Information for Competitors

Dear competitor,

The Automobile Club of Portugal (ACP) thanks you for your participation in the 3rd edition of the bp Ultimate Rally Raid Portugal.

The heavy rains and storms of the past few months have affected a significant part of the route that was originally planned, forcing the organization to carry out intense last-minute work to prepare the 2nd round of the W2RC 2026, which we hope will meet everyone's expectations.

We are anticipating a large audience over the course of the 6 days of the rally. The ACP identifies and promotes some locations where the public can watch the race ("Where to Watch"), but many other places will likely also have spectators onsite. All competitors should take this situation into account.

This is an event of considerable scale, especially considering that it takes place in Europe and crosses two countries, Portugal and Spain. In the neighbouring country, where this year we will repeat the 2025 format, we count on the valuable collaboration of the Motor Clube de Villafranca (MCV).

After the registration period ended, we have 66 cars in the FIA Event and 50 bikes and quads in the FIM Event.

Thank you all.

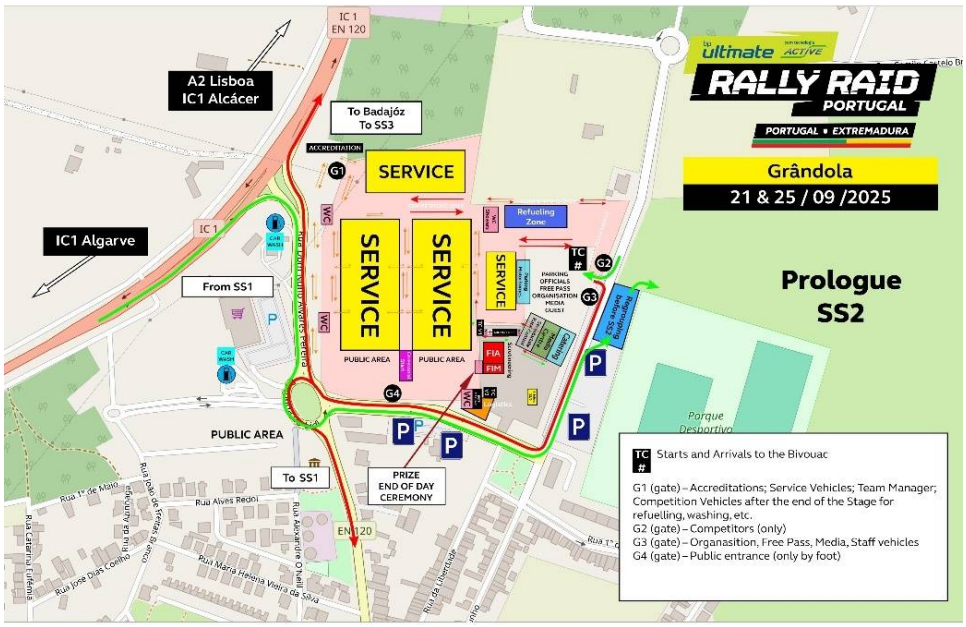
This information aims to clarify competitors on the most relevant topics. Please note that it has no regulatory value, and competitors and teams must consult the official regulations and bulletins, available on the event's website and on Sportity.

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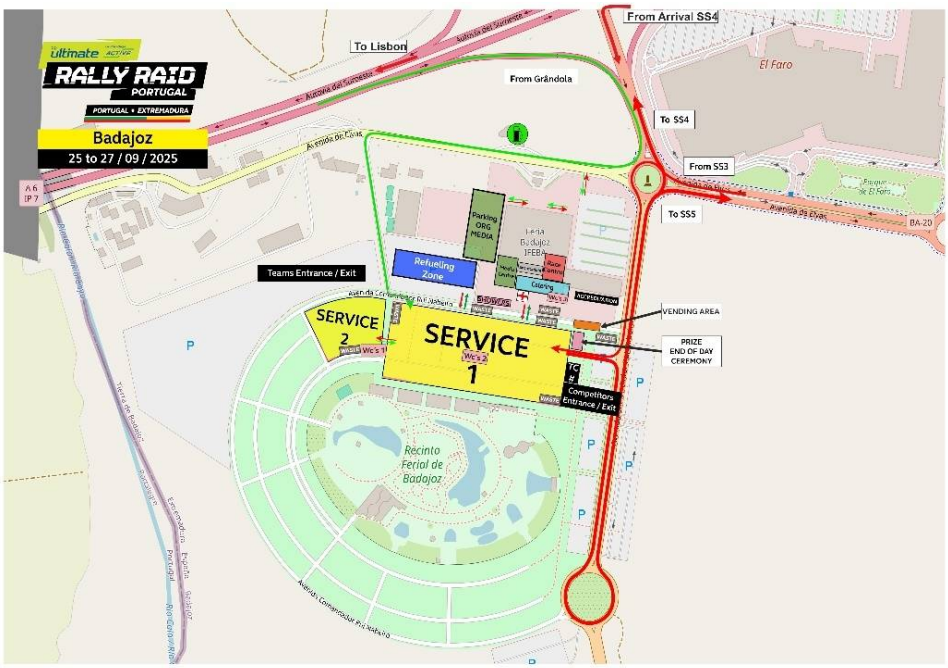


