



## Great success for Santoporo XC in Esanatoglia, 2nd stage of the Internazionali d'Italia series

The second round of the most important Italian cross-country race was also an unprecedented success, both in terms of athletes and spectators

In the days before the event, the organisation was forced to expand the camping and team areas to accommodate the many requests from across Europe.

The weekend of racing then confirmed the expectations, with the 2nd stage of the Internazionali d'Italia series at Esanatoglia registering an unprecedented number of athletes and spectators in the area, with 40% more entrants than last year.

Saturday 30th March witnessed the big races on the international cross-country track "Gina Libani Repetti" in Esanatoglia, where Cameron Orr won the Elite Men's race and Sofie Pedersen won the Elite Women's race.

The next day, Sunday 31st March, was the big moment for the youth categories Esordienti, Allievi and Giovanissimi, with a total of over 430 youngsters taking to the track of the Marche village.

[Here](#) are all the classifications of the event.

Two days of sport, celebration and promotion of the territory, as **Rossano Mazzieri, coordinator of the Esanatoglia stage of the Internazionali d'Italia series**, proudly recounts: *"I've dreamt of something like this, but to see it with your own eyes is something else entirely. We have been preparing for this date for a year and today we are very happy to be able to say that, together with the Internazionali d'Italia Series, we have won the bet to include Esanatoglia in the circuit and bring a great MTB to central Italy. We worked together with the local authorities to renovate the track, to raise the level of racing in the area, and this is the result: incredible numbers, with many participants also coming from the south of Italy. It just goes to show that if you combine your energies you can create great events in places that until recently were unthinkable. What can I say, today is a day of celebration for us because Esanatoglia has become the reference point for cross country in central and southern Italy."*

Among the many authorities present was **Francesco Acquaroli, President of the Marche Region**: *"As the Marche Region, we believe that sport is a great way to promote our territory, to make it known and appreciated for its unspoilt nature and unique landscapes. It is important for us to continue along this path. For this reason, I would like to thank the Esanatoglia administration, the organisers and all the clubs that took part in this wonderful event"*.

**Senator Guido Castelli, Extraordinary Commissioner for Earthquake Reconstruction**, echoed his sentiments: *"As a cycling enthusiast, I am very proud to see events of this level taking place in the Apennines, events that bring together not only top-level athletes but also many young people who are starting to get involved in this sport. Mountain biking can complement the services offered by our ski resorts, guaranteeing a constant flow of tourists to the region and the opportunity to live and work all year round"*.