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Hello.

I would like to share a few of my experiences after last weekends competition. First I will have to thank all of you for your friendliness and warm welcome to Austria. The brief, the route and the brunch was outstanding.

But I had one experience I was sorry about. During my cycling, I went wrong after the first mountain. I went probably 4-5 km before I understood something was wrong. I called my support to get help. I turned around and went back, but could not find any signs. Unfortunately the signs had been picked up by the crew. When my support found the crew, he was terrible sorry and he came back to help me in the right direction. At this time I had lost almost one hour.

Since I am not a very good cyclist I was worried about the time limit, so I speeded up. This was not very smart I had to quit before the last mountain (after 160 km). I could have gotten over it, but I am afraid I would have made bad decisions on the running part. And from a health point of view I made the right decision while I still was able to think clearly.

I know the person who picked up the signs were very sorry, and this is all forgiven. No hard feelings. Every one can make a mistake.

But I have a suggestion for improvement: make larger signs for the cycling part. This year they were small and difficult to spot. Specifically you should also have signs telling the cyclist that there is a cross 100 (or 50) meters ahead with an arrow pointing in the direction you are turning. And you can paint the road.

Saying all this Your competition have the potential to become a classic. Friendly people, tough route and spectacular nature.