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2. BIVOUAC - BADAJOZ



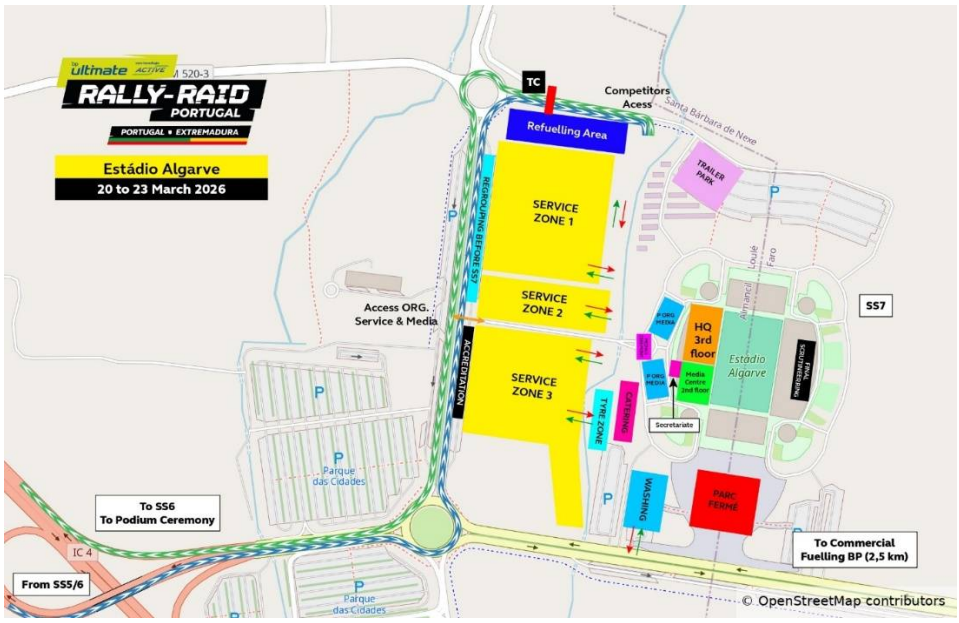
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3. BIVOUAC - LOULÉ



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4. Rally Time

Official time throughout the entire rally will be Portuguese Time (GMT +0)

5. Important Contacts

Email Contacts	
Clerk of the course - Auto	coc.rrportugal@acp.pt
Competitor Relations - Auto	crocar.rrportugal@acp.pt
Competitor Relations - Moto / Quad	crobike.rrportugal@acp.pt
Technical scrutineering - Auto	technicalcar.rrportugal@acp.pt

General Contacts	
Event website (official documents)	www.rallyraidportugal.com
Bivouac and Service Park Badajoz	nuno.vieira@acp.pt

Phone Contacts	
Secretariat	+351 912792099
Command Post	+351 912809580
Accreditations	+351 912809723
Bivouac – Nuno Vieira	+ 351 963929021
Bivouac Parking Teams – Filipe Santos	+351 914869801
Competitor Relations Auto – Palmira Martins	+351 965065059
Competitor Relations Auto – Tiago Fernandes	+351 916415294
Competitor Relations Moto – Eduardo Rovisco	+351 963324852
Emergency	+351 912201545

6. Official DNB

The official notice board of the rally is available in the Sportity app and on the event website.

