



Three days left until the start of the Eco Grand Prix du Roussillon

Start Of The ecoGP Anniversary 2023 Season – Schedule and Rules

The EcoGP 2023 anniversary series kicks off in France, with the first race taking place on the historic Circuit des Platanes a Perpignan at Roussillon. This event, supported by the Automobile Club du Roussillon and the City of Perpignan, will be held during the catholic Pentecost holidays, making it the perfect excuse to extend the weekend and relax on the nearby beach.

Teams will compete in an 8-hour endurance race on a 2.54km track, with one or more drivers per team. The challenge is to drive the maximum number of laps having only CEE 16A sockets, like you can find it everywhere in the world, proving that no one has to fear that they won't be able to charge somewhere. Fans will be entertained during an unforgettable event that combines endurance with the latest in e-mobility technology.



The first ever ecoGP in the middle of the city, on closed roads

We are pleased to be back in France after our 2019 premiere in Ales. The city of Perpignan now comes with a huge electromobility event, with a lot of different activities around the track, where the special thrill is not only that the competitors are driving laps around in the city center, but that the streets will be closed exclusively for ecoGP!

It is the first ever ecoGP in the middle of the city, on closed roads. You will get Formula E feeling on the traditional racetrack dating from 1946-1949. Visitors can cross the street safely using underpasses so that it is super safe and super nice to have inhabitants of the city and the fans looking at you and cheering.

The initiator of the ecoGP idea, Rafael de Mestre, proved that you can find these sockets on many racetracks and all around the world, at hotels. In 2012 he started to register these charging points at www.chargehotels.com, during his first electric production car around the world race. Rafael de Mestre will sponsor out of his pocket all the charging stations for the hotel infrastructure during this 10th anniversary year of ecoGP (please visit www.chargehotels.eu). Any hotel is welcome to apply for this program.



Schedule of the ecoGP competition

28.05

10:00 Parade of EV in Perpignan center (organized by Roue Libre, Lame 66, Tesla Club Occitanie)

11:00 Registration starts at the Palais des Congrès or Automobile Club Roussillon

14:00 Technical inspection of cars

15:30 Registration finish

16:00 Briefing at the Palais des Congrès

16:30 Line up at the start – Odometer photo

19:00 Start of first round

00:00 Finish of first round – drive to parc fermé – Odometer & battery photo

29.05

04:30 Line up at the start in the ranking sequence – Odometer & battery photo

05:00 Start of second round

08:00 Finish of ecoGP – drive to parc fermée – Odometer & battery photo

09:30 Ranking calculation

10:00 Award ceremony

11:00 Networking meeting

12:00 Good bye lunch (preregistration needed)



Cars start with maximum 50kW of their battery capacity or 100% (if the battery capacity is less than 50kW)

The ecoGP competition is the place where every car sets its own record. From the BMW i3 to the Peugeot e-2008 and the Kia Soul E, all models will compete against their own kind in a thrilling race to see who comes out on top. Each car taking the start will set the record to be beaten next time, so the pressure is on to perform at your best and leave your mark in the record books.

Cars start with max. 50kW or 100% of their battery capacity. Starting with more than 50kW leads to a deduction of 2 laps per kWh at the start. One lap is about 2.5 km long.

Please note: We do not calculate degradation of the battery, the value which is in the car papers counts.



You are welcome to join the event with your entire family and friends

We invite you and your family, including your children, to join us at the event. There will be a special stand for kids, featuring mini electric cars that can be controlled by remote. While you are participating in the race or cheering on your favorite teams, your kids will have the chance to play and have fun. ECOGP4KIDS stand will be located near the ecoGP stand at Place Centrale on May 28.

Don't miss this opportunity to witness history as electric cars challenge for endurance on the city circuit.

About ecoGP:

The first ecoGP series took place in Spain in 2013 and it was initiated by Rafael de Mestre, the series' founder. Originally from Spain, but established in Romania, Rafael has traveled twice around the world with his own electric car and has been promoting the message that electric cars have a good range, and they are able to charge everywhere: "Wherever there is a light burning then you can charge your car!" – Rafael de Mestre.

Since then, a series of races have been held every year in different European countries. Participants can join each race separately or take part in the overall standings. We award the winners of the year according to the scored points at the last race of the season.

Information about other projects:

*** The www.80days.com circumnavigation of the world is expected to begin in May 2024 in Barcelona. We keep our fingers crossed that the wars in Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine will be over by then.

"Borders cause wars and have always been the biggest problem on any trip around the world. Europe effectively prevents war between European nations. We should create a worldwide United Nations of Earth!" Rafael de Mestre 2022 preparing for the 3rd circumnavigation of the world.



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