

Arriving at the Black Sea after 2,500 kilometres

Stand-up paddler Pascal Rösler has achieved his goal - having already collected more than 10,000 euros in donations - 63 days on board

Munich/Sulina, the 20th of September 2017. After 2,500 kilometres and 63 days, stand-up paddler Pascal Rösler has reached his destination at the mouth of the Danube on the Black Sea. After almost 360 hours on the stand-up paddle (SUP), the meter shows a total of just under 600,000 paddles: "Every paddle has brought me closer to the Black Sea, and with the last paddle stroke, this journey has come to an end. I have experienced an intense encounter with nature, and I have learned a lot about myself. In the end, it was a wonderful experience, and we can be very satisfied with the donations of more than 10,000 euro so far," explained Pascal Rösler on his arrival to Sulina in Romania. The association Pure Water for Generations e.V. (<https://pure-water-for-generations.com/>) will use the donations to fund projects to protect water and rivers.

A lot of help along the way

On average, Pascal Rösler spent between six and eight hours on the SUP board per day. "Some people go to work in the morning, while I just paddle," he commented. At times, he did not see anyone either on the river or on the shore for dozens of kilometres along the Danube. His only companions during this time were gulls, herons, cormorants and pelicans. Along the route between Munich and the Black Sea, Pascal Rösler also met many new supporters and friends, who will help him with his conservation projects in the future. "I have met many people who share my goals and are committed to maintaining clean water. I was surprised at how positive the response to our campaign was," continued Pascal Rösler. Time and time again, people offered help along the route - whether by providing fresh water, overnight accommodation or a good meal. It was an interesting experience that the willingness to help was always stronger in people who lived in simple circumstances. Plenty of people were available to provide promotional help too, translating the promotional website into nine languages and creating a promotional beer coaster.

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The Danube water should be drinkable again

On his tour, Pascal Rösler was able to see how the Isar river and the Danube were bordered by an artificial river bed with weirs built up around them. However, there were also passages, where the rivers were able to flow freely or have been restored. Pascal was able to sense the purity and the power of the water wherever the rivers could flow freely. This also gave him the energy to travel 2,500 kilometres and inspired him to try and restore as many river areas as possible to this state in the future. Pascal Rösler gained a lot of experience on the state of nature along the Danube: "It is already an anachronism that a sportsman who is active on the water still needs a supply of drinking water. Would not it be a worthwhile goal to make the river water drinkable once again?"

He met many people who were still able to remember stories of older people who were able to get their drinking water from the Danube. Pascal Rösler was constantly discovering trash and waste on the banks and in the river itself - mostly plastic! The association Pure Water for Generations e.V. would like to dedicate itself to dealing with this problem in particular. "We still have a lot to do here. It is important to me to inform people on the topic of water. This was the driving force for my strenuous journey to the Black Sea," continues Pascal Rösler.

Planning for new nature conservation projects is already under way

In the coming months, numerous talks will be held with the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube (ICPDR) in Vienna and the German Federal Government, among others, in order to jointly support and develop efficient water projects. The team at Pure Water for Generations e.V. is happy to receive any kind of support, be it with ideas, networking, donations or even voluntary work. Pascal Rösler's tour finishes with his arrival, but his time on the rivers has allowed him to seriously think about the situation. He will now discuss his ideas, which he came up with on the journey, with experts and stakeholders in the coming weeks and work out solutions.

Water has become his mission in life, and he has the necessary time and energy to devote to this - together with the five-man team from Pure Water for Generations e.V.

The comprehensive tour diary, with all sorts of anecdotes and a lot of historical background, is still available under <http://sup-muenchen-schwarzesmeer.de/berichte-und-images/>. The documentary film about Pascal's journey by Very Film will be published online during autumn as a series of episodes.

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(Note: images will be available from Wednesday, 20.9.2017 at 4.30 pm).