



# Press Release

## European Snowcross Championship in Alta (Norway)



Martin Moland, the new European Snowcross Champion. Below, the podium and Giorgio Bonfigli, FIM Europe Delegate

The city of Alta, in Norway, is above the Arctic Circle and is famous for ice fishing (especially salmon-fishing) and a ski area is close to the city, which has a population of 20,000 people. Alta hosted the European Snowcross Championship for the third time (the latest was in 2009).

In a light rain, with 2-4 C°, a very well prepared, technical track hosted the European Championship together with the last race of World Championship; the ESNX riders were 16, and they raced in front of approximately 2.000 spectators.

The Qualifying Practice was dominated by Robert Lunden (Ski-Doo) from Norway, in front of Martin Moland (Artic Cat) from Norway, too, and Hansson Emil (Polaris) from Sweden.





Race1, on Friday afternoon, saw many fights, but not in the first positions; in fact the Norwegian Martin Moland did the holeshot and lead all the race long with a big gap on the rest of the riders. For many laps the poleman Robert Lunden was in second position, until he crashed, leaving the position to Fredrik Kirkhus (NOR), second in front of Mikko Osmo (NOR).

Today Race2 and Race3 were held.

Race2 saw again Martin Moland very fast at the start. Once again he lead for all the race with Filip Harr from Sweden in second position in front of Fredrik Kirkhus (NOR).

Race3 was essential for the final standing of Championship: for more than half race Moland was in second position, behind the Finnish Mikko Osmo, who had done the holeshot. But at the end it was Moland to win again, with Osmo in second position and Emil Hansson, from Sweden, in third.

After 3 races, the 2016 Championship standing of European Snowcross is as follows:

- 1) Martin Moland (NOR) Artic Cat, 75 points
- 2) Mikko Osmo (FIN) Lynx, 56 points
- 3) Emil Hansson (SWE) Polaris, 51 points

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