**“FC St. Pauli goes Ruanda“: MEYLE supports FC St. Pauli handball project in Africa**

* **The handball team from Hamburg will be traveling to Ruanda in August to organize local workshops and to visit schools**
* **As the team’s main sponsor, MEYLE not only provides financial support, but also transport of equipment and will ensure mobility of the team**

**Hamburg, 22. June 2017. MEYLE, Hamburg manufacturer of automotive spare parts, is supporting the men’s handball team of FC. St. Pauli in their project in the African state of Ruanda. The team, which has been supported by MEYLE as main sponsor since the 2016/2017 season, will be rounding off their season with a two-week trip to Ruanda in August. Together with the Gorilla handball club, Ruanda’s largest handball club, workshops with training sessions, further training classes, friendly games and visits are to be organized.**

The motto of this sporting venture is “We’ll never play alone“, and is intended to set an example as a community activity and, above all, to create more openness and greater understanding between the cultures. The team will shortly be launching a crowdfunding website to collect donations and to fund the trip and local activities. “We asked ourselves whether we could combine the trip we make at the end of the season – something many teams plan – with doing something to help others“, explains team Captain Arne Dohren. “We hope our project will motivate and encourage other clubs to initiate and become involved in similar activities.“

An activity MEYLE welcomes and supports, reflected not only in a generous donation but also the transport of handball equipment to Ruanda. A MEYLE client will ensure local mobility of the team by providing vehicles and organizing local coordination. “As main sponsor, we are very pleased to be able to contribute to this splendid activity and not merely to donate funds, but to support the team with our contacts and know-how concerning country-specific planning and procedures”, says André Sobottka, MEYLE board member in charge of Sales, Marketing and Communications.

You will find further information on this project at the [Facebook site](https://www.facebook.com/fcsph.goes.rwanda/?fref=ts) of the handball team, as well as at the [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/meyle.parts/?fref=ts) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/meyle_parts/) account of MEYLE.

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