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**EMX 65 / EMX 85 European Championship - Final**  
**Vitezslav and Leok crowned champions**

The deep sand of Riola Sardo saw the finals of the **EMX85** and **EMX65** European **Championship** finals with Vitezslav Marek of Czech Republic victorious in the EMX85 category, while in the EMX65 class it was Estonian Lucas Leok who took home gold.

The 85cc and 65cc youngsters were tested by the Riola Sardo circuit here in Sardinia but took on the challenge without hesitation as they got a taste of what it feels like to race an FIM Motocross World Championship circuit.

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

*"I had the occasion to visit together with the Secretary General Alessandro Sambuco the finals in Sardinia. In both classes we saw a great attendance from all regional federations and in four excellent race the European champions could be honored. Congratulation to the organizers for the great job".*





## EMX85

In the first EMX85 race it was Lotte Van Drunen who led the way with Janis Martins Reisulis second, followed by Amaury Maindru and Douwe Van Mechelen.

Vitezslav Marek was making quick moves on the opening laps and got himself up three positions in one lap to move into third.

Reisulis was keeping things close to Van Drunen who looked at home in the sand and was more than comfortable in the lead. The Latvian rider made several attempts to pass the Dutch girl, but was unable to do so.

The battle between the pair went on for most of the race, while Marek was right there too. Though with four laps from the end, Reisulis dropped to third which allowed Marek to chase the win.

While Van Drunen had pulled a nice lead and it looked like she was close to getting her first EMX85 race win, Marek had other ideas. The Czech rider pushed hard and in the last two corners made the most of the back markers and got around the leader to steal the win in the final moments. Marek was the winner, Van Drunen finished second and Reisulis was third.

As the gate dropped for race two, it was Dean Greogoire who led the way as he was followed by Sandro Sols, Markuss Ozlins, Gyan Doensen and Marius Adomaitis.

Ozlins then took the lead early on, while the title contenders Reisulis, Van Drunen and Marek started the race further down the field and were fourth, fifth and sixth respectively. The trio then moved up a position and the chase for the win was on. Doensen then set the fastest lap of the race as he brought the gap down to him and Ozlins. But on lap three there was a change for the lead as Reisulis got himself out in front.

Doensen then dropped another position as Van Drunen went through as she pushed to stay with Reisulis and Marek, while the Czech rider took second from Ozlins.

Halfway through the race, the top three was Reisulis, Marek and Van Drunen as the trio fought for the title. Latvian Reisulis was able to edge out and focus on his own race to take the win and finish 6.072 seconds ahead of Marek and Van Drunen.

With a 1-2 result Vitezslav Marek repeated his success from 2019 when he won the EMX65 title to win the EMX85 European Championship ahead of Janis Martins Reisulis who was second with 45 points, followed by Lotte Van Drunen who was third with 42.

### Vitezslav Marek

*“My emotion is very fantastic because this is my first official year in 85cc class and I am very happy about it because in Greece for the Junior World Championship I was second which was sad but now I am first and I am happy”.*



### EMX65

In the opening EMX65 race it was Moritz Ernecker who got a good start ahead of Viktor Leppälä, Andrea Uccellini and Storm Maymann. Junior World Cup winner Aaron Katona struggled from the beginning as he was caught in a crash in the first turn.

Leppälä then took the lead, while Lucas Leok was charging through the field as he got himself into second early on. It did not take long for the young Estonian to take the lead on the second lap.

Leok then led Leppälä, Michal Psiuk and Dex van den Broek who was applying the pressure onto the Polish rider. Meanwhile further down the field Katona was making good progress



in the first few laps as he got himself up to eighth and was pushing for more. Eventually he finished sixth.

The lead then began to decrease, as young Lucas Leok was coming under more pressure from Leppälä. In the end it was Leok who was victorious, with Leppälä second and Van Den Broek third.

In the second race it was van den Broek who led the race, as Katona crashed on the opening lap once again. van den Broek led Leok, Ernecker and Sleny Goyer.

van den Broek was looking strong in the lead as he managed to pull a gap of 3.528 seconds at one stage of the race, though Leok was not going to make it easy for the Dutch rider.

Psiuk was also looking strong as he kept with van den Broek, Leok and Leppälä.

In the end van den Broek was able to get his head down and edge out over the rest as he finished the race 13.009 seconds ahead of Leok who settled for second while Leppälä was third.

With a 1-2 results, Lucas Leok won the EMX65 European Championship with 47 points, as Dex van den Broek was second on 45 points and Vitkor Leppälä joining the pair on the podium for third overall!

### Lucas Leok

*“I am very happy and I still don’t realise what I did. I want to thank my mum and dad and my sponsors for the help”.*

## Enduro European Championship: next to last round in Poland



Third round of the Enduro European Championship in Kelce, Poland.

Three juniors stood on top of the podium at the overall winner's ceremony: Enrico Rinaldi ahead of Krystof Kouble and the Finn Peetu Juupaluoma.

Surprisingly, Krystof Kouble had to take a back seat this time: The Czech rider had come to Poland as the leader of the championship, where conditions were similar to the last round in the Czech Republic with mud and rain. In fact, however, the Italian Enrico Rinaldi won the overall standings on both days, first catching up with Kouble and then even just overtaking him in the championship. Both are separated by a narrow margin of only three points before the final, which ultimately makes everything possible. But Rinaldi has already indicated that, uncharacteristically for an Italian, he likes to ride in the sand. That could be his advantage in the final round in Hellendorn, the Netherlands.

In third place in the championship behind the two juniors, with a clear points gap, is veteran Maurizio Micheluz, who once again won the small two-stroke class ahead of his compatriot Giuliano Mancusco.



In the senior category, Arne Domeyer was able to claim the overall victory - the German, who was already European Senior Champion three years ago, won the second day already in the first round: But due to illness, he is missing one competition, which is why he is not fighting for the title.

In the women's category, which was only two rounds instead of three, Justine Martel from France won both days on a KTM.

## Day2

Continuous rain on the first day of riding made some changes to the track necessary on the second day and in the end the last extreme test was taken out. There, riders had jammed up several times through no fault of their own because other competitors had blocked the slip roads in front of them. Thus, almost the entire class of the big four-strokes was affected in the first round: On the first day, the class winner Jaromir Romancik was still sixth in the overall ranking - on the second day of riding, it was only enough for the Czech rider to finish 14th in the overall ranking, even though he again won his class. In addition, one stage section had to be neutralized because a flooded creek made it almost impossible for the first riders to make the times. So, it was more a fight against the track than against the other competitors for most of the participants at that point.

Last and final round: 30<sup>th</sup> of September - 2<sup>nd</sup> of October, Hellendoorn - Netherlands (www.mcnh.nl)

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