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Uniper to become title sponsor of the Düsseldorf Marathon from 2022 onwards

- Uniper CEO Klaus-Dieter Maubach signs cooperation agreement as marathon title sponsor
- Uniper further expands its commitment to Düsseldorf and the surrounding area
- Uniper takes over the baton from international trading company METRO

Uniper is again intensifying its commitment in the state capital. In the presence of Bob Verbeeck, Managing Director of rhein-marathon düsseldorf GmbH, METRO's Chief Financial Officer Christian Baier and Düsseldorf's Lord Mayor Dr Stephan Keller, Uniper CEO Prof Dr Klaus Dieter Maubach signed the cooperation agreement. Uniper has thus extended its previous marathon premium partnership to become the title sponsor of one of Germany's largest running and sporting events in Düsseldorf.

**Uniper CEO Klaus-Dieter Maubach says:** "At Uniper, health promotion, company health management, endurance and fairness are central companions of the company's everyday life. The Düsseldorf Marathon is a supra-regional sporting event with a special appeal - right on our doorstep. I am very impressed by the enthusiasm, fitness and sporting spirit of the participants. In past years, hundreds of Uniper employees who were enthusiastic about running have completed various distances."

"The Kids Cup is also particularly close to my heart. The youngest children have suffered particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic due to school closures, cancelled sports lessons and missing hours with friends in the sports club. With the Kids Cup, children also have the opportunity to participate in a major sporting event. Because it is much easier to train with a clear goal in mind. We were therefore happy to make the decision to become even more involved and to take over the baton of the title sponsorship from the international retail company METRO AG".

**Dr. Stephan Keller, Lord Mayor of the City of Düsseldorf says:** "The Düsseldorf Marathon is a traditional event in the state capital and has been firmly anchored in the city's event calendar since 2003. With around 400,000 visitors each year, 20,000 participants, many of them in company relay teams, and its numerous music acts on the stages along the route, the marathon is a wonderful combination of sporting event, corporate event and family celebration. I sincerely thank METRO for its support in the past and Uniper for its commitment in the future."

**Bob Verbeeck, Managing Director of rhein-marathon düsseldorf GmbH explains:** "With around 20,000 participants, the marathon in Düsseldorf is one of the largest running events in Germany. We are delighted to have a strong new partner at our side in Uniper, which will enable us to build on the past and very successful years with METRO as the title sponsor. What could be better in sport than a smooth handover of the baton?"

**METRO CFO Christian Baier says:** "We look back on our involvement in the Rhine Marathon with great satisfaction. Over this long period of time, METRO has supported the marathon both financially and with the enthusiasm of our many hundreds of runners

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every year. Now is the right time to pass the baton. However, with our employees from numerous countries who enjoy running, we will remain loyal to the Rhine Marathon in the future and wish Uniper every success as the new title sponsor! "

## **About Uniper**

Uniper is a leading international energy company, has around 12,000 employees, and operates in more than 40 countries. The company plans for its power generation business in Europe to be carbon-neutral by 2035. Uniper's roughly 35 GW of installed generation capacity make it one of the world's largest electricity producers. The company's core activities include power generation in Europe and Russia as well as global energy trading and a broad gas portfolio, which makes Uniper one of Europe's leading gas companies. Uniper sold more than 220 bcm of gas in 2020. In addition, Uniper is a reliable partner for communities, municipal utilities, and industrial enterprises for planning and implementing innovative, lower-carbon solutions on their decarbonization journey. Uniper is a hydrogen pioneer, is active worldwide along the entire hydrogen value chain, and is conducting projects to make hydrogen a mainstay of the energy supply.

The company is based in Düsseldorf and is currently Germany's third-largest publicly listed energy supply company. Together with its main shareholder Fortum, Uniper is also Europe's third-largest producer of zero-carbon energy.

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