



# Press Release

## European Moto2 and Superbike Championships First Round in Algarve (Portugal) - Day 1

The new FIM CEV Repsol season began officially this morning with the celebration of the first qualifying sessions. The Algarve International Circuit (Portugal) is hosting the first round of the 2015 season that marks the advent of the Moto3 Junior World Championship, the Moto2 European Championship and the Superbike European Championship.

The day proved troublesome for the first riders this morning who encountered a wet track after overnight rain.

Riding once again for the Targobank Motorsport team, Xavi Vierge (SPA-Tech3) took pole position in the Moto2 European Championship, with a lap of 1:45.532, comfortably ahead of new rider to the category Luca Marini (ITA-Kalex).



Xavi Vierge

Starting in second slot, Marini will be accompanied by teammate Edgar Pons (SPA-Kalex), who completes the first row of the grid.

On the second row will be Eric Granados (BRA-Kalex), Alan Techer (FRA-Tech3) and Steven Odeandal (RSA-Kalex). Marcos Ramírez (SPA-Yamaha) stood out in the Superstock 600 category.

The sun appeared briefly in the first qualifying session of the Superbike European Championship, in which excitement lasted right to the end of the final session. Carmelo Morales (SPA-Yamaha) snatched a last-gasp win ahead of the current series champion, Kenny Noyes (USA-Kawasaki), thanks to a superb 1:46.077 lap. Alongside Morales and Noyes on the front row will be Axel Maurin (FRA-Kawasaki). The best privateer rider was Ole Bjorn Plassen (NOR-Ducati).

All races will be shown live on the Championship Youtube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGIwVftx76c&feature=youtu.be>

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