

## **Start of Tramprennen 2015: the hitchhiking race and its 169 participants go to Albania**

*Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, let it starts: 169 people in 73 teams are hitchhiking from Cottbus (Brandenburg, Germany), Immenstaad (Baden-Württemberg, Germany) and from Vienna (Austria) to Omarë in Albania. During two weeks, they will race by hitchhiking toward southern Balkans. Getting to Omarë is not the only goal of the participants: As well as the competition, they are all trying to collect donations for the organizations Viva con Agua and PRO ASYL.*

Cottbus / Immenstaad / Vienna: On August 22th the hitchhiking race will start and sets a new record: it is the first time in its 8-years-long history that the race has so many participants. The teams will travel on 6 different routes for 12 days toward their common destination Omarë in Albania. They are going over 6 stages, and only pointing up their thumb.

For the participants it's not just about having fun. They want to show that hitchhiking is a normal way of transport that brings together people who can make positive change. The idea is also to get support for concrete projects. Before and during the race, the participants look for sponsors for their teams. With a minimum donation of 5 €, family and friends can support their favorite teams and send online messages on the team profile to keep them going. All of the donations will go to the non-for-profit organizations Viva con Agua and PRO ASYL. While Viva con Agua implements drinking water and sanitation projects, PRO ASYL supports the struggle of refugees seeking a better life in Germany and Europe.

With this support, the hitchhiking race is trying to do its bit to make the world more human and without borders. Already more than 6 000 € have been raised by Tramprennen this year.

Tramprennen is organized by the non-for-profit organisation Club of Roam - Auto Stop! e.V.

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