and 1.6 litres turbo engine, was homologated in its original form by the International Automobile Federation FIA on 1 April 2015. Further developed to ŠKODA FABIA R5 evo (homologated on 1 April 2019), the high-tech car successfully continues the long tradition of ŠKODA Motorsport. Due to changes in regulations, the car was re-named ŠKODA FABIA Rally2 evo in 2020.

The success story of the ŠKODA FABIA R5 took off in 2016, when Esapekka Lappi (FIN) won the WRC2 drivers' title of the FIA World Rally Championship. The following year, Pontus Tidemand (SWE) won the WRC2 drivers' category, while ŠKODA Motorsport took the WRC2 manufacturers' title. In 2018, ŠKODA factory driver Jan Kopecký was crowned WRC 2 drivers' champion. 2019 was the most successful year in the history of ŠKODA Motorsport. Kalle Rovanperä and Jonne Halttunen (FIN/FIN) won the WRC2 Pro drivers' and co-drivers' title as well as substantially supporting ŠKODA Motorsport to win the WRC2 Pro manufacturers' title. In 2020 ŠKODA customer team Toksport WRT became Team Champion of the WRC2 category.

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- › is successfully steering through the new decade with the NEXT LEVEL – ŠKODA STRATEGY 2030.
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- › currently offers its customers ten passenger-car series: the FABIA, RAPID, SCALA, OCTAVIA and SUPERB as well as the KAMIQ, KAROQ, KODIAQ, ENYAQ iV and KUSHAQ.
- › delivered over one million vehicles to customers around the world in 2020.
- › has been a member of the Volkswagen Group for 30 years. The Volkswagen Group is one of the most successful vehicle manufacturers in the world.
- › independently manufactures and develops not only vehicles but also components such as engines and transmissions in association with the Group.
- › operates at three sites in the Czech Republic; manufactures in China, Russia, Slovakia and India primarily through Group partnerships, as well as in Ukraine with a local partner.
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