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2022 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR DRIVERS

Alessandro GOCCIADORO, Italy, is the winner of the European Championship for Drivers ahead of Rodney GATT 2nd, Malta and David BEKAERT 3rd, France. This challenge was held in Belgium on September 10 and 11 at Mons and Tongeren racetracks.

FINAL RANKING

1.	Alessandro GOCCIADORO	ITALY	62 points
2.	Rodney GATT	MALTA	58 points
3.	David BEKAERT	FRANCE	56 points
4.	Miodrag PANTIC	SERBIA	52 points
5.	Santtu RAITALA	FINLAND	50 points
5.	Jaime FLUXA GOMILA	SPAIN	50 points
6.	Ulf OHLSSON	SWEDEN	48 points
7.	Michael NIMCZYK	GERMANY	40 points
8.	Gerhard MAYR	AUSTRIA	38 points
9.	Patrick KANE	IRELAND	35 points
10.	Gunther LOIX	BELGIUM	33 points



A. GOCCIADORO, R. GATT, D. BEKAERT, M. NIMCZYK, G. LOIX and a driver of NETHERLANDS are automatically qualified for the WORLD DRIVING CHAMPIONS that will be held in August 2023 in BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS and GERMANY.

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European Championship for Professional Drivers 2022 - Belgium / Mons + Tongres

Name	Nat.	Mons 1			Mons 2			Mons 3			Mons 4			Rank
		Pl.	Pts.	Tot.	Pl.	Pts.	Tot.	Pl.	Pts.	Tot.	Pl.	Pts.	Tot.	
Gerhard MAYR	AUT	7	5	5	3	10	15	Dis	1	16	7	5	21	6
Gunther LOIX	BEL	8	4	4	8	4	8	2	13	21	4	8	29	4
Santtu RAITALA	FIN	4	8	8	Dis	1	9	7	5	14	2	13	27	5
David BEKAERT	FRA	Dis	1	1	Dis	1	2	4	8	10	6	6	16	7
Michael NIMCZYK	GER	6	6	6	1	18	24	Dis	1	25	3	10	35	2
Patrick KANE	IRL	Dis	1	1	Dis	1	2	5	7	9	9	3	12	8
Alessandro GOCCIADORO	ITA	2	13	13	2	13	26	3	10	36	Dis	1	37	1
Rodney GATT	MLT	3	10	10	4	8	18	1	18	36	Dis	1	37	1
Miodrag PANTIC	SRB	1	18	18	5	7	25	9	3	28	5	7	35	2
Jaime FLUXA GOMILA	SPA	5	7	7	6	6	13	8	4	17	8	4	21	6
Ulf OHLSSON	SWE	Dis	1	1	7	5	6	6	6	12	1	18	30	3

Score: 18-13-10-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

Dis., DNF: 1

DNS: 6

European Championship for Professional Drivers 2022 - Belgium / Mons + Tongres

Name	Nat.	Day 1	Tongres 1		Tongres 2			Tongres 3			Rank	
		Pts.	Pl.	Pts.	Tot.	Pl.	Pts.	Tot.	Pl.	Pts.		Tot.
Gerhard MAYR	AUT	21	4	8	29	8	4	33	6	5	38	9
Gunther LOIX	BEL	29	Dis	1	30	Dis	1	31	9	2	33	11
Santtu RAITALA	FIN	27	5	7	34	2	13	47	8	3	50	5
David BEKAERT	FRA	16	1	18	34	7	5	39	1	17	56	3
Michael NIMCZYK	GER	35	Dis	1	36	9	3	39	Dis	1	40	8
Patrick KANE	IRL	12	6	6	18	4	8	26	3	9	35	10
Alessandro GOCCIADORO	ITA	37	Dis	1	38	1	18	56	5	6	62	1
Rodney GATT	MLT	37	3	10	47	5	7	54	7	4	58	2
Miodrag PANTIC	SRB	35	8	4	39	Dis	1	40	2	12	52	4
Jaime FLUXA GOMILA	SPA	21	2	13	34	3	10	44	np	6	50	5
Ulf OHLSSON	SWE	30	7	5	35	6	6	41	4	7	48	7

