



Press Release

Monaco (P.ty) Wednesday 22 December 2021 - WES Management is glad to announce a brand-new hosting venue in the World E-Bike Series calendar: the **Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps**, in Belgium.

The multiple-year agreement will see the Belgian Round to be held on **3-4 September in 2022**.

The iconic track is one of the most legendary in motorsports, acclaimed by drivers and riders from all over the world, featuring the well-known Raidillon Turn, and it is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. A mix of tradition and innovation, not only in the facilities, as the **Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps** is working to improve the drivers and riders safety, as well as the motorsports spectators experience: the Belgian venue is **open to new disciplines and technologies**.

Spa-Francorchamps is located in the magnificent region of **the Ardennes, in a natural, breathtaking, verdant setting**. A distinguishing feature of the circuit is its conifer woods, a mix of softwoods and hardwoods, larch, spruce, oak, birch, beech and ash trees that make the **perfect terrain for an E-MTB World Cup race track**.

Francesco Di Biase, WES CEO and Founder: *"We are delighted to announce a multiple-year agreement with a world-famous venue like the **Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps**. This partnership means a step forward in WES development and one of our goals is to set up a permanent E-MTB track at Spa, as this would be the perfect location for a consistent activity and for promoting the discipline. To hold a WES event in such an iconic circuit will once again represent an opportunity for WES and the Local Promoter to spread the word of the green transition, with the aim to innovate and increase their sporting events offer. Furthermore, for the first time, this partnership will take WES and the UCI E-MTB World Cup to a country like Belgium which boasts a great cycling tradition and so many national heroes in several disciplines, and this will take E-MTB closer to a wide audience of bike enthusiasts and amateurs".*

Melchior Wathelet, Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps Chairman of the Board declared: *"This is a new milestone in the diversification process the Circuit is currently going through. We have a great pleasure to announce the addition of a new series to our activities on track: the Spa-Francorchamps WES UCI E-MTB World Cup. While holding firmly to its DNA as the temple of motorsport, the Circuit is developing new events representing innovative projects. The Spa-Francorchamps WES UCI E-MTB World Cup perfectly fits into this process: a UCI electric cycling championship to take place at the heart of the forest. The Circuit also aims to make this event an opportunity for cycling fans, families and friends, to discover the venue by offering numerous sporting and recreational activities".*

Next 3-4 September, the race track designed by the WES Staff together with the Spa-Francorchamps bike specialists will be raced clockwise in race 1, on the Saturday and anti-clockwise in race 2, on Sunday.



Based on WES race track requirements, **the course layout and characteristics will be unveiled soon.**

The **Ride WES** - the traditional WES amateur *randonnée* – will take place on the Sunday to gather E-bike riders and beginners with pros and guides, along with cycling stars whose names will be unveiled in the near future.

Registration to both the UCI World Cup races and the Ride WES will open in January.

For further information:

<https://www.spa-francorchamps.be/>