

A sentiment echoed by the organisers of the second race, taking place at the start of June. **Albert Balcells**, Ocisport's CEO, helming the organisation of the **Naturland** in Andorra.

"We're very proud to host the Hero UCI Marathon World Cup within the programme of activities of the Bike Show Naturland (Andorra). The race has a privileged location in the calendar and an enviable natural landscape. The spectacular course will captivate riders and invite them to ride along the breathtaking roads and trails in the heart of the Pyrenees."



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The **HERO Südtirol Dolomites** was created in 2010 and, since then, it has won over cyclists at large and has been acknowledged as the bike race to take part in at least once in a cyclist's life. On