



BMW HERO SÜDTIROL DOLOMITES: SATURDAY, 12 JUNE

The Organising Committee from Selva Val Gardena has been delivering the toughest mountain bike marathon in the world for ten years. And today it is happy to confirm the 2021 edition's date backed by all involved stakeholders. Local authorities, federations, volunteer associations are going to pull out all the stops to organise the BMW HERO Südtirol Dolomites on 12 June 2021 as part of the UCI calendar. A new beginning while respecting all safety measures.

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The BMW HERO Südtirol Dolomites will take place on Saturday, 12 June 2021. Over the last few days, the Organising Committee has worked transversally to analyse all possible scenarios, talking with all stakeholders who are normally involved in this important mountain bike marathon with thousands of athletes at the starting line.

It was a unanimous decision: all stakeholders are backing the Organising Committee to deliver the event as originally planned.

Gerhard Vanzi, the man behind the HERO, says; 'Considering the situation, caution is still called for. However, all stakeholders and staff want to organise the HERO in June. This is a very strong sign of hope for the world of amateur sports as well as for all those people who have been deprived of living their passion in the last year.'

The decision was not an easy one and was made considering various factors. First and foremost, the current vaccine rollout campaign in the province of Bolzano. It kicked off some weeks ago and, today, it holds the top position in Italy for the number of jobs

administered in relation to its inhabitants. The Government has also recently declared its commitment to boosting the pace of the rollout across all of Italy.



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Genni Tschurtschenthaler, Managing Director of the HERO Dolomites, is redefining the safety protocol to be adopted during the HERO in June. *'The pace of the vaccine rollout is a good sign and, on top of that, if forecasts are met, South Tyrol will be able to host mountain bikers in absolute safety come June.'*

The HERO Organising Committee's protocol for the event in June will follow the national measures regulating hospitality and travel. Athletes will either have to be vaccinated or submit a 'negative' PCR test carried out in the days before the race if they want to compete. Further and more detailed information on the protocol will be provided in the coming weeks, as soon as the local and national measures for the summer are approved.

We believe it is likely the pandemic's curve will sharply drop starting from May 2021, in line with the Italian Government's recent declarations regarding the forecast herd immunity this summer and after consulting the health experts of South Tyrol's Health Agency on the matter.

The decision to hold the HERO in June was taken together with the **Italian Cycling Federation (FCI)** which gave us their utmost support. **Paolo Garniga, who heads the FCI's off-road section**, says: *'I want to thank our friends at HERO for their constructive commitment to our movement. My wish for them is to continue achieving success in delivering this global event in absolute safety. An event that can kick off the summer season in the Dolomites: a positive summer of new beginnings.'*

With all the above, the HERO Südtirol Dolomites' Organising Committee feels optimistic regarding the event on 12 June. Vanzi adds: *'We want the event to take place because it represents a new beginning we all deserve.'*

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