



## Charity run along the Danube branded a success

**The com-a-tec sponsored run took 25 participants across 3,145 kilometres to support the children's aid campaign Herzenssache e.V.**

The charity run Donaulauf, sponsored by com-a-tec, was branded a total success after the team of 21 runners/cyclists, two cyclists and two medical assistants reached the Black Sea in the scheduled 12 days and raised around 20,000 Euros for the children's aid campaign Herzenssache e.V.

Twenty-three people ran and cycled from the origin of the Danube River in Donaueschingen (Germany) to the Black Sea in Murighiol (Romania) – 3,145 kilometres in 291 stages across six countries. The participants took turns to run and cycle in 24-hour laps, reaching their final destination at 21:43 on Wednesday 19 – two minutes before the targeted arrival.

The [net proceeds from the donations for the race](#), organized by the Lauftreff Pfohren e.V., will go to Herzenssache, the children's aid campaign of SWR, SR and Sparda-Bank. The target of 15,000 Euros was surpassed, organizers say, while there are still some donations to be included.

One of the members to run more than 300 kilometres during the 12-day stretch was Alexander Grigo, Head of Software Development at com-a-tec and Chief Developer at PetrolPlaza. He describes the experience as “special and unique.”

Alexander, who has been running for over 10 years, said the heat was one of the biggest challenges during the 12-day run. “From Vienna to the Black Sea we constantly had around 35 degrees Celsius during day time.”

The 23 participants split into two groups to do 24-hour running sessions while the other group had a 24-hour rest.

“We were very proud to reach the Black Sea and for the incredible support given by people for Herzenssache e.V.,” added Alexander. “It was really interesting to see the cultural differences between regions as we made our way through Europe.”

Asked how locals reacted when learning about their journey, Alexander said they thought they were “Crazy”.

Communications agency com-a-tec, owner of PetrolPlaza and co-organizer of trade show UNITI expo,

decided to support the race as they fully identified with the idea of an open, integrated Europe. The company [recently unveiled its new website](#), where people could follow the Donaulauf.