

Deutschland Tour cannot take place in 2020 – postponement to 2021 is planned

The Deutschland Tour is subject to a decision of the German government, which prohibits events to take place in Germany until August 31 due to the coronavirus pandemic. This has been confirmed by the majority of the German federal states involved in this year's race. This means that the four stages cannot take place from August 20 to 23 as planned.

Claude Rach, Managing Director of the Gesellschaft zur Förderung des Radsports, comments: "As big as the disappointment is, the current circumstances and the decision by the German authorities make it clear that the Deutschland Tour cannot take place this year. I thank all our public partners, sponsors, sportive participants and fans for their understanding and support. We are already working hard all together to postpone the event to next year and celebrate Germany's largest cycling festival again in August 2021."

Since the route of this year's race between the Hanseatic city of Stralsund and Nuremberg has already been determined, the race should be postponed to next year in completely identical fashion. All the host cities and participating federal states have given a positive signal to this initiative. They underlined their big interest in hosting the tour in 2021 as well. It is the common goal of all partners that the Deutschland Tour will take the same 720 kilometers from Mecklenburg-Vorpommern to Bavaria in the second half of August 2021.

Effects until the Deutschland Tour 2022

The postponement of this year's race also has an impact on the state capital of Stuttgart and the Stuttgart region. A few weeks ago, they were awarded to host the final of the Deutschland Tour 2021. The city of Stuttgart is open to moving the final to 2022. Likewise, the Stuttgart region will discuss the matter in their next committee meetings to welcome the Deutschland Tour again. Germany's largest cycling festival could then celebrate its grand finale including the Jedermann Tour (the sportive event of the Deutschland Tour) in 2022 in Stuttgart and the Stuttgart region.