To access via the Sportity app, download it and use the following passwords:





7. Assistance plan and others

Access to the Bivouac is restricted and only accessible to holders of accreditations.
In any case, the Bivouacs will be open to the public at certain times.

Bivouac opening hours for the public:

- **BIVOUAC GRANDOLA**
  - March 16th – 18h to 22h
  - March 17th – ACCESS TO THE WORK PARK IS CLOSED, BUT THE CEREMONIAL START AREA AND AUTOGRAPH SESSION ARE OPEN.
  - March 18th – 18h to 22h

- **BIVOUAC BADAJOZ**
  - March 19th – 18h to 23h – Spanish Time
  - March 20th – 18h to 23h – Spanish Time

- **BIVOUAC LOULÉ**
  - March 21st – 18h to 23h
  - March 22nd – **CLOSED**

During these periods, teams are responsible for their own allocated space and must ensure that it is properly secured to prevent intrusion by unauthorized persons.

GUEST access holders shall have no intervention on race vehicles. If such a situation occurs, the concerned team will be penalised with a fine or, in the event of a repeat offence, sporting penalties may be imposed.



8. Access to Grândola Bivouac, Accreditations and Secretariat

Access to the Bivouac will not be allowed for unregistered vehicles!

Accreditations Schedule

	BIVOUAC	ACCREDITATIONS	SECRETARIAT
	GRÂNDOLA		
Saturday - 14/MAR	14:00 - 24:00	14:00 - 22:00	-
Sunday - 15/MAR	00:00 - 24:00	08:00 - 22:00	-
Monday - 16/MAR	00:00 - 24:00	07:00 - 20:00	08:00 - 20:30
Tuesday - 17/MAR	00:00 - 24:00	08:00 - 20:00	08:00 - 21:00
Wednesday - 18/MAR	00:00 - 24:00	08:00 - 20:00	08:00 - 21:00
Thursday - 19/MAR	00:00 - 12:00	08:00 - 11:00	08:00 - 10:00
	BADAJOZ		
Thursday - 19/MAR	00:00 - 24:00	09:00 - 20:00	09:00 - 21:00
Friday - 20/MAR	00:00 - 24:00	08:00 - 20:00	08:00 - 21:00
Saturday - 21/MAR	00:00 - 12:00	08:00 - 11:00	08:00 - 10:00
	LOULÉ		
Saturday - 21/MAR	00:00 - 24:00	08:00 - 20:00	08:00 - 21:00
Sunday - 22/MAR	00:00 - 24:00	08:00 - 14:00	08:00 - 21:00

Drivers, navigators and riders must stop at the accreditation centre to collect their bracelets in person. Access to BIVOUAC and PARQUE FERMÉ will not be allowed if not wearing their COMPETITOR bracelets (grey).

In order to perform accreditations, the registration process must be completed and all requested documentation must have been submitted.

The accreditation point is located at gate **G1**, the main entrance for vehicles to the Grândola Bivouac, as shown in the layout in point 1 of this document.

Entry and installation in the Bivouac may take place from 14:00 on March 14th. Teams wishing to set up earlier must contact the Bivouac Manager (Nuno Vieira) to confirm availability.

Trailers and car transport trucks must remain in the designated parking area (see layout) and not in the assistance area.

A specific area is provided for motorhomes. Waste disposal must be carried out at the designated dump station.

There is an area (see Layout) intended for vehicle refuelling and tire fitting.



Competitors may also refuel outside, at the service stations indicated in the Bivouac layout, which also provide washing areas.

In any case, refuelling is the responsibility of the teams.

Vehicle washing is not allowed in the Bivouacs.

Avoid washing Marlink and ERTF equipment, as this may compromise its operation.

9. Services available in the Bivouacs

Facilities at Bivouac			
	Grândola	Badajoz	Loulé
Toilets and Showers	✓	✓	✓
Medical Centre	✓	✓	✓
Electricity	✓	✓	✓
Some Water Points	✓	✓	✓
Vehicle washing	✓		✓
Waste containers	✓	✓	✓
Fuelling area with own fuel	✓	✓	✓
Catering	✓	✓	✓

10. Administrative and technical checks

According to Program, Art. 3 of the Regulations and bulletin nr. 1.

The competitor's representative must be accompanied by the documents indicated in the event regulations.

At the time of administrative checks, all competitors will be invited to take an individual photo for team publicity purposes.

