









8 INTERNATIONAL ECO GRAND PRIX COMPETITIONS 2019

It's not about high-speed, but about showcasing the versatility and practicality of electric mobility with 100% electric-powered production e-cars under different weather conditions - all competitions are designed as endurance challenges, i.e. marathon events of more than 6 hours.

Autofutures has aptly summarized the reason "why eco Grand Prix" in the following article: https://www.autofutures.tv/2019/01/17/racingevs/

A special thrill under extreme conditions was the kick-off of the 2019 season - the FVRT drag

race, the event where the well-known acceleration power of electric cars was demonstrated.



In addition not just electric cars were competing but also a McLaren and a tuned Chevrolet Camaro against Teslas. The result was sobering for the petrol engine. The gas cars landed far behind and could not even beat the Tesla Model X SUV.



After this first competition of the season in Abu Dhabi now the Englishman Zayd Shaikh is leading the eco Grand Prix ranking list, followed by the American Kyle Field and the Englishman Ben Hill.

The next race in Andorra - the Snow and Ice Challenge - will show the marathon endurance of electric cars under winter conditions. A Nissan factory team has expressed an interest in starting with the Nissan eNV Transporter.





The eco Grand Prix endurance competition series has set itself the goal of comparing all available electric car models within the scope of an exhibition with lectures and presentations under the same extreme conditions. Amateurs drive their production vehicles in an environment without charging infrastructure, as Rafael de Mestre - the initiator of the racing series - discovered on his first #80edays trip with his electric car (www.80edays.com) around the world. "A NRGkick adapter is enough to make it".



His opinion about the infrastructure: "Charging stations make life easier for petrol stations like petrol stations, so you do not have to drive to pharmacies at opening times like you did 100 years ago. To reach a destination with an electric car, you do not need any charging stations. I've circumnavigated the world twice with an electric car, electricity is available in every hotel, where you won't get gasoline."



After the race in Andorra the next challenge will be at expected 40°C hotter conditions on 1.6. in Hungary - where the Grand Prix points can be collected in two races of 4.5 hours each - at the Hungaroring as part of an exhibition with an extensive program for visitors. After this event eco Grand Prix will go to Germany.



On 8.6. The revival of the traditional Schauinsland race takes place under new signature - according to eco Grand Prix style fully electric - but not on a closed track, but under real conditions in flowing traffic. If the piloting is successful, there is a commitment to organize this format annually in early summer. Already many months ago, ADAC and Badenova AG & Co KG have become partners. Actually the Freiburg Mayor Martin Horn has already expressed interest in a ride.





The 2019 race calendar includes three events in Germany, where points for the eco GP Germany Cup can be collected separately, the second one - one week later - on 15./16.6. take part in the e4Testival at the Hockenheimring as endurance night race.



Since every challenge consists of driving and charging, the challenge of the participating teams is quite demanding: coordination and understanding among each other, a driving and charging strategy within the given event time is crucial for success. The thus achieved ranges of the vehicles, driven predominantly in all weather conditions by amateurs, can be followed live over the oficial YouTube channel. At the same time, the topics of electric mobility will be discussed in podium discussions, and visitors to the events will be offered the opportunity of test drives. The point is that those interested, curious and so far undecided can have the opportunity to take their own impression from their own point of view: they will experience the real achievable high ranges of small electric cars that they can test out locally, as well as the higher priced products.

In 2018, the media interest was huge at the 24h of Germany. The three main TV channel chains of Germany reported. MDR, ZDF and NTV was on site at the world premiere:







According to the organizers, eco Grand Prix is the best team building format for companies that

are committed to sustainability. Teams are welcome to subscribe to the following challenges:

ECO GRAND PRIX SCHEDULE 2019 I. ABU DHABI YAS MARINA CIRCUIT 17.01.2019 **ACCELERATION** 2. ANDORRA 10.03.2019 PAS DE LA CASA SNOW 01.06.2019 3. HUNGARY HUNGARORING HEAT 4. GERMANY **SCHAUINSLAND** 08.06.2019 MOUNTAIN 5. GERMANY HOCKENHEIMRING 15.06.2019 NIGHT PÔLE MÉCANIQUE ALÈS CEVENNES 6. FRANCE 04.07.2019 NIGHT 7. SPAIN CIRCUIT DE CALAFAT 21.09.2019 WIND 8. GERMANY MOTORSPORT ARENA OSCHERSLEBEN 29.11.2019 24H

If you are traveling from further away you can charge with the Token or the App of Electromaps borderless, tens of thousands of charging stations in Europe are available to reach every point of Europe with an electric car with just one RFID or app.







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Further details about the 8 competitions and the rules can be found at:

http://ecograndprix.com/season-2019

There is a limit to the maximum number of participants per competition, a timely registration is recommended, especially since many places are already taken. In case of questions you are welcome contacting us over email to contact@ecograndprix.com



80eDays CIRCUMNAVIGATION 2020

Last but not least some news about the third electric world tour in 2020:



The project 80edays has received a harsh setback because not enough investors have been found so that the zero-emission sailing ship Brigantes won't be ready in time. This means that we now count on the already finished sailing ship Avonutuur but the number of participants who can participate emission-free will be very limited. The circumnavigation of the world will not be canceled, the initiator and experienced project manager Rafael de Mestre is known that his announced projects are not canceled but starting and finishing on time as planned years before. The backup to transport the other cars via the normal sea transport compensating the emitted CO² via MyClimate will allow additional international teams to participate. Let's hope that 80edays 2024 it will be able to transport more teams in the enjoyment of emission-free circumnavigation of the world. In April, ports in Norway will be tested for sailing ship navigation ability and the conditions negotiated when and how to take off with Avontuur 2020.

For the crossing of the Pacific Ocean, there are also two options, the normal ship route with CO² tree plant compensation is not preferred here, rather Rafael de Mestre wants to use an electric ferry from Norway in the Bering Strait to Russia in just 2 hours from America emission-free. Here is still to clarify how to get to the Bering Strait by land. The solution would be solar carports to be installed on the way there because actually there are supposedly no gas stations where you could always alternatively charge your car at a normal outlet.

Hereby all Solar Carport manufacturers are called to join to put the first purely electric route to Russia. **CONTACT**

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