



**Press release**

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**The President of the German Red Cross e.V., Gerda Hasselfeldt, becomes the patron of the RETTmobil exhibition 2021**

Greetings from the President of the German Red Cross e.V., Gerda Hasselfeldt, regarding the RETTmobil exhibition 2021

The RETTmobil exhibition 2021 is special in two respects: it is the first one since the 20th anniversary of the exhibition in 2020 and it takes place for the first time since the beginning of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. Both are reasons to pause and learn from previous experiences. It's a pleasure for me to become the patron of this international leading exhibition for rescue and mobility in this special year.

What was previously a possible scenario that experts pointed out and prepared for, is suddenly a reality. Everything that characterizes the Civil Protection in Germany proved one's worth in the current pandemic situation: the experienced interaction of volunteers and employees, the collaboration between the aid organizations as well as with the public health authorities and the German armed forces. All involved persons contribute valuably and confirm thereby that in the federal system a good and successful together is necessary as well as possible.

This is also an occasion to say thanks to all those who work every day to save people's lives. The RETTmobil is your exhibition: the exhibition for life-savers. The RETTmobil exhibition 2021 will present technical and digital developments. The academic training which will be also available online for the first time, will focus on hygiene and infection protection in rescue.



After the cancellation in 2020 due to the pandemic, I am pleased that under the currently ruling special conditions a trendsetting exhibition with an academic training will be realized and makes possible the personal exchange.

I wish the RETTmobil exhibition 2021 every success!

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President of the German Red Cross e.V.

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