11. Marlink and ERTF

Safety equipment, Iritrack Marlink and Road Book, ERTF, will be available at the times indicated in the event programme.
After the General Briefing, time will be set aside for training less experienced teams, or others interested on how to use the equipment.

12. Briefing

On the 17th, according to the event program, the General Briefing is scheduled at the location identified in the Layout.

All the Daily Briefings will be published on Sportity at 17:00 every day, along with the INFO.



W2RC medal ceremony for each day will take place according to the event program.

Team Managers will be summoned for a briefing with the Clerk of the Course, to be held on March 17th, according to the event program.

A video with relevant information on first aid will be available on the Sportity platform.

13. Catering schedules

	Grândola	Badajoz	Loulé
Day 16	06h30 / 10h00 (B)		
	12h00 / 15h00 (L)		
	19h00 / 22h00 (D)		
Day 17	06h00 / 10h00 (B)		
	12h00 / 15h0 (L)		
	19h00 / 22h00 (D)		
Day 18	05h00 / 10h00 (B)		
	12h00 / 15h00 (L)		
	19h00 / 22h00 (D)		
Day 19	04H00 / 10H00 (B)	11H00 / 14H00 (L)	
		18H00 / 21H00 (D)	
Day 20		04H00 / 09H00 (B)	
		11h00 / 14h00 (L)	
		19h00 / 22h00 (D)	
Day 21		04H00 / 10H00 (B)	12H00 / 15H00 (L)
			19h00 / 22h00 (D)
Day 22			05h30 / 10h00 (B)
			12h00 / 15h00 (L)
			19h00 / 22h00 (D)

Legend: B (breakfast) L (lunch) D (dinner)

14. Road Book and Waypoints

As you may be aware, the RRP 26 uses rural tracks rather than desert areas. Therefore, it is imperative that only the designated tracks are used and that no shortcuts are taken, as these can be very dangerous and, above all, damaging to agricultural crops and pastures.
Teams should bear in mind that an event in Europe requires a different set of rules from those applied to rallies in deserted areas. It is essential to respect private property, avoiding the destruction of fences and other structures. Taking the above conditions into account, the teams must not drive off the tracks as some of the tracks might be waterlogged and they could easily find temselves in a difficult situation.

Some parts of the route, about 20% of the entire event, will be Transfers.
Some of them, mainly those that include refuelling, are listed in the daily INFO.



On some liaison sections, RSA and RSB, during Stages 2, 4, and 5, several kilometres on motorways. To facilitate the toll payments, ACP will provide a device (Via Verde) during the administrative checks, allowing passage without stopping.

To collect this device at the administrative checks, teams must have already completed the form that was sent to them.

Waypoints used in the event:
WPP – Most of the Road Book notes, validated within a 20-meter radius, identified by a number.
WPS – Danger points, validated within a 30-meter radius.
WPV, WPE, WPM, DZ, FZ, ASS – Validated within a 90-meter radius.
DSS – Validated within a 50-meter radius.

15. Signage in the SS

For safety reasons, some signage will be placed on the route. These signs under no circumstances replaces the Road Book, it is merely an attempt to prevent navigational errors that could lead to an incident.

A BLUE ribbon will be placed on the right side of the route (route confirmation) approximately every 5 km.

At some intersections, especially those easily accessible to the public, directional signs will be placed, yellow boards with a black arrow and blue ribbons.

In the public zones published by the organization, signage will also be placed to avoid mistakes.
The Prologue FIM and SS2, due to their characteristics, will also be signposted.

All roads off the route will be blocked with a yellow sign with a black X and further ahead the path will be completely blocked with black and white plastic tape. This will reduce the possibility of major mistakes, thus avoiding possible accidents involving head-on collisions.

Signage to be used:

Blue plastic tape (ribbon) – route confirmation
Yellow signs with black arrow – direction indication
White and black tape – road closures
Sign with danger triangle – very danger zones (!!!)
Yellow signs with black X – road closures

16. Refuelling

Refuelling during the stage (only at public service stations referred in the Road Book), and identified in the daily INFO

In the Bivouacs, there is an area for refuelling with fuel supplied by the teams.
This area will have security during its operating hours.



