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Hermann Gaßner sen. wins the Mitropa Rally Cup classification at the Rally Bassano

- Lukas Dunner (AUT) is new Mitropa Rally Cup Champion
- Rino Muradore (ITA) wins the classification for historic cars
- Martin Kainz (DEU) wins this year's Club Championship

(Munich, October 24, 2021) With the Rally Città de Bassano, the last round of this year's Mitropa Rally Cup took place in Italy from 22-23 October 21. The rally went over a total of 316 kilometers with 7 special stages with 92 special stage kilometers through the beautiful landscape of northern Italy. On three different routes, including the classic "Valstagna", which is with its almost 12 kilometers a curve dorado for every rally driver, 197 rally drivers had registered.

13 participants of the Mitropa Rally Cup had submitted their entries for the Rally Bassano. In the end the experienced German team Hermann Gaßner sen. with co-driver Karin Thannhäuser (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo X R4) could claim victory in the Mitropa Cup. Championship leader Lukas Dunner did not start, second placed Manuel Kößler had come with a Hyundai I20 Ng R5 to preserve his championship chances but retired already on Friday evening in the first special stage with a broken suspension. Youngster René Noller was leading the Mitropa Cup classification with an advantage of half a minute before he hit a stone in the 4th special stage while cutting a bend carelessly and then had to retire. Thus, this year's championship won the 19 year old Lukas Dunner in Austria.

Despite a time penalty of 1 minute the Italian team Rino Muradore/Sonia Borghese on a Ford Escort RS 1800 MKII won the classification for historic cars. Victory in the championship was already assured for Muradore before this last rally. Gerhard Openauer (AUT) retired after also driving fast in the 3rd special stage by brake failure.

In the Club-Championship Rüdiger Dilg/Günter Brandl put down their Mitsubishi Lancer Evo VII on position 1. The German Martin Kainz was also already determined as championship winner of this category before the Rally Bassano.

This year's special classification of the Mitropa Rally Cup went to the German Alois Scheidhammer in the 2WD classification, the Challenge Light Trophy was won by the Italian Alessandro Cepek.

Results Rally Città de Bassano 2021

Mitropa Rally Cup (FIA App. J)

1. Gassner sen. Hermann/Thannhäuser K. (DEU) - Mitsubishi Lancer Evo X R4 49:06.6
2. Keil Christoph/Spath Josef (DEU) - Peugeot 206 XS 1:00:18.6

Mitropa Rally Historic Cup (FIA App. K)

1. Muradore Rino/Borghese Sonia (ITA) - Ford Escort RS 1800 MKII 1:02:27.2
2. Montino Pierpaolo/Valentinis Andrea (ITA) - Talbot Samba Rallye 1:08:24.4
3. Stietka Walther/Puff Wolfgang (AUT) - Volkswagen Käfer 1302 S 1:16:49.5

Mitropa Rally Club Championship

1. Dilg Rüdiger/Brandl Günter (DEU) - Mitsubishi Lancer Evo VII 52:04.9
2. Cepek Alessandro /Colja Fabrizio (ITA) - Renault Clio RS 52:32.8
3. Scheidhammer Alois/Regner August (DEU) - Opel Astra GTC CDTi 1:03:21.9

Championship Points Mitropa Rally Cup

Mitropa Rally Cup – Driver

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|-------------------|-------|-----|
| 1. Dunner Lukas | (AUT) | 256 |
| 2. Kößler Manuel | (DEU) | 249 |
| 3. Gaßner Hermann | (DEU) | 241 |
| 4. Noller René | (DEU) | 134 |
| 5. Kiss Ferenc | (HUN) | 125 |

Mitropa Rally Cup – Co-Driver

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|----------------------|-------|-----|
| 1. Kalinke Melanie | (DEU) | 228 |
| 2. Thannhäuser Karin | (DEU) | 176 |
| 3. Rachner Heike | (DEU) | 152 |
| 4. Kiss Ferenc | (HUN) | 125 |
| 5. Fakin Gregor | (SVN) | 122 |

Mitropa Rally Historic Cup – Driver

1. Muradore Rino (ITA) 186
2. Mesziati Attila (HUN) 152
3. Nothdurfter Alfons (AUT) 89
4. Zacher Hans-Ulrich (DEU) 70
5. Openauer Gerhard (AUT) 68

Mitropa Rally Historic Cup – Co-Driver

1. Paukovics Lilla (HUN) 112
2. Nolte Jürgen (DEU) 93
3. Gräbner Katrin (DEU) 80
4. Kerekes József (HUN) 65
5. Bökamp Lothar (DEU) 30

Mitropa Rally Club Championship – Driver

1. Kainz Martin (DEU) 245
2. Scheidhammer A. (DEU) 201
3. Dilg Rüdiger (DEU) 200
4. Gyarmati Ariel (HUN) 170
5. Matics Mihály (HUN) 150

Mitropa Rally Club Championship – Co-Driver

1. Regner August (DEU) 217
2. Brandl Günter (DEU) 178
3. Bergmann Andreas (DEU) 171
4. Kocsis György (HUN) 170
5. Colja Fabrizio (ITA) 157

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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Gassner sen. Hermann/Thannhäuser Karin (DEU) - Mitsubishi Lancer Evo X R4

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Muradore Rino/Borghese Sonia (ITA) - Ford Escort RS 1800 MKII
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Dilg Rüdiger/Brandl Günter (DEU) - Mitsubishi Lancer Evo VII
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