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TT Rally European Cup: Hellas Rally Raid in Greece

Seven days of riding on the remote areas of Central Greece mountains from 20 to 28 May. That was the Hellas Rally Raid 2023, valid as first round of the TT Rally European Cup.

A unique experience in the remote Greek mountains, forests, valleys and more, with everyday route between 160-250 kilometres, 90% of them off-road. In the single bivouac the organizers provided tires, rider clothing and protections, medical first aid kit, mobile and GPS service and even more.

After 7 days of racing Czech rider Milan Engel won the Overall classification ahead of the Austrian Tobias Ebster and Spanish Pol Tarres Roca. Engel ruled the M3 class too, while Tarres won the M6 class. Eduardo Iglesias Sanchez won the M1 class, Krzysztof Jarmuz the M4 class, Frederick Scheifler the M5 class.

EMX 65 / EMX 85 and EMX Women' European Championship

After exciting rounds all over Europe, this was another weekend full of events for the EMX European Championship.

The EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship North Europe zone raced its fourth and last round together with the fourth round of the EMX Women' European Championship. The series moved to Siauliai, which is the fourth biggest city of Lithuania.

In EMX65 another success for Gregor Lootus (KTM). With a double victory, the Estonian rider grab the first step of the podium ahead of countryman Enri Lustus (Husqvarna), third and fourth, and Latvian Patriks Cirulis (Husqvarna), seventh and second. After four rounds Lootus is the zone leader with 187 points, followed by Theo Kolts (GasGas), fourth in Siauliai, and Lustus.

In EMX85 fourth success in a row for the great Estonian rider Travis Leok (Husqvarna), who also in Lithuania got the first step of the overall podium with a majestic double win. Another second overall position for Lucas Leok (Husqvarna), who finished both heats in P2

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ahead of the Polish Michal Psiuk (KTM). Travis, Lucas and Psiuk are the top three riders in the standings too.

Eighth win in a row for the Dutch Lotte Van Drunnen (Kawasaki) in the EMX Women' European Championship. After the success in Slagelse, Prisannewitz and Olecko, in Siauliai she kept on pushing conquering the umpteenth triumph ahead of Mathea Selebo (Yamaha). Third position for French rider Camille Viaud (Yamaha). In EMX Women 125cc Lucy Barker (KTM) scored her fourth victory ahead of Swedish rider Tyra Bäckström (GasGas) and Elsa Nellie Fransson (Yamaha).

EMX65 top three

1. Gregor Lootus, EST
2. Enri Lustus, EST
3. Patriks Cirulis, LAT

EMX85 top three

1. Travis Leok, EST
2. Lucas Leok, EST
3. Michal Psiuk, POL

EMX Women top three

1. Lotte Van Drunnen, NED
2. Mathea Selebø, NOR
3. Camille Viaud, FRA

EMX Women 125cc top three

1. Lucy Barker, GBR
2. Tyra Bäckström, SWE
3. Elsa Andersson Löf, SWE

The city of Kreševo, in Bosnia and Herzegovina, welcomed the fourth and next to last round of the EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship South East zone with a race characterized by mud and heavy rain.

In EMX65 amazing performance for Romanian Daniel Marian (GasGas), who won the Overall classification thanks to a double victory ahead of Bulgarian Markov Pavel (KTM), third in Race1 and second in Race2, and Serbain Ana Kolnookov (KTM), second in Race1 and sixth in Race2.

Romania ruled the EMX85 class too, thanks to another brilliant performance in the rain of Sami Dumitru (KTM), who won both the races. After a regular Race1, in the second heat the rain showed no mercy and the mud proved too much to handle, so the race was red-flagged: as more than 50% of the race time had elapsed there was no restart. Second overall position for Turkish rider Efe Okur (KTM), while Antonio Topalovic (GasGas) completed the podium getting on the third step.

EMX65 top three

1. Daniel Marian, ROU

2. Markov Pavel, BUL

3. Ana Kolnookov, SRB

EMX85 top three

1. Sami Dimitru, ROU

2. Efe Okur, TUR

3. Antonio Topalovic, BIH

The third round of the EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship South West zone took place in Fernão Joanes, about 200 km from Porto, Portugal.

Race1 of the EMX65 class saw the incredible duel between Italian rider Francesco Assini (GasGas) and French Tim Lopes (GasGas): at the end the Italian won ahead of Lopes and the Spanish Santiago Cordero (KTM). Race2 saw a start to finish leadership and win by Assini. Spanish rider Gonzalo Salvador (KTM) tried to take the leadership a few times, but at the end he had to settle with the second position ahead of Lopes. Thanks to a majestic double win, Assini brought back home not only the Overall win but also the leadership of the zone, with one round still to go.

The EMX85 Race1 saw a start to finish win from qualifying winner Juan Izaguirre (KTM) ahead of Liam Bruneau (KTM) and Kenzo Ferez (Husqvarna), third at the end of a great battle with Italian rider Riccardo Pini (KTM).
Bad luck for Izaguirre in Race2: the Spanish rider crashed and arrived 19th. Pini won ahead of Bruneau and Valentino Vazquez (KTM), who finished third.

EMX65 top three

1. Francesco Assini, ITA
2. Tim Lopes, FRA
3. Gonzalo Salvador, SPA

EMX85 top three

1. Liam Bruneau, FRA
2. Riccardo Pini, ITA
3. Valentino Vazquez, SPA

European STK 1000 Cup and European SSP 300 Cup

The season of the European STK 1000 Cup and European SSP 300 Cup started with the first round of the calendar.
The event took place together with the Alpe Adria International Motorcycle Championship at Slovakiaring, approximately 30 km away from Bratislava.

SSP 300
Race1 saw the battle for the win between Polish Matteusz Molik and Hungarian Mate Szamado, who finished second ahead of Konuk Mert from Turkey.
In Race2 Szamado managed to win with a gap of 18 seconds ahead of Daniel Turecek (Czech Republic) and Konuk, once more third.

STK 1000
Both Race1 and Race2 were won by Austrian Martin Tritscher. Second position for Lennart Ulbel (Austria) and third for Sinisha Kochoski (North Macedonia).