For those interested, there is a company that can provide refuelling service in the bivouacs:

Contact: – Surtirally

Tomas Buedo +5491169572202 tomasbuedo@gmail.com

Operating hours of the refuelling area in the Bivouacs:

	Grândola	Badajoz	Loulé
Day 16	07h00 / 22h00		
Day 17	07h00 / 22h00		
Day 18	07h00 / 24h00		
Day 19	07h00 / 10h00	12h00 / 24h00	
Day 20		07h00 / 23h00	
Day 21		07h00 / 10h00	12h00 / 24h00
Day 22			07h00 / 10h00

17. Opening hours of the First Aid Post in the Bivouacs

	Grândola	Badajoz	Loulé
Day 15	14h00 / 22h00		
Day 16	14h00 / 22h00		
Day 17	08h00 / 22h00		
Day 18	08h00 / 22h00		
Day 19	08h00 / 24h00		
Day 20	08h00 / 10h00	12h00 / 23h00	
Day 21		07h00 / 22h00	
Day 22		07h00 / 10h00	12h00 / 23h00
Day 16			08h00 / 20h00

Outside the announced hours, those concerned should contact the telephone number available at the First Aid Station.

18. Summary of the Rally Car / Bike

16th and 17th March – Checks

September 16th and 17th FIA and FIM administrative and scrutineering, with the timetable to be announced by Bulletin.

To access the administrative checks, a Team Manager, Assistance, or Competitor accreditation will be required.



March , 17th – Briefing, FIM Prologue, Autograph Session and Starting Ceremony

The FIM Prologue is scheduled for 13:00 on the 17th.
Competitors must report to the control (TC P0) at the published time. There is no exit control from the Bivouac (see Layout in the INFO for the day).

The Global Briefing is scheduled for 15h00.

After the FIM Prologue, the usual ceremonies take place for the choice of starting order for Stage 1 (FIM).

Between 5.30pm and 6pm, there will be an autograph session next to the podium of the Ceremonial Start at the Bivouac.
The Ceremonial Start begins at 6pm for motorcycles and 7pm for cars.

Competitors must present themselves at TC CS0 of the Start Ceremony, at the location indicated in the Layout to be published in the daily INFO.

March, 18th – 1st Stage Grândola / Grândola

The 1st Stage takes place at Grândola, Alcácer do Sal and Santiago region. These regions were heavily affected by the February storms and still have plenty of water and large puddles along the route.

After the end of SS1, competitors have a regrouping area near the Bivouac, where they wait for the start of SS2, which takes place in the same area as the FIM Prologue.
At the entrance to the regrouping parc, the time of arrival at the TC preceding the start of SS2, located at the exit of the regrouping parc, will be noted on the control card.

During regrouping competitors may go to the Bivouac.

Total Stage – about 210 km
Liaison to SS1 start – 15 km
SS1 – 165 km
Liaison to regrouping before SS2 – 30 km
SS2 – 3 km (live TV)
Liaison to Bivouac – 0.2 km (service stations near Bivouac)
Transfer – about 55km

On this day, if teams wish, it is possible to move to the Bivouac at Badajoz, available from 12h00. For this they must use the Road Book that will be published in Sportity at 12h00.



March, 19th – 2nd Stage Grândola / Badajoz

The Stage starts in Grândola and ends in Badajoz, Spain.

Long stage with three two distinct sections, the first part in Portugal, with sandy but hard tracks, and many water puddles. The second part, in Spain, initially features a mountain route, later transitioning to flatter, agricultural terrain, generally with good surfaces.

The assistance teams move to Badajoz. To do so, they should use the Road Book that will be available on Sportity the day before. Part of the route, the first 50 km, coincides with the competitors' Road Book, and assistance is permitted there.

Total Stage – about 545 km
Liaison to SS3 start – 120 km
SS3 – 375 km
Liaison to Bivouac Badajoz – 50 km
Transfer – about 130km

March, 20th – 3rd Stage Badajoz / Badajoz

The 3rd Stage takes place entirely in Spanish territory, starting and finishing in Badajoz.
Very fast, mostly on good terrain, slightly slippery in places. It is very fast, mostly with good surfaces, though somewhat slippery. There are some side aqueducts, and it is FORBIDDEN to cut corners at bends and intersections, as there are hazards that are not very visible off the tracks.

