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Press Release

WES comes to Italy for the Bologna Montana Round Presented by Raspini

Monaco (P.ty) Wednesday 25 May 2022 – All set for the upcoming UCI E-MTB XC World Cup Italian Round Presented by Raspini to be held next 28-29 May. This year the event will take place in the commune of Monghidoro with the support of the Metropolitan City of Bologna and the APT, the touristic promotion branch of the Region.

New challenging tracks with an amazing view of the Apennine Mountains, in the heart of a cycle touristic area where passion for E-Mountain Biking is already a fact, WES giving the international touch of a world cycling competition.

The UCI E-MTB XC World Cup race format will once again see a double race in one weekend, giving women and men riders a double chance to earn important points for the overall standings.

The track will be raced anticlockwise on Day 1 and clockwise on Day 2, same start loop, same start/finish, and different challenges on the two days, as the tricky descent of the Saturday's track will turn into a tough, steep climb on Sunday.

The lap length is 3.5 km, each race consisting of 6 laps for a total distance of 21 km and a 1242 m climb.

After round 1 in Monaco last month, the standings leaders in both categories, French riders and teammates at Lapierre Overvolt, **Jérôme Gilloux, Men's Reigning World Champion**, and **Justine Tonso, Women's impressive newcomer** in the series, will both get to the Bologna Montana Round with a full score, thanks to their double win in the season opener.

In the Women's, **Reigning World Champion Nicole Göldi** (Trek) is looking forward to her second World Cup round and to battling against her friend and Swiss fellow countrywoman **Nathalie Schneitter** (Trek/Bosch), who wore the first-ever rainbow jersey of the discipline in 2019.

Joris Ryf (Bergstrom) and **Loïc Noël** (Specialized) both from Switzerland will be the ones to watch as the Men's podium contenders, along with Dutchman **Kjell van den Boogert** (American Eagle). After his crash on the wet Monaco Round track, French **Théo Charmes** (Cube) is recovering to hopefully be back on track at WES Bologna.

Local heroes, National E-XC Champions, **Martino Fruet** (Lapierre), and **Anna Oberparleiter** (Specialized) will be at the start to battle with the international stars in front of their home crowd.

Licensed Pro-riders and Wildcards can apply to the Bologna Montana Round [HERE](#).

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Special guest, MotoGP legend, Spaniard **Dani Pedrosa** will attend the weekend to test the E-MTB World Cup track and will be on hand for signing autographs and taking pictures with fans, on **Friday 27 at 6:00 pm CET** at the WES race paddock, located at Rifugio Fantorno, via S. Pietro, 70, 40063 Monghidoro (BO) (GPS N44° 11.295' E11° 19.411').

The **WES E-Bike Fest** format will welcome fans, spectators, E-Bike lovers, and E-beginners to watch the races, ride on the amazing trails with pro guides to discover the territory, with the chance to rent an E-Bike onsite.

Skilled amateurs can take part in the traditional **Ride WES**, the guided randonnée on and around the **World Cup track**. Participants can register [HERE](#).

A brand-new **WES Mobile App** is being launched today for E-Bike fans and onsite spectators with exclusive content, info, maps, and much more. The **WES N-SO App** is downloadable via mobile [HERE](#).

The TV coverage in Italian with race highlights and interviews with the protagonists will be available on the Italian **BIKE Channel**, the platform owned by BFC Media, Official Media Partner of WES since 2021, also available on **Sky TV** channels.

All results and race **live timing** available on WES website [HERE](#).

For further information:

Città Metropolitana di Bologna

<https://www.bolognawelcome.com/it/eventi/sport/wes-coppa-del-mondo-di-e-mountain-bike>

Bologna Montana Bike Area (BO.M.BA) <https://www.bolognamontanabikearea.it/>

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