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## **Kick-off of the World Athletics Indoor Tour Gold: High jump quartet around Olympic champion Mariya Lasitskene at the start of the INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe**

German top female athletes compete with the world's best / Pictures from Karlsruhe worldwide in over 70 countries / In Germany, meeting live on the SWR-Stream and in the ARD-Mediathek

Great heights are pre-programmed for the women's high jump competition at the INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022. In addition to the two top German athletes Marie-Laurence Jungfleisch and Imke Onnen, high jump shooting star Yaroslava Mahuchikh and Olympic champion Mariya Lasitskene have also confirmed their participation in the opening event of the World Athletics Indoor Tour Gold in Karlsruhe. Mariya Lasitskene jumped 2.04 metres – on her second attempt – and in the end placed at the top of the scoreboard at the Tokyo Olympic Stadium. This meant Olympic gold for the first time for the Russian, who currently competes as an Authorised Neutral Athlete under a neutral flag. However, her first international medal was far from being her Olympic victory in August. In addition to being a three-time world and European champion, Lasitskene can also call herself a two-time world and European indoor champion. High jumping at a world class level therefore awaits the visitors of the INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe in the hall and on their home screens, where the meeting will be shown live on the SWR-Stream in the ARD-Mediathek throughout Germany from 6:30pm.

Then Lasitskene will meet the current shooting star of the women's high jump. Because Yaroslava Mahuchikh, who is only 20 years old, is already one of the world-class athletes. Mahuchikh already has bronze at the Tokyo Olympics, silver at the 2019 World Championships in Doha as well as gold at the European Indoor Championships and European U23 Championships last year to her name. And the Ukrainian is no stranger to Karlsruhe either. With a jump of 2.02 metres, she set the U20 world record at the last edition of the women's high jump in Karlsruhe, which she even raised to 2.06 metres only a few days later at a meeting in Banská Bystrica, Slovakia. With this, she secured an entry high up in the perpetual best list of the World Athletics Federation. Only two female athletes have ever achieved better heights indoors: Sweden's Kajsa Bergquist (2.08 metres) and Heike Henkel in 1992 (2.07 metres) – in Karlsruhe, by the way.

Mariya Lasitskene and Yaroslava Mahuchikh are joined by the two Germans Marie-Laurence Jungfleisch and Imke Onnen. In the Olympic final in Tokyo, the seven-time German champion and six-time indoor champion Marie-Laurence Jungfleisch only managed tenth place. In her last performance at the INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe in 2018 she came fifth.

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Imke Onnen finished third at the meeting in 2020. The leap of 1.96 metres was a personal best for the 27-year-old in the indoor arena to this day. Meanwhile, Imke Onnen has already proven that she can win in Karlsruhe: In 2015, she secured one of her two indoor championship titles to date at the German Indoor Championships in the exhibition hall. As part of the World Indoor Tour Gold, Karlsruhe and the INIT INDOOR MEETING are part of the Champions League of athletics. When the top stars of the athletics scene compete in a total of seven meetings as part of the tour from the end of January, the live images will be broadcast by a total of 19 broadcasters in over 70 countries worldwide. In addition to Europe, the sports pictures will then also be shown in North and South America as well as in Australia. In Germany, SWR will be broadcasting the INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe live in a stream in the ARD-Mediathek from 6:30pm to 10pm. The meeting will also be shown on the website of the World Athletics Association. Regionally, a summary of the meeting will be broadcast on Baden TV.

**Info World Indoor Tour Gold:**

Karlsruhe and the INIT INDOOR MEETING will be the opening event of the World Indoor Tour Gold on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022. This means that Karlsruhe, as an athletics venue, will also be one of the seven meetings with gold status in 2022, the highest category in which an indoor meeting can be classified. Next year, the two meetings in New York (USA, 6<sup>th</sup> February) and Birmingham (GBR, 19<sup>th</sup> February), which could not take place last year due to the Corona pandemic, will also be returning to the calendar. The tour will also make stops in Boston (USA, 6<sup>th</sup> February), Liévin (FRA, 17<sup>th</sup> February), Torun (POL, 22<sup>nd</sup> February) and Madrid (SPA, 2<sup>nd</sup> March).

For more information on the INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe, please visit [www.meeting-karlsruhe.de](http://www.meeting-karlsruhe.de) and the meeting's social media channels:

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**Various Stations of the World Indoor Tour Gold 2022:**

28.01.2022: INIT INDOOR MEETING Karlsruhe (Karlsruhe, GER)

29.01.2022: Millrose Games (New York, USA)

06.02.2022: New Balance Indoor Grand Prix (Boston, USA)

17.02.2022: Meeting Hauts-de-France Pas-de-Calais (Liévin, FRA)

19.02.2022: Müller Indoor Grand Prix (Birmingham, GBR)

22.02.2022: Copernicus Cup (Torun, POL)

02.03.2022: Villa de Madrid (Madrid, ESP)

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