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Mecsek Rally 2021: Kößler wins, Hungarian teams remain dominant in the championships.

- The German team Manuel Kößler/Melanie Kalinke won the Mitropa Rally Cup on a Subaru Impreza.
- The Hungarian duo of Ferenc Wirtmann and Józef Kerekcs once again won the classification for historic cars on a Ford Escort RS.
- In the Mitropa Club Championship the victory is again won by the team Ariel Gyarmati/György Kocsis on Mitsubishi Lancer EVO IX.

(Munich, June 27, 2021) Also at this year's second round of the Mitropa Rally Cup, the 54th Mecsek Rally in Hungary (25.-26.06.21), the Hungarian teams dominated as already at the first round in Velenje, Slovenia. However, the victory in the Mitropa Rally Cup was won by the German team Manuel Kößler/Melanie Kalinke on Subaru Impreza. Kößler left no stone unturned and took a direct risk on Friday evening on a still rain-soaked road. This promptly led to a small trip into the botany. His competitor Kanyik, however, was worse off, firing the car into the forest in such a way that the entire right side of the vehicle was damaged. Only through the efforts of many hardworking hands during the night was he able to continue his ride at all. As a result, Kößler already had a lead of more than 5 minutes on Friday, which he was able to extend to 6:37.7 min. by the time he reached the finish line and confidently secured victory.

In the historical classification, a rainstorm after the start ceremony and the first special stage shook up the field. Alfons Nothdurfter was definitely wrong soled here with his D5 Pirellis. He already lost one and a half minutes to Ferenc Wirtmann/József Kerekcs in the Ford Escort RS on the first special stage of the day despite four-wheel drive. After a strong drive, the two competitors Balogh (HUN) in a Fiat 131 Racing and Reitsperger (AUT) in a VW Golf retired after SS3 due to technical reasons. So in the end Ferenc Wirtmann (HUN) deservedly won ahead of Alfons Nothdurfter (AUT) and "Mészai" (HUN).

The Mitropa Club Championship was exciting. After the retirement of the Hungarian co-favorite Pahi in the Ford Fiesta Proto directly in the first special stage (clutch failure), it was a head-to-head race between Gyarmati and Matics, which in the end Ariel Gyarmati could decide for himself with an advantage of 22,3 seconds.

The Nissan Z350 crews Scheidhammer (DEU) and Schuck (HUN) also had a gripping battle. After changing leading positions, Schuck was ahead in the end by 13.2 seconds.

Mitropa Cup newcomer Rónavölgyi slipped off the track in the last special stage but was able to finish the race with a lot of luck and the help of energetic spectators.

Results 54. Mecsek Rallye Mitropa Rally Cup**Mitropa Rally Cup (FIA App. J)**

1. Kößler, Manuel/Kalinke, Melanie – Subaru Impreza (1:24,27,9)
2. ifj.Kanyik Antal/Nyirfás Yulianna – Peugeot 208 R2 (+6:37,7)

Mitropa Rally Historic Cup (FIA App. K)

1. Wirtmann Ferenc/Kerekes József – Ford Escort RS (1:38:30,8)
2. Nothdurfter, Alfons/Nolte, Jürgen – Ford Sierra Cosworth 4x4 (+4:23,3)
3. "Mészai"/Paukovics Lilla – Lada 2101 (+12:53,4)

Mitropa Rally Club Championship

1. Gyarmati Ariel/Kocsis György – Mitsubishi Lancer Evo9 (1:18:08,4)
2. Matics Mihály/Matics Barbara – Mitsubishi Lancer Evo9 (+22,3)
3. Rónavölgyi Endre/Eperjesi Péter – Honda Civic Type-R (+12:19,1)
4. Schuck János/Gonda Dániel – Nissan Z350 (+12:25,3)
5. Scheidhammer, Alois/Regner, August – Nissan Z350 (+12.38,5)

Championship Points Mitropa Rally Cup**Mitropa Rally Cup – Driver**

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|----------------------|-------|----|
| 1. Kößler Manuel | (DEU) | 94 |
| 2. Kiss Ferenc | (HUN) | 66 |
| 3. Dunner Lukas | (AUT) | 60 |
| 4. Antal Ifj. Kanyik | (HUN) | 59 |
| 5. Sulzinger Raffael | (DEU) | 53 |

Mitropa Rally Cup – Co-Driver

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|---------------------|-------|----|
| 1. Nyirfas Julianna | (HUN) | 70 |
| 2. Kiss Ferenc | (HUN) | 66 |
| 3. Ostlender Hanna | (DEU) | 56 |
| 4. Kalinke Melanie | (DEU) | 50 |
| 5. Harloff Claudia | (DEU) | 50 |

Mitropa Rally Historic Cup – Driver

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|-----------------------|-------|----|
| 1. Wirtmann Ferenc | (HUN) | 60 |
| 2. Mesziati Attila | (HUN) | 52 |
| 3. Nothdurfter Alfons | (AUT) | 28 |
| 4. Muradore Rino | (ITA) | 28 |
| 5. Lampelmaier Max | (AUT) | 26 |

Mitropa Rally Historic Cup – Co-Driver

1. Kerekes József (HUN) 60
2. Paukovics Lilla (HUN) 54
3. Nolte Jürgen (DEU) 28
4. Gräbner Katrin (DEU) 26
5. Taskó András (HUN) 10

Mitropa Rally Club Championship – Driver

1. Gyarmati Ariel (HUN) 106
2. Scheidhammer Alois (DEU) 68
3. Schuck János (HUN) 56
4. Tajmel Tibor (HUN) 48
5. Kainz Martin (DEU) 43

Mitropa Rally Club Championship – Co-Driver

1. Kocsis György (HUN) 106
2. Regner August (DEU) 76
3. Gonda Daniel (HUN) 65
4. Horváth Lajos (HUN) 48
5. Bergmann Andreas (DEU) 43

Mitropa Rally Cup Calendar 2021

- 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
Rally Nova Gorica (Slovenia) 9.-11.9.21
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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Manuel Kößler / Melanie Kalinke (DEU) Subaru Impreza STI
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Ariel Gyarmati / György Kocsis (HUN) Mitsubishi Lancer EVO IX
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Ferenc Wirtmann / József Kerekes (HUN) Ford Escort RS

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