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**Paralympic Motorcycle Racing: Di.Di. Diversamente Disabili  
presents the 2021 European Cup**



*The riders with disabilities coming from all Europe are back on track again and will give life to the International Motorcycle Racing Cup "EUROPEAN BRIDGESTONE IRON CUP", starting from this year recognized by FIM Europe.*

**Di.Di. Diversamente Disabili** No Profit Italian Association, engaged since 2013 in the important activity of bringing (or re-bringing) disabled people closer to the world of two wheels, presents the **2021 Paralympic Motorcycle Racing Calendar**.

"Di.Di. Diversamente Disabili" Team, headed by the paralympic athlete Emiliano Malagoli, was born to give the opportunity to all the motorcyclist with different kinds of disabilities to compete and, not less important, to deal with similar problems to grow and improve together. In these 8 years our association has collected more than 80 riders and it is continuing to grow every day.

The Paralympic Motorcycle Racing European Championship was first organized in year 2017 by FIM, French Handi Free Riders and Italian Diversamente Disabili and named International Bridgestone Handy Race.



This year celebrates its 5<sup>th</sup> edition with the new name **European Bridgestone Iron Cup**. This name immediately makes it clear that the riders who compete are really **IRON riders**, both in components and in character.

It's not just about sport: these guys are ambassadors of enthusiasm and determination. They are the living proof of "Never Give Up".

#### Scheduled Races:

- 17/18 April 2021 Le Mans (during LeMans 24Hours, World Endurance Championship)
- 24/25 July 2021 Misano (during CIV Italian Championship)
- 22/23 August 2021 Mugello (during FIM Cup)
- October 2021 (*date to be confirmed*)

#### Mr Martin de Graaff, FIM Europe President

*"Among its activities addressed to the Social Responsibility, the FIM Europe Management Council decided to create a Working Group aimed to prepare the Guidelines for regulating the Training Camps adapted to the riders with disabilities. In addition, it was decided to support the creation of a specific European Cup. The presentation of these two initiatives to all European Federations should have taken place in occasion of the FIM Europe Congress in Prague (July 2020) but, because of the pandemic Covid-19, it was postponed to the next Congress in Belgrade (July 2021). The hope is that this new European Bridgestone Iron Cup starting this year and taking place only in 2 Countries (France and Italy), will be able to grow furtherly and to interest, on the next years, as many Federations than possible. Therefore, we wish to the "Iron riders" a successful sporting season!"*

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