



RHEIN RUHR CITY
2032

STATEMENTS OF THE PARTNERS of the Rhein Ruhr City 2032 initiative

Jörg Howe, Head of Global Communications Daimler AG:

“Metropolitan regions are already today the ideal territory for us to implement our holistic mobility concept – from one’s own car to intelligent transport logistics, through to the flexible usage of the public transport network and car-sharing. The biggest challenge here lies in the intelligent combination of these key issues: fully connected, autonomous, flexible and emission-free.

We are working on mobility visions, for which the needs of all transport users especially in the city centres have been taken into account. The inhabitants of the metropolitan region, athletes and the guests could profit equally from a major event like the Olympic Games.”

Jürgen Gerdes, Member of the Executive Board, Deutsche Post DHL Group:

“In our capacity as Germany’s postal service, we are also responsible for the post of the Rhine Ruhr region and we support the Rhein Ruhr City 2032 initiative with total conviction. Because we are fans of good, logical solutions. The application bid from a metropolitan region in the heart of Germany with 80 percent of the required sports facilities already available and the backing of a sports-oriented population is extremely logical. The region and its fantastic people deserve to come under the focus of the world under the Olympic flag.”

Christian Kullmann, Chairman of the Executive Board, Evonik Industries AG:

“The sporting nation Germany is exactly the right place for staging the Olympic Games. Many thousands of people are enthusiastic about sports in every imaginable form. The creative concept of the “Rhein Ruhr City 2032” combines sustainability and top sport in an intelligent way. And it would give the local region a powerful boost. If the Olympic Games are staged in the Rhine Ruhr district, it would trigger off a lot of energy for new things.”

Bärbel Bergerhoff-Wodopia, Executive Board Member of the RAG Foundation:

“A major event like the Olympic Games reinforces the community feeling and the different stimuli contribute towards increasing the quality of life in the district. I am also personally convinced that the Ruhr district with its over 5 million inspirable inhabitants is more than suitable for staging the Games. The Rhein Ruhr City 2032 is placing the emphasis on targets that are also a matter close to the heart of the RAG Foundation. Hence, we are supporting the initiative with great conviction.”

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Michael Breuer, President of the Rheinischer Sparkassen- & Giroverband:

“Olympic Games in the Rhine and Ruhr region are a fascinating vision. Because our region would be a wonderful host: Sport enthusiasts, cosmopolitan and international – as colourful as the world. The sustainable concept is particularly convincing. The sporting facilities that already exist today could be modernised and continue to be used after the Olympics. The investments for this joint project would trigger off an immense modernisation surge in our region.”

Dr. Dieter Steinkamp, Spokesman of the Management of Stadtwerke Köln

“Olympic Games in the Rhine Ruhr district would provide a big opportunity to sustainably improve the infrastructure of one of the largest metropolitan areas in Europe. This applies for the sporting facilities that already exist today as well as for the broadband expansion and the digitalisation dependent thereon or the expansion of the traffic routes – whether for rail transport or road traffic. In addition to the mobility, we are today also already working on making sure that the entire energy and water supply is sustainable for such a major event in the year 2032.”

Dr. Udo Brockmeier, Chairman of Stadtwerke Düsseldorf:

“This event could be an effective catalyst for all of the activities for modernising the infrastructure in North Rhine-Westphalia. And not only sports fans would feel the benefit: All of the people in the region would ultimately profit from such a boost in the industry and economy. Of course, we three Stadtwerke are cooperation partners, because we already collaborate on a wide range of levels anyway – for example on themes such as the electricity industry and network management.”

Marcus Wittig, Chairman of Stadtwerke Duisburg:

“Such a major event can act as a driving force for the further development of the entire region. The underlying idea of the planning to use the existing sports facilities expediently and direct the focus towards a sustainable investment in the infrastructure is the basis for a wide acceptance. Because it is definitely necessary to have the people from the Rhine and Ruhr on one’s side throughout the long application process and show them which advantages would come about as a result of the Games.”

Gerald Böse, President and Chief Executive Officer, Koelnmesse GmbH:

“Connected mobility concepts, sustainable infrastructure measures and innovative digital projects are strategic key themes of Koelnmesse that are also equally important for the success of the Rhein Ruhr City 2032. The partner concept convinced us directly. As organisers of the international trade fair FSB, we are familiar with the management and planning of sports facilities and our glad to offer our support. The region will benefit from the Rhein Ruhr City 2032 and it would positively strengthen North Rhine-Westphalia long-term.”