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ING Night Marathon Luxembourg cancelled for the second time

It was not meant to be: After already having to cancel the event in 2020, the biggest running event in the region will also be a victim of the Corona pandemic this year. "We have once again put a lot of time, money and enthusiasm into our project, because we have long assumed that we would finally make it happen again this year. I am particularly sorry for the many thousands of runners who have trained for months to be able to compete with us on May 15th," says Erich François, who has been organising the marathon in the Grand Duchy with his agency *step by step* since 2006. In 2019, 16,000 participants had still been running through the capital, more than 100,000 spectators lined the streets and turned the whole of Luxembourg into one big party zone. "A race only for top athletes, as it has been proposed to us by the government, is definitely out of the question for us. The ING Night Marathon Luxembourg lives from the unique atmosphere, the folk festival, the many music bands and hotspots along the route," says François. "It is a race for everyone, not just for the elite". Postponing the big event to autumn was also not an option: "It would be nonsensical to unnecessarily compete with colleagues who are probably still suffering the effects of the pandemic in autumn." Runners who have already registered in recent months will be offered a refund in the coming days. Is this now the end of the Luxembourg Marathon success story? "No!" says François firmly. "We will continue. We won't let this virus get us down." And there is also good news in the time of crisis: ING Luxembourg has extended its contract as title sponsor for another 5 years. The date for the next ING Night Marathon Luxembourg can already be marked in the running calendar: May 28th, 2022.