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Deutschland Tour 2024 leads to Schwäbisch Gmünd

Schwäbisch Gmünd will host the upcoming Deutschland Tour. Both the finish of stage 2 and the start of stage 3 will take place in the Baden-Württemberg town. With Germany's most important cycling race, the Ostalbkreis and Schwäbisch Gmünd will be hosting a double dose of great sport.

On 23 August, the east of Baden-Württemberg will be all about cycling. Stage 2 will take the world's best professionals through the Ostalb region to Schwäbisch Gmünd. On the way to the finish in the oldest town of the Staufer dynasty, the riders will encounter the undulating terrain typical of the Swabian Alb. In Schwäbisch Gmünd, at the foot of the Swabian Alb and the Three Emperors Mountains, cycling fans can look forward to another exciting final lap before the race for the day's victory.

Richard Arnold, Lord Mayor of Schwäbisch Gmünd, said: *"The Deutschland Tour is coming to Schwäbisch Gmünd! We are delighted to welcome a top sporting event with worldwide appeal. With the Deutschland Tour, we are combining the great sporting enthusiasm of our city with a festival that will attract the world's best cyclists and many guests to Schwäbisch Gmünd in the summer"*.

Dr. Joachim Bläse, District Administrator of the Ostalb District, says: *"The Ostalb is a paradise for all cycling enthusiasts. Varied natural landscapes and places worth seeing - cycling is simply fun here. The fact that we can share this experience with the top professionals after our anniversary year '50 years of the Ostalbkreis' and that the pictures from our region are going all over the world, makes the whole Ostalbkreis very happy"*.

Since Villingen-Schwenningen has already been chosen as the stage location, the course of the Deutschland Tour on Saturday is clear. On 24 August, the pros will ride from Schwäbisch Gmünd to Villingen-Schwenningen.

"The core of the Deutschland Tour course is in place! We are looking forward to Schwäbisch Gmünd and the Ostalbkreis as our hosts. We will spend most of stage 2 and all of stage 3 in the region. Here we will meet a lot of cycling fans and a terrain that will allow for an exciting route," says **Matthias Pietsch**, Managing Director of the Gesellschaft zur Förderung des Radsports.