

Crews from seven countries at the seventh Rally Kumrovec

The first weekend of March in Hrvatsko Zagorje is once again reserved for the start of the motorsport season. The seventh edition of INA Rally Kumrovec will be held on March 2 and 3 and for the third consecutive year it will be held under patronage of President of the Republic of Croatia Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović. The competition is of an international character, and the crews from seven countries already have announced their arrival, while the deadline for entries is February 24.

The two-day event starts on Friday, March 2, with an attractive prologue of 2 kilometers at the parking lot of Terme Tuhelj. The crews will drive it twice, in day and night conditions, with the first one live covered by Kreator TV. Special prizes for the fastest at the prologue will be awarded at the rally party at Element Bar in Terme Tuhelj.

Saturday's programme starts at 9 with the ceremonial start at the Old Village Museum in Kumrovec. The first out of four special stages will start at 10:09. The stages remained unchanged compared to last year, but their names are new - Kumrovec and Zagorska Sela. The largest number of spectators is expected again near Primary School Josip Broz, where more than 500 passages of rally-cars can be seen from the same place. The crews that successfully overcome 41.3 km of special stages through the picturesque Zagorje landscape are expected at the finish at 18 o'clock at the Old Village Museum.

The organizer in cooperation with Terme Tuhelj has provided special accommodation offer for all competitors and spectators. The offer applies solely to those who book accommodation according to the instructions available on the web site www.rally-kumrovec.com.

In the six Kumrovec rallies so far, five Mitsubishi Lancer crews have been celebrating the victory. Three-time winner is Hungarian Janos Szilagyi, who has won two titles with Botond Csanyi, with Viktoria Zejda as a co-driver for the premiere edition of the event. Daniel Šaškin and Damir Bruner, as well as Hungarians Krisztian Hideg and Istvan Kerek, current Croatian champions, have won once. Last year, the Austrian crew Niki Mayr-Melnhof - Poldi Welsersheimb in Ford Fiesta R5 took the victory in Kumrovec.