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Hungarian Ferenc Kiss with impressive MRC victory at Rally Nova Gorica

- The 51-year-old Hungarian Ferenc Kiss dominates the Mitropa Rally Cup classification with his son on his right seat.
- The Italian Rino Muradore took the victory in the historic cars.
- The club classification after spectacular driving gets to the Hungarian Ariel Gyarmati. The German Martin Kainz takes the lead in the Club Championship.

(Munich, September 21, 2021) Ferenc Kiss returns and wins impressively the Mitropa Rally Cup classification at the Rally Nova Gorica (10.-11.9.21) in Slovenia. Once again he demonstrated his skills after having already won the opening event in Velenje in spring. The 51-year-old Hungarian dominates the rally with his son on his right seat, however, gets problems with his VW Polo GTI R5 on the last two special stages, but is able to defend his lead over Manuel Kößler (Subaru Impreza STi R4). Third place was taken by the Slovenian Jernej Fakin on Ford Fiesta Rally4 after a fast drive.

On the first day, Austria's Lukas Dunner and Germany's Manuel Kößler put up an exciting fight. On the second-last special stage of the day, however, Dunner ran out of road and ended up in the embankment below the edge of the road. After the recovery during the night, however, it turned out that a continuation of the race according to the Super Rally rules the next day was out of the question. Kößler maintained his pace and continued to win important points for the Mitropa Rally Cup championship. With only one point behind in the championship table, the decision on this year's championship will be made in the two remaining events (3-Städte-Rallye and Rally Bassano).

The historical classification was won again by the Italian team Rino Muradore/Sonia Borghese on their Ford Escort RS 1800 MKII after a fast and clean drive. In total there were only 3 teams in this division. The Hungarian Meszati took 2nd place in the final standings after the Austrian Gerhard Openauer had to park his car due to technical problems. Meszati wins important points for the championship. The championship ranking seems to be already decided for Muradore.

The Club Championship classification is won by the Hungarian team Ariel Gyarmati/György Kocsis with their Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX R4 after a spectacular drive. Second place also went to Hungary, with Mihály Matics crossing the finish line 2.48 minutes ahead of German Martin Kainz. So Kainz wins important points for the championship and winning it in this category is within his reach.

From Friday noon, the 22 teams of the Mitropa Rally Cup took the total of 143 special stage kilometers under their wheels. Late on Saturday afternoon, the teams crossed the finish line in Nova Gorica after a total of 380 kilometers. The decision was made on 6 different special stages, each of which was driven twice.

Results Rally Nova Gorica 2021

Mitropa Rally Cup (FIA App. J)

1. Kiss Ferenc/Kiss Ferenc jun. (HUN) - Volkswagen Polo GTI R5 1:33:20.6
2. Kößler Manuel/Kalinke Melanie (DEU) - Subaru Impreza STi R4 +36.8
3. Fakin Jernej/Fakin Gregor (SVN) - Ford Fiesta Rally4 +41.2
4. Gaßner sen. Hermann/Öttl Lena (DEU) - Mitsubishi Lancer Evo X R4 +1:21.8
5. Zrinski Aleš/Vidmar Rok (SVN) - Ford Fiesta R5 +1:37.4
6. Irlacher Wolfgang/Miedl Regina (DEU) - Honda Civic Type-R R3 +6:31.8
7. Rachner Olaf/Rachner Heike (DEU) - Suzuki Swift Sport Mk4 +21:05.5
8. Čebbron Janko/Kavčič Andrej (SVN) - Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX tyre 2:08:45.0

Mitropa Rally Historic Cup (FIA App. K)

1. Muradore Rino/Borghese Sonia (ITA) - Ford Escort RS 1800 MKII 1:41:57.4
2. Mészati/Schmidt Ádám (HUN) - Lada VAZ 2101 +13:42.8

Mitropa Rally Club Championship

1. Gyarmati Ariel/Kocsis György (HUN) - Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX R4 1:32:26.7
2. Matics Mihály/Maricsek Miklós (HUN) - Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX R4 +1:14.5
3. Mainz Martin/Bergmann Andreas (DEU) - Mitsubishi Lancer Evo VII +5:54.5
4. Tajmel Tibor/Horváth Lajos (HUN) - BMW M3 E36 +7:43.3
5. Cepek Alessandro/Colja Fabrizio (ITA) - Renault Clio RS +8:10.1
6. Scheidhammer Alois/Regner August (DEU) - Nissan 350Z +13:57.5
7. Páhi Csaba/Rezgő Erik (HUN) - Ford Fiesta Proto tyre +19:54.4

Championship Points Mitropa Rally Cup

Mitropa Rally Cup – Driver

1. Dunner Lukas	(AUT)	221
2. Kößler Manuel	(DEU)	219
3. Gaßner Hermann	(DEU)	161
4. Kiss Ferenc	(HUN)	125
5. Rachner Olaf (DEU)	121

Mitropa Rally Cup – Co-Driver

1. Kalinke Melanie	(DEU)	192
2. Rachner Heike	(DEU)	152
3. Thannhäuser Karin	(DEU)	136
4. Kiss Ferenc	(HUN)	125
5. Fakin Gregor	(SVN)	122

Mitropa Rally Historic Cup – Driver

1. Muradore Rino	(ITA)	146
2. Mesziati Attila	(HUN)	128
3. Wirtmann Ferenc	(HUN)	65
4. Openauer Gerhard	(AUT)	63
5. Nothdurfter Alfons	(AUT)	59

Mitropa Rally Historic Cup – Co-Driver

1. Paukovics Lilla	(HUN)	112
2. Kerekes József	(HUN)	65
3. Nolte Jürgen	(DEU)	63
4. Gräbner Katrin	(DEU)	52
5. Bökamp Lothar	(DEU)	30

Mitropa Rally Club Championship – Driver

1. Kainz Martin	(DEU)	205
2. Gyarmati Ariel	(HUN)	170
3. Dilg Rüdiger	(DEU)	160
4. Matics Mihály	(HUN)	150
5. Tajmel Tibor	(HUN)	134

Mitropa Rally Club Championship – Co-Driver

1. Bergmann Andreas (DEU) 171
2. Kocsis György (HUN) 170
3. Regner August (DEU) 144
4. Horváth Lajos (HUN) 141
5. Brandl Günter (DEU) 138

Mitropa Rally Club Championship – Co-Driver

1. Brandl Günter (DEU) 138
2. Bergmann Andreas (DEU) 135
3. Regner August (DEU) 116
4. Kocsis György (HUN) 106
5. Horváth Lajos (HUN) 98

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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Ferenc Kiss/ Ferenc Kiss jun. (HUN) - Volkswagen Polo GTI R5

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Winners Mitropa Rally Historic Cup – Rino Muradore/Sonia Borghese

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Ariel Gyarmati / György Kocsis (HUN) - Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX R4

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