

# THE RALLYE INTERNATIONAL DU VALAIS OBTAINS THE EUROPEAN RALLY TROPHY (ERT) IN 2019



The 2019 edition of the Rallye International du Valais will be the venue for several important finals including the European Rally Trophy (ERT), an FIA official competition, which has just announced that the Swiss race has been chosen next season to host this prestigious race. As well as the ERT final organised by the FIA and the 60th edition of the Rallye International du Valais, there will also be the last round of the Tour European Rally (TER) FIA R-GT World Cup.

Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) officials have chosen the Rallye International du Valais for the ERT final, a competition which is initially regional before a final at the end of the year. Various areas have been defined by organisers based on European geographical regions for example a «Baltic», and a «Benelux» trophy to name a few. Between three and six rallies will be on the programme of each of the areas with qualifying points in each of the areas counting for the final. The best competitors of each area and respectively each category will then be invited to take part in the last round of the season to determine, among others, the ERT Champion and Junior ERT Champion. Up to now, the Rallye International du Valais has been a qualifying round for the ERT Alpine Rally Trophy with the final taking place in Portugal. The Valais race has now achieved an extra boost since it is now among the most important events in Europe.

As well as this promotion to the ERT final round, the Rallye International du Valais will also count towards the Tour European Rally (TER) by being the final of this competition, which has been held in the Valais since 2016. Many European drivers have already competed in this 'Old Country' race thanks to this additional advantage. Therefore for the first time, the two finals – the ERT and TER – will take place at the same round with the best European drivers competing against each other. In addition, TER organisers have announced the creation of a historic version of their competition, the TER Historic that will make its debut on the Valais roads from 2019. The Rallye International du Valais will also count towards the FIA R-GT World Cup at the next edition.

On the occasion of its 60th anniversary, the Rallye International du Valais will be organising numerous events to celebrate this occasion. The hub of the race will once again be located at the Casernes de Sion from 17 to 19 October 2019.

