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## VERONA HOSTS THE FIRST EDITION OF THE GRANFONDO EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The first edition of the Granfondo European Championships will be held on 9 June 2019 in Verona (Italy), an event included as part of the «Granfondo Alé la Merckx» that will be raced on a 129 kilometre circuit with a total altitude of over 2.600 metres.

Eight titles will be awarded in the Men's and Women's categories of a discipline that is very active and has always represented an expression of passion for cycling.

Rocco Cattaneo, Union Européenne de Cyclisme President: «The creation of the Granfondo European Championships is another step towards achieving the objectives that we set in our development plan. The mass cycling movement is continually developing as we have witnessed with the extraordinary success in terms of participation of our events in the Masters, Cyclo-Cross and various MTB disciplines.

The *Granfondo Alé la Merckx* is a reputed event within the *gran fondo* movement and is raced in a beautiful landscape giving its competitors infinite sporting, cultural and tourism opportunities, it will start from the charming Piazza Bra and finish at the famous Verona Arena, which will host these historic Championships.

I would in particular like to thank the company Alé, our sponsor for many years, its CEO Alessia Piccolo, for the passion and enthusiasm with which they have welcomed this event, the City of Verona, always devoted and at the service of cycling as well as the Italian Cycling Federation».

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