Škoda Motorsport launches seventh edition of eRally Challenge virtual rally competition

- **Škoda Motorsport eRally Challenge takes place on the Assetto Corsa Rally gaming platform for the first time**
- **Participants will compete behind the wheel of the Škoda Fabia RS Rally2**
- **The Prologue on a Greek rally stage runs from 29 November to 13 December 2026, four further events are planned for 2027**

Mladá Boleslav, 27 November 2026 – Škoda Motorsport is launching the seventh edition of its eRally Challenge. For the first time, the virtual rally competition will take place on the Assetto Corsa Rally platform with participants competing in the Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 for the fastest possible time. The Prologue runs from 29 November to 13 December 2026 on the Loutraki – Aghii Theodori rally stage in Greece, followed by four competitive events in 2027.

A new chapter for eRally Challenge on Assetto Corsa Rally
Škoda Motorsport will be offering rally fans another opportunity to put their driving skills to the test. The seventh edition of eRally Challenge moves to Assetto Corsa Rally for the first time. The game, developed by Supernova Games Studios in collaboration with KUNOS Simulazioni and 505 Games. The platform focuses on realistic rally car handling, accurately recreated rally stages and the effects of weather conditions and road surfaces on vehicle behaviour. The game combines a physics model derived from the Assetto Corsa series, the Unreal Engine 5 graphics engine and 3D laser-scanning technology to recreate the stages. Participants will compete in the Škoda Fabia RS Rally2, which claimed the WRC2 world championship and the ERC European championship title in the 2026 season.

Teemu Suninen, the 2026 European champion, tested the game and set a stage time for players to beat: “The stages are coming close to be one to one with real life. Soon the drivers will practice the stages on simulators.”

Prologue on a Greek rally stage from 29 November
The opening event will take place on the Loutraki – Aghii Theodori rally stage in Greece. Participants will be driving the Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 in clear weather and early evening light conditions with the aim of setting the fastest possible time for the official standings.

The Prologue begins on 29 November 2026 at 00:00 GMT and ends on 13 December at 23:59 GMT. During this period, players can attempt the stage an unlimited number of times. The times recorded within this period will count towards the official standings. The stage remains accessible after the deadline, but subsequent results will no longer be included in the official Škoda Motorsport leaderboard.

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The competition is available directly in Assetto Corsa Rally through the Rally World Series mode, under the Škoda eRally section. The fastest participant in the Prologue will receive signed prizes from the official Škoda Motorsport merchandise collection. Four further competitions will follow in 2027.

Thousands of players have taken part in virtual rallies since 2020

The Škoda Motorsport eRally Challenge was launched in 2020 as the Škoda Motorsport eChallenge in response to the cancellation of real-world rally events during the COVID-19 pandemic. The first editions took place in Codemasters' DiRT Rally 2.0, with the Škoda Fabia Rally2 evo and allowed only one attempt. In 2024, the series moved to EA SPORTS WRC, with the Škoda Fabia RS Rally2 becoming the main competition car. Some of the virtual rallies attracted more than 5,000 participants, while the club on the EA Racenet platform reached 10,000 members. Professional rally drivers, including Oliver Solberg and Miko Marczyk, also promoted the competition by inviting fans to take part and occasionally setting times for participants to challenge.

Before the new, seventh season, Škoda Motorsport consulted fans through a poll on the future of the series. Respondents preferred a move to the new Assetto Corsa Rally, leading to a switch of the platform, a new gaming experience and a revised competition format.

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