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## Be there live when they celebrate: SS Sauertal to be the new Power Stage at the 2016 ADAC Rallye Deutschland

- New showdown at the German FIA WRC event
- Challenging stage for spectacular fights to win WRC extra points

Munich/Trier, 10 June 2016 – Never a dull moment at the ADAC Rallye Deutschland: not for the drivers and not for the fans. To make this promise a reality, the organisers of the German WRC stint develop their rally further each year. True enough in 2016. The organising team headed by Clerk of the Course Alfred Rommelfanger has introduced some exciting new features again. The numerous highlights include a new Power Stage. For the first time, the Sauertal Special Stage will be the setting of the spectacular showdown in this rally. After this final SS in the rally, one team will celebrate its win of the 2016 German WRC rally and the fastest three can celebrate additional WRC points for the concluding Power Stage.

The Sauertal SS in the southern reaches of the Eifel hill-country has been part of the ADAC Rallye Deutschland itinerary since 2013. As before the 2016 SS starts north of the village of Trierweiler, in the Trier-Saarburg district. The itinerary takes the drivers south then west towards and close to the Luxembourg border. Then the SS turns north along the river Sauer, which forms the natural border. A permanent succession of up and down passages takes the drivers over fast country roads and narrow asphalt service roads. Quite a few nasty 90° turns challenge the drivers along this itinerary. After a tough 14.84km, the rally cars reach the finish line just outside the village of Olk.

To offer the spectators prime viewing at the Sauertal SS, four extensive spectator areas will be set up along the route (Udelfangen Arena, Trierweiler, Wintersdorfer Berg and Kersch). From the Kersch spectator area, the public will be able to follow the rally cars into the finish line on a length of over one kilometre. They can watch the decisive finale in the Power Stage and in the entire 2016 ADAC Rallye Deutschland live.

With the designation of the Sauertal Power Stage for the 2016 ADAC Rallye Deutschland, this event moves from the traditional Friday slot to Sunday 21 August 2016, the final rally day. On this day, the Sauertal SS is on the schedule twice. First starting at 8:42 in the morning and then as The Power Stage starting at 12:08 hours. Across the finish line, the drivers will start celebrating even before the official podium ceremony starts at the historic Porta Nigra gate in downtown Trier at 15:00 hours.

The Power Stage format was introduced to FIA WRC rallies in 2011. It brings an extra three points to the fastest team, two to the second and one to the third. If the overall winners also top the Power Stage, their total take is 28 points from one rally event. Normally, Power Stages are approx. 15km long. Basically one extended, exhilarating sprint. Since the participants start into the Power Stage in the reverse order of the current WRC standings, the extra points as well as the whole rally are often settled only when the last driver crosses the finish line.

### Get your rally and day passes in pre-sale now!

Just like the planning process, the pre-sale of passes to the ADAC Rallye Deutschland is in full swing. In addition to the four-day rally passes, fans can now also buy day passes for Friday, Saturday or Sunday in pre-sales. On the day printed on the pass, they give access to all spectator areas along each Special Stage and the Trier Service Park. Rally and day passes are now available at <http://shop.rallye-deutschland.de>.

## Press release

### Attractive packages available in pre-sale

In pre-sale, rally passes for the 2016 ADAC Rallye Deutschland come at a discount and in attractive packages, for the first time including the official rally programme brochure (in German only). In pre-sale, a four-day rally pass costs €70 (€65 for ADAC members). The package including the programme brochure is more attractively priced than in past years. Pre-ordered rally passes are also a better bargain than those bought at the on-site ticket offices, where the regular four-day pass will be €80 (no programme brochure and no discount for ADAC members). The rally passes cover:

- Access to all Special Stages on all days
- Access to the Service Park on all days
- Access to the Shakedown on Thursday
- A spectator map providing all the essential information about the rally
- ADAC Rallye Deutschland lanyard
- ADAC Rallye Deutschland sticker
- ADAC Rallye Deutschland programme brochure

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### ADAC Rallye Deutschland information:

The ADAC Rallye Deutschland has a unique world-wide reputation. Its mix of hairpin stages in the Mosel vineyards, tough tracks on the Baumholder tank range and fast asphalt roads presents extreme challenges for both teams and drivers. This mix requires excellent driving skills and versatility. Diversity, high-class action and closeness to the fans are the ingredients that make the ADAC Rallye Deutschland such an attractive package for spectators as well. Year after year, this major event draws enthusiastic crowds from all over Europe, giving it a special, international atmosphere.

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