Score: 18-13-10-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

NP: 6

Dis., DNF: 1



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September 10 & 11

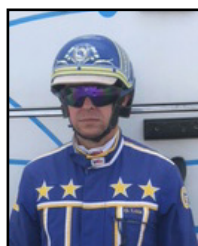
Belgium

Mons - 4 races

Tongres - 3 races



Gerhard
MAYR
AUSTRIA
carrer V: 3 326
2021 V: 76
hobby: skiing



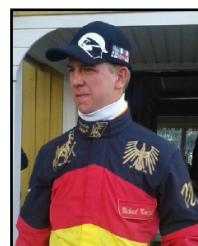
Gunther
LOIX
BELGIUM
carrer V: 809
2021 V: 70
hobby: cycling,
football



Santtu
RAITALA
FINLAND
carrer V: 1 973
2021 V: 357
hobby: tennis,
padel



David
BEKAERT
FRANCE
carrer V: 809
2021 V: 114
hobby: hunting,
playing cards



Michael
NIMCZYK
GERMANY
carrer V: 12 231
2021 V: 96
hobby: football



Patrick
KANE
IRELAND
carrer V:
2021 V: 50
hobby:



Alessandro
GOCCIADORO
ITALY
carrer V: 2 600
2021 V: 277
hobby: tennis



Rodney
GATT
MALTA
carrer V: 729
2021 V: 76
hobby: horses



Jaime
FLUXA GOMILA
SPAIN
carrer V: 529
2021 V: 72
hobby: horses



Miodrag
PANTIC
SERBIA
carrer V: 158
2021 V: 27
hobby: fishing,
be in the nature



Ulf
OHLSSON
SWEDEN
carrer V: 6 672
2021 V: 329
hobby: icehockey
football



EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS 2022

Mons – Tongres, Belgium

September 10-11, 2022

The European Championship for Drivers is organized by U.E.T. with the 20 Member Federations.

The Championship will include 12 drivers as follows:

- 3 drivers from Group I (automatically qualified)
- 5 drivers from Group II (selected by criteria)
- 4 drivers from Group III (selected by criteria)

Every Federation has to nominate his national representative

The representative of a country must have the nationality of the country that he/she is representing.

The nominations have to be done until July 15, 2022 latest.

A Selection Committee (General Secretary, Technical Advisor) will then appoint the participating drivers of Group II and III, according to the following specific ratios:

1. Number of victories 2021 divided by number of starts 2021.
2. Number of starts 2021 divided by the total of the starts of the group

The ratio obtained under point 1 will be weighted by the ratio obtained under point 2. The ratio 1 multiplied by ratio 2 will give the ratio giving the ranking per group

No country can be represented by more than one driver.

All selected drivers are obliged to take part at the championship and to participate in all races of the championship except in case of illness, injury or in other cases of force majeure. If a selected driver cannot participate, he will be replaced by the driver following him among the qualified drivers in the group.

The Championship shall be organized over TWO DAYS with 7 high category races on Mons & Tongres racetrack.

The appointed U.E.T.-Supervisor is responsible for the classification and is entitled – if a situation should arise, which is not mentioned in the present regulation – to take the decisions in accordance with the Organising Racetrack.

The start of each race will be given by Autostart or, in case of impossibility, by "flying" start.

To equalize the chances of each driver, every Organizing Racetrack will divide their horses in 2 groups called A and B. Group A includes horses which are considered by the organizing Racetrack as the best and group B includes the horses of a lower category. Each participant will drive the same number of horses from group A and B. The horses will be assigned by public drawing. If necessary, a distribution table of the horses will be made by the organizing country according to the number of participants and races.



The horses should be of equal quality. Horses considered as superior or very hard to handle shall be excluded by the organizing track.

The number of horses in the first row behind the Autostart has been set to 8 (eight) at least.

The classification will be made as follows:

The winner receives 5 points more than the second, the second 3 points more than the third, the third 2 points more than the fourth, and from the fifth onwards, each time 1 point less, till the last competitor who receives 1 point. When a horse is stopped or disqualified, or when it passes the post in an irregular gait, his driver will receive 1 point.

If a driver can not participate in a race due to an insufficient number of horses available, he will receive 6 points.

If a driver can not participate, the Organizing Racetracks appoints another driver for this horse entered to the program. This horse will receive no points.

