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## Mitropa Rally Cup is “ready to go” in 2021

- The Mitropa Rally Cup starts into its 56th season with rallies in 6 countries.
- Due to the pandemic situation this year, the calendar will be adapted to the specific conditions.
- The private driver rally serie has been always a birthplace for future talents. In 2021 one of the main targets is to extend support for young drivers.

(Munich, February 2, 2021) The Mitropa Rally Cup (MRC) is starting the rally season for the 56th time. In the heart of Europe, registered participants will fight in 6 countries - Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Italy, Hungary and Germany - at originally 10 scheduled events for championship points.

"Also, of course, we will have to deal with the pandemic situation, so the scheduling this year will be very dynamic," explains President Norberto Droandi. "Our first round in March at the Rebenland Rally in Austria has already been cancelled due to the early date in the calendar, and the Lavanttal Rally scheduled for April, will also be postponed to later in the year. Nevertheless, we are optimistic about this year. Our daily communication with organizers confirms this. In all the countries the rally family is eager to start to race, of course taking care about the safety for all the participants. We also see, that even under very difficult external conditions, big events can be arranged successfully, as for example the Monte Carlo Rally or the Arctic Finland Rally."

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Norberto Droandi explains: "We want to help young drivers to gain experience on an international level by supporting the exchange of experiences in the Mitropa Rally Cup community. One of the unique and very original feature of the MRC is that racing drivers from different nations come together, get to know each other as well as the common experience »Rally« in a very competitive, but still familiar atmosphere. In this way many drivers collect their first experiences in rallying on international level and start a career leading to high level motorsport achievements. Promoting young talents is a subject close to the heart of the Mitropa Cup Committee, so we are working on a long-term project to support young rally drivers."

In 2021 MRC will also start continuously refresh its image by focusing more on media work, implementing a new homepage and supporting the creation of additional presentations on all kinds of media platforms.

“Mitropa Rally Cup is a racing area of private drivers racing on family budget. However, under the challenging economic situation, more and more drivers will use some kind of sponsorship and therefore need a media presence. Our goal is to create a pool of pictures and TV coverages usable for all our drivers. We will also focus more on pre and after event newsletters, reporting on all important developments during the race.”

"We are pleased about the large number of registrations so far, many drivers from last year, but also many new drivers, are already on the entry list. We expect a very high-level driver pool this year, which speaks for a fantastic season with an exciting championship! See you on the rally stage."

### **Mitropa Rally Cup Calendar 2021**

Lavanttal Rallye (Austria) postponed to a later period

Rally Opatija (Croatia) 30.04. - 02.05.21

Rally Velenje (Slovenia) 28.-29.05.21

54. Mecsek Rallye (Hungary) 24.-26.06.21

Rally del Casentino – Toscana (Italy) 02.-03.07.21

Rally Zelezniki (Slovenia) 23.-24.07.21

Rally del Friuli (Italy) 19.-23.08.21

ADAC 3-Städte-Rallye (Germany) 14.-16.10.21

Rally Citta di Bassano (Italy) 22.-23.10.21

The Mitropa Rally Cup is of the oldest rally series in Europe. It was founded in 1965. Famous names such as Sandro Munari, Franz Wittmann, "Lucky" Luigi Battistolli, Armin Schwarz and Hermann Gassner have already entered their names in the series' winners' lists. Fans affectionately refer to the Mitropa Rally Cup as the "unofficial European Rally Championship for private drivers." The series is a championship recognized by the FIA (Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile). Participants can register in the categories FIA homologated vehicles and historic vehicles according to FIA Appendix K.

<https://mitropa-rally-cup.com/>

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## 2021 Season Calendar

* tbr in 2022	Rebenland-Rallye
** tba	Lavanttal-Rallye
30-02 MAY	Rally Opatija
28-19 MAY	Rally Velenje
24-26 JUN	Mecsek Rallye
02-03 JUL	Rally del Casentino
23-24 JUL	Rally Zelezniki
19-20 AUG	Rally del Friuli – Alpi Orientali
14-15 OCT	3-Städte-Rallye
22-23 OCT	Rally Citta di Bassano

\*tbr: to be rescheduled | \*\*tba: to be announced



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