Total Stage – about 520 km
Liaison to SS4 start – 120 km
SS4 – 315 km
Liaison to Bivouac – 83 km
Transfer – about 15km

On this day, if some teams wish, it is possible to move to the Loulé Bivouac, available from 12h00. For this they must use the Road Book that will be available on Sportity at 12h00.

March, 21st – 4th Stage Badajoz / Loulé

As in stage 2, the routes cover two countries.
Still in Spain, the route mixes fast sections with good terrain and slower, narrower sections. In Portugal, the route does not change much compared to Spain, maintaining hard terrain, possibly slightly faster.
After the end of the SS, a long liaison of 200 km to Loulé.

Total Stage – about 640km
Liaison to SS4 start – 84km
SS5 – 315km
Liaison to Bivouac – 240km
Transfer – about 70km



The Assistance crews move to Loulé. For this they use the Road Book that will be available in Sportity, together with the INFO, the day before. Part of the route, the first 100 km, coincides with the competitors' Road Book and assistance is permitted.

March, 22nd – 5th Stage Loulé / Loulé

SS6 uses tracks in the Caldeirão mountains, Algarve, with a hard and mostly fast surface.

After SS6, competitors will move to the Bivouac, where they will remain in a Regrouping parc until the start of SS7 (Live TV), which takes place next to the Bivouac.

Team members can access the end of SS7 to enjoy some competitive moments and celebrate with the drivers and riders at the end. After the end of SS7, competitors will move to the final podium, located next to the Vilamoura marina. After the podium, they will return to the Bivouac and enter the Parc Fermé. According to the program, the prize-giving ceremony will take place at 07 pm in the Catering tent in the Bivouac.

Total Stage – about 280km
Liaison to SS6 start – 50km
SS6 – 100km
Liaison to Regrouping – 90km
Liaison to the start of SS7 - 1km
SS7 – 3km
Liaison to the Final Podium Ceremony – 15km
Liaison to the final Parc Fermé at the Bivouac – 15km
Transfer – about 10km

19. Waterproof overgarment

Only the waterproof mentioned in Art. 47.1 of the CCRSR FIA are permitted.
In addition to FIA standard equipment, EN14116 standard equipment is also permitted.

20. Television

SS2 and SS7 will be broadcasted live on a Portuguese sports channel, SportTV, as well as the finishes of SS3, SS4 and SS5.
In addition, the same channel will broadcast a daily 20-minute summary of each stage.

21. Environmental Management Plan

Drivers and teams are responsible for complying with the environmental and regulatory requirements defined for the event:

- It is strictly forbidden to spill oil, fuel, or other liquids on the ground.
- The organization will provide properly identified containers for correct disposal.



- It is forbidden to wash any type of vehicle outside the areas defined by the organization. Authorized washing zones are identified in the service park layout.
- Recycling bags will be distributed by the organization and must be used by each team to separate the waste produced in the service park. When full, they must be placed in the appropriate containers or next to them for collection by local waste management authorities.

The Environmental Management Plan and Environmental Map defined for the event, validated by federations and competent authorities, will be available on the event website and on Sportity. Their consultation is recommended.

Environmental Incident Communication:
If an environmental incident is detected during the event (for example, accidental liquid spillage), it must be immediately reported to the organization so that the immediate containment action plan can be applied by the designated teams.

22. Sponsors

The Automóvel Club de Portugal extends a word of thanks to Turismo de Portugal, Grândola and Loulé, and also to the officials of the regions through which the event will pass: Alentejo, Ribatejo, Algarve and Spanish Extremadura, as well as the municipalities of these regions; Abrantes, Alandroal, Alcácer do Sal, Alcoutim, Almodôvar, Coruche, Chamusca, Évora, Ponte de Sor, Salvaterra de Magos, Mourão, Redondo, Reguengos de Monsaraz, Santiago do Cacém and Silves, and also the provinces of Cáceres, Mérida and Badajoz, as well as the parish councils of the aforementioned municipalities.

We also count on the indispensable support of our sponsors: BP Ultimate, Maxxis Tyres, BDR, Bogani, URU9, Adega do Cantor, Officelan.

We also thank the fundamental involvement of the GNR and PSP, as well as the Fire Brigades and Civil Protection.

The collaboration of all the organization staff and the special courtesy of the landowners whose properties are crossed also contribute decisively to making the event possible.

See you soon!