The driver with the highest score after the qualification races, will be declared European Champion. In case of equality of points, the places obtained in the different races will decide.

At the end of the Championship, each driver will receive a bonus of 15 Euro per point.

The Race Track who organizes the final of the Championship will pay the bonus to the drivers.

The participant drivers are not allowed to enter horses which they normally train or drive.

Each National Federation will assume the travel expenses of his representative from his residence to the departure of the Circuit and back to his home town

The organizing Race Tracks shall support proportionally, besides the drivers bonus, the following expenses :

The travel, hotel and restaurant expenses during the EC for the Driver, ONE ACCOMPANYING PERSON (on a double room basis) and for the UET SUPERVISOR, as well as all costs involved by the preparations of this Championship and the honorary prize for the winner of the day.

The insurance expenses for the driver during the Championship will be assumed by the Federation of his home country.

The honorary prize for the European champion will be offered by U.E.T.

The organizing Race Tracks will establish a budget for the Championship and settle the final accounts between themselves.

U.E.T is entitled to appoint the European participants of the World Driving Championship, with consideration of the classification of the European Championship.

A participating driver has no right to ask for indemnity from the owners or trainers of the horses they drive in the Championship.

EUROPEAN AND WORLD DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS *WINNERS*

Year	Driver	Birth Country
1969	Karsten Buer	Norway
1970	Eddy Freundt	Germany
1970	Herve Filion	Canada
1971	Adolf Ubleis	Austria
1971	Adolf Ubleis	Austria
1972	Gilbert Martens	Belgium
1972	Giuseppe Guzzinati	Italy
1973	Ulf Thoresen	Norway
1973	Ulf Thoresen	Norway
1974	Adolf ubleis	Austria
1974	Joe Marsh	United-State
1975	Horst Bandemer	Germany
1975	Keith Adisson	Australia
1976	Rolf Dautzenberg	Germany
1977	Jan Wagenaar	Netherlands
1977	Ulf Thoresen	Norway
1978	Heinz Wewering	Germany
1978	Kevin Holmes	New-Zealand
1979	Heinz Wewering	Germany
1979	Ulf Thoresen	Norway
1980	Pekka Korpi	Finland
1981	Pekka Korpi	Finland
1981	Ulf Thoresen	Norway
1982	Pekka Korpi	Finland
1983	Robert Cameron	NewZealand
1984	Heinz Wewering	Germany
1985	Jorma Kontio	Finland
1985	Anthony Herlihy	NewZealand
1986	Ulf Thoresen	Norway
1987	Jim Frick	Sweden
1987	Ted Demmler	Australia
1988	Heinz Wewering	Germany
1989	Birger Jorgensen	Denmark
1989	Ron Pierce	United-State
1990	Pietro Gubellini	Italy
1991	G�rad Vergaerde	Belgium

Year	Driver	Birth Country
1991	Maurice Mckendry	New-Zealand
1992	Hugo Langeweg	Netherlands
1993	Heinz Wewering	Germany
1994	Jean-Claude Hallais	France
1995	Juan A. Rierarossello	Spain
1995	Dave Magee	United-State
1996	Gunnar Eggen	Norway
1997	Heinz Wewering	Germany
1998	Jorma Kontio	Finland
1999	Sylvain Filion	Canada
2000	Manfred Swiener	Germany
2001	Jody Jamieson	Canada
2002	Hugo Langeweg	Netherlands
2003	Mark Jones	New-Zealand
2004	Juan Antonio Rierarossello	Spain
2005	Roberto Andregretti	Italy
2006	Christophe Martens	Belgium
2007	Christophe Martens	Belgium
2008	Roland H�lskath	Germany
2009	Birger Jorgensen	Denmark
2010	Enrico Bellei	Italy
2011	Jody Jamieson	Canada
2012	Enrico Bellei	Italy
2013	Pierre Vercruysse	France
2014	Knud M�nster	Denmark
2015	Dexter Dunn	New-Zealand
2016	Mika Forss	Finland
2017	James MacDonald	Canada
2018	Franck Nivard	France
2019	Rick Ebbinge	Netherlands
2020	CANCELLED COVID VIRUS	
2021	CANCELLED COVID VIRUS	
2022	Alessandro GOCCIADORO	Belgium
2023	Netherlands/Belgium/Germany	

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