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**GIRONA, 16-18 MAR 2023\***

## **Miki Biasion will participate in the 71 Rally Motul Costa Brava with a Lancia Rally 037**

- The Italian driver will return to the Catalan roads to celebrate **the 40th anniversary of his first victory in the Rally Costa Brava**, accompanied by at least three more Lancia Rally 037.
- A first stage on Thursday for Sporting cars, and the return of one of the most anticipated stages, define the itinerary of the 71 Rally Motul Costa Brava.
- The event will be held from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023\* in Girona and will open the season of the great European historic rallies.

The countdown to the 71 Rally Motul Costa Brava has begun. We are only 100 days away from the event that traditionally opens the season of the great European historic rallies.

It will be from **16th to 18th March 2023** (dates pending ratification by the FIA World Council and the RFEDA), when Girona becomes the epicentre of historic rallying, with **an event scoring for the European, Spanish and Catalan Historic Rally Championships, as well as including the Legend category** for vehicles of special interest.

Following the evolution of the 2021 and 2022 editions, an entry list of approximately 200 vehicles is expected, in a rally that grows in the number of stages and in kilometres chrono compared to previous editions.

### **Miki Biasion and the Lancia Rally 037, stars of the 71 Rally Motul Costa Brava**

The presence of the two-time World Rally Champion **Miki Biasion** will undoubtedly be one of the main focuses of attention of the rally. The great Italian driver will get behind the wheel of a Lancia Rally 037 “Totip” like the ones he used to win the Rally Costa Brava Rally in 1983 and 1985.



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He will participate in the Legend category to celebrate the 40th anniversary of his first triumph on the Catalan roads.

The 71 Rally Motul Costa Brava will be a genuine celebration of the iconic 037, as the presence of two more cars that will come from Italy is already confirmed: those of Enrico Bonaso and Alessandro Pasquale, the latter an 037 "West" ex-Attilio Bettega, and that of the Hungarian Laszlo Mekler.

**The Lancia Rally 037 is one of the most successful cars in the history of the Rally Costa Brava**, having been the winning vehicle on up to six occasions, twice by Biasion/Siviero when the rally scored for the European Championship, and four more times already as an Historic rally (Bianchini/Bianchini in 2010, Jensen/Pedersen in 2011 and "Pedro" in 2012 and 2013).

### **First details of the itinerary and rally program**

The organization of the 71 Rally Motul Costa Brava has prepared an itinerary with all the unmissable roads, and also some novelties.

On Thursday evening, after the starting ceremony, the Sporting vehicles will compete in the first stage (**Santuari Els Àngels**). Friday's leg will also have new features, with the stages of **Els Àngels, Santa Pellaia Curt** and **Salions - Sant Grau**, which will be held twice each. The stages on Saturday will be **Osor, Collsaplana** and **Cladells**, with two loops.

In total, **approximately 178 kilometres chrono with 13 stages for the Sporting vehicles, and 168 kilometres and 12 stages for the Regularity and Legend vehicles.**

The registration period is expected to start at the beginning of January, and the organization has now opened a place reservation period for a limited time, for all those teams that want to guarantee their participation in the event.

As usual in this rally, different surprises and activities are being prepared to make this event a celebration of classic motoring. All these news will be announced soon.

**Information of the rally already available on [RallyClassics website](https://www.RallyClassics.org)**

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