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German Para Alpine Ski Team Visits the Paravan Mobility Park in Aichelau***Discussions on Mobility, Elite Sports, and Independence***

The German Para Alpine Ski Team, led by Paralympic champion Anna-Lena Forster and national coach Justus Wolf, visited the Mobility Park Aichelau. The focus of the visit was on personal exchange and a shared understanding of how important self-determined mobility is for everyday life and competitive sports.



The German Para Alpine Ski Team visits the Aichelau Mobility Park. From left: National Coach Justus Wolf, Alexander Nerz (Paravan Marketing), Junior National Coach Yannick Kühnle, Paralympic champion Anna-Lena Forster, Luca Arnold (Paravan Management), and athletes Andrea Rothfuss, Maya Frühenschuh, and Alexander Rauen. Photo: Paravan

For the second time this year, Paravan partnered with the German Ski Association to host the FIS Para Alpine Ski World Cup on the Feldberg. The visit to Aichelau thus also symbolized their shared commitment to elite Paralympic sports as well as to mobility and inclusion.

During a tour of the Mobility Park, Luca Arnold and Alexander Nerz from the Paravan team provided insights into the Paravan mobility world and explained various options for customizing vehicles. The athletes took the opportunity to engage in an in-depth exchange of experiences and ideas.

"If I don't have the option of a car, I'm extremely limited. It makes an incredible difference in my quality of life," said Anna-Lena Forster. The 30-year-old won four medals at the last Paralympics, including two golds. For training, competitions, and travel, individual mobility is indispensable in competitive sports: "Without a car, I can't get to any training sessions. We have so much equipment with us—it hardly works any other way."

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National coach Justus Wolf also emphasized the importance of self-determined mobility in elite sports. At the same time, he expressed his gratitude for Paravan's support. "Without this sponsorship, the World Cup at Feldberg couldn't take place at all," said Wolf. Among other things, the partnership enables TV broadcasts of the competitions. "This makes the athletes' performances visible and brings them to the public."

To wrap things up, the guests got to experience for themselves what it's like to drive a vehicle with joystick controls. Together with driving instructor Ralf Buhmann, the athletes took a seat in the Paravan driving school vehicle—an experience that left a lasting impression on many and will surely be remembered for a long time.

The next FIS Para Alpine Ski World Cup at Feldberg will take place on January 14 and 15, 2027.



During a tour of the Aichelau Mobility Park, the athletes of the German Para Alpine Ski Team gained insights into the Paravan mobility world and modern vehicle adaptations for people with physical disabilities. Photo: Paravan



The tour of the Aichelau Mobility Park demonstrated just how extensive individual vehicle adaptations can be. The German Para Alpine Ski Team gained insights into the technical modifications and conversions that enable self-determined mobility. Photo: Paravan



A glimpse into the mobility of tomorrow: At the Aichelau Mobility Park, the German Para Alpine Ski Team learned about drive-by-wire technologies from sister company Arnold NextG as the foundation for autonomous driving concepts and customized mobility solutions. Photo: Paravan



Ralf Buhmann, head of the Paravan Driving School, explained to the athletes of the German Para Alpine Ski Team how individual vehicle modifications work and what technical solutions are available today during their visit to Aichelau. Photo: Paravan



Experience for yourself how a vehicle can be controlled using a joystick: Athletes from the German Para Alpine Ski Team teamed up with the Paravan Driving School to test the capabilities of modern mobility technologies. Photo: Paravan



Paralympic champion Anna-Lena Forster, together with Ralf Buhmann, head of the Paravan Driving School, tested modern joystick controls and custom vehicle adaptations at the Aichelau Mobility Park. Photo: Paravan



Autograph session in Aichelau: Operations Manager Lothar Enderle, himself a former alpine skier, brought his own ski helmet and had it signed by the athletes of the German Para Alpine Ski Team. Photo: Paravan

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