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Enduro European Championship and Vintage Enduro European Championship: German round crowns the 2022 champions



Day 1

Day 1 of the Borilli Enduro European Championship in Rüdersdorf, Germany, saw the Belgian Erik Willems crowned champion of all classes. The eleventh overall position was enough for the Husqvarna rider to grab the title.

“It went pretty well at first, but then I had a heavy crash at the beginning of the second lap in the extreme test, which cost me a minute. From then on, it was really just a fight to actually make it to the finish in one piece”.

In the E2 class, however, the fight for the title is once again postponed to the last day. With a class win, Italian Alessandro Rizza could also already secure the title. A 23-point lead can no longer be caught by Martin Gottvald. The title is all the more remarkable as the victory was achieved with a 125cc bike.



Carlo Minot celebrated his title early in the Junior 1 class: with his class victory, he extended his lead over Simone Cristini, who was only sixth this time, to an unassailable 22 points.

The championship was also decided in the women's class: guest entrant Francesca Nocera from the Motocross World Championship won the day's classification, but Briton Nieve Holmes was able to extend her lead in the championship ahead of Marie Vide Holt with a second place, so she took the title early.

At the top of the overall standings, however, it was all about other riders: Italian Enrico Rinaldi, fought with German Jeremy Sydow. Rinaldi, who had been European Champion in the Junior class last year, led the field by a narrow margin. But the GasGas rider had already twisted his ankle in the very first special test and struggled throughout the day not only with the competition but also with his pain. On the last lap, former Motocross rider Sydow was able to pass. In the very last stage, the decision was made in favour of Rinaldi: he won the overall classification after one hour and eight minutes of special test time, just 4.39 seconds ahead of Sydow.

In addition, here below the winners of the Vintage Enduro European Championship.

Vintage Classic 2 - Andreas Mosert, Germany

Vintage Classic 3 - David Gomez Carrion, Spain

Vintage Experte 1 - Massimo Pescia, Italy

Vintage Experte 2 - Xavier Castey Soler, Spain

Vintage Open 2 - Martin Novella, Germany

Vintage Open 3 - Ricard Martinez, Spain

Vintage Open 4 - Peter Zink, Germany

Day 2

Second and last day of racing for the Enduro European Championship.



It got very dramatic in the Youth class for the under 21s. After a major crash on the first day of racing, Manuel Verzeroli, who had been leading the championship until then, slipped back to second place. As a result, Frenchman Clement Clauzier was leading the standings. Not only the championship, but after a slip by Verzeroli in the very first special stage, also the day's classification. But in the penultimate special test a crash by Clauzier dropped him to fourth place. This meant that Verzeroli won both the day's classification and the Championship. It was a tearful finish for the Frenchman, who had already had his hand on the title.

Defending champion Maurizio Micheluz finished second in the E1 class behind guest entrant Edward Hübner from Germany. This is the 14th time Micheluz has been European Champion, in the cubic capacity classes and even in the overall! But the 39-year-old is not thinking about quitting yet, why should he with this success.

The E3 class saw the duel between the Belgian Dietger Damiaens and the Frenchman David Abgrall. After the Briton Daniel Mundell had not started due to injury, Damiaens had a 7-point lead over the Frenchman. In the daily classification Damiaens had to admit defeat to guest starter Luca Fisheder from Germany, but in the end, he was at least 23 seconds faster than Abgrall and took the title.

In the E2 class, Erik Willems fought his way through the day once again: after the crash in day 1, he could only ride on Sunday with lots of painkillers even if he had already become Overall Champion. His rival Nicola Recchia from Italy, was only twelve points behind. In the day's classification Willems only came eighth, but Recchia was second behind his compatriot Giuliano Mancuso. This brought him 18 points and Willems still 8 points, so the Belgian on the Husqvarna could take home two titles.

The actual competition on this day was again won by Enrico Rinaldi from Italy, but this time ahead of another German, Luca Fisscheder. However, Rinaldi was only there as a guest entrant, not least to support his team and the trophy.

A plan that worked out perfectly, because in addition to the individual rankings, the Nations Trophy was also held at the weekend: Italy won the Trophy ahead of the Netherlands and Norway. The Junior Trophy went to the young riders from France ahead of Italy and the Czech Republic.

In the senior category, host Germany won ahead of Slovakia, and in the women's category won Team Italy.

Riders, teams and officials agreed that this final proved more than worthy of an Enduro European Championship from a sporting and organisational point of view.

Moto2 European Championship and European Talent Cup: season finale in Valencia



The 2022 season of the Moto2 European Championship and European Talent Cup came to an end with the final round at the Ricardo Tormo Circuit.



Moto2

In the Moto2™ ECh category, it was a fine display by Lukas Tulovic; the German rider, already crowned Champion and with a move to Moto2™ World Championship action in 2023, had to come from third on the grid but off the start, dropped to fifth place. He soon picked off Yeraz Ruiz (FAU55 TEY Racing) and Roberto Garcia (Cardoso Racing) to go third, before sitting behind Senna Agius (Promoracing) and Alex Escrig (Yamaha Philippines Stylobike Racing Team). Tulovic got ahead of them both in the final six laps, with Escrig chasing Tulovic once he cleared Agius but to no avail, as the German taking a seventh win of 2022, finishing inside the top two in every race throughout a memorable Championship campaign. Behind him in the standings, Agius was a proud second for Australia whilst Spanish rider Escrig took third. Consistency was key in the Stock class, as Daniel Muñoz (SP57 Racing Team) won again, but Marco Tapia (Easyrace Team) took the title.

ETC

It was a monumental day in the Hawkers ETC as history was made once more. With just three points between them, Guido Pini (AC Racing Team) started second whilst three points behind in the title race, Joel Esteban (Aspar Junior Team) went from fifth. In a race-long battle of swapping positions and trading paint, the two were doing battle in the lead group, which saw Casey O’Gorman (VisionTrack Racing Team), outgoing Champion Maximo Martinez (Team Honda Laglisse), Jesus Rios (MRE Talent), Brian Uriarte (Team Estrella Galicia 0,0) and teammate Rico Salmela fight it out. However, with a vital move towards the end, Pini placed himself in a perfect position and clinched the crown with P2, as O’Gorman won, whilst a dejected Esteban was third, missing out on the title by seven points. Irishman O’Gorman took third overall in the title behind Esteban and Champion Pini, the first Italian Champion in the class.