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### Promotion to the LMP2 class: Niklas Krütten to race in the European Le Mans Series and the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 2022

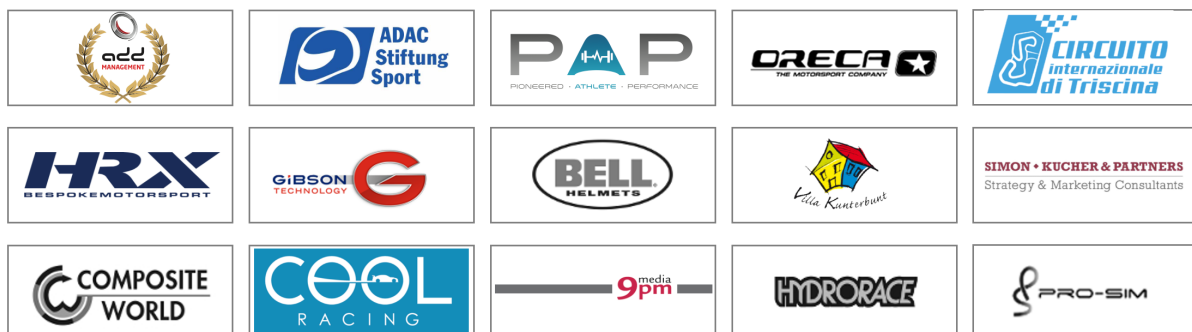
Trier, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Great news for Niklas Krütten: The 19-year-old from Trier will contest the LMP2 class of the European Le Mans Series this season. After enjoying tremendous success and finishing in second place in the driver and team standings for the COOL Racing team in 2021, the German is now stepping up to the next class. Krütten will share the cockpit of the Oreca 07 with start number 37 with COOL Racing team manager Nicolas Lapierre of France, and China's Yifei Ye.

The 2022 ELMS season gets underway on 17<sup>th</sup> April with the opening race in Le Castellet, France. This will be followed by races in Imola/Italy (15<sup>th</sup> May), at the Hungaroring/Hungary (3<sup>rd</sup> July), in Barcelona/Spain (28<sup>th</sup> August) and at Spa-Francorchamps/Belgium (25<sup>th</sup> September). The final will be held in Portimão, Portugal, on 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Another real highlight is entering the legendary 24 Hours of Le Mans. Here too, the long-time ADAC Stiftung Sport driver will be at the wheel for the COOL Racing team.

Nicolas Lapierre, CEO of COOL Racing: "We have a strong driver line-up and the team was fast last year. We are ready to do battle for the championship and hopefully for the win in Le Mans as well."

Niklas Krütten: "I'm really excited about the new challenge in the LMP2 class and the next step in my career. The collaboration with COOL Racing in 2021 was incredibly positive, professional and successful. I'm really looking forward to continuing this and would like to thank the team for their confidence in me. We will give it everything we have. A very special highlight for me will be the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Taking part in this classic is the dream of every racing driver."





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**European Le Mans Series 2022 calendar:**

17 April – France / Le Castellet  
15 May – Italy / Imola  
03 July – Hungary / Budapest  
28 August – Spain / Barcelona  
25 September – Belgium / Spa-Francorchamps  
16 October – Portugal / Portimão

24H Le Mans – 11/12 June

