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**Roll forward, life goes on, often further than one thinks.**

## **Samuel Koch, German actor tells how he faces his inner mountain at the International Mountain Summit**

On 4th December 2010, millions of people in front of the TV watching “Wetten, dass...” – German version of the British show „You bet“/US-American show “Wanna Bet?”- see how **Samuel Koch**’s life changes within seconds. In a bet to jump over a car driven by his father, the 22-year-old injures himself, leaving him paralyzed. His dream to become an actor seems to slip away. But Samuel Koch is a fighter: Despite being forced since over six years into a wheelchair, Samuel Koch does not give up on his dreams. For three years now he acts regularly at Staatstheater Darmstadt. Sometimes he enters the stage tied to the body of a colleague. And in private life, he found his luck: in August last year he married the actress Sarah Elena Timpe met on the television set of German soap "Sturm der Liebe", broadcasted in many European countries (France, Belgium, Italy, Austria, Lithuania, Estonia, Slovakia, Latvia, Bulgaria, Poland, Finland etc.). And for the rest, he is not stopped by his tetraplegia. Samuel conducts a fulfilling life, travels around the world accompanied by his brother and tells of his highs and lows in life. Through this public life, for which someone also criticizes him, he is a model for others. People like him who do not give up, even though the situation may seem so desperate - they give real courage! And the strength the actor invests in his own advancement helps other people.

Everything is possible, even if Koch must find new ways than before the spinal cord injury. Samuel Koch will talk about his life from the IMS stage on **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October** The speech will be in German, simultaneously translated into Italian and English. In this context, the public will have the opportunity to set aside compassion to make room for a new sentiment: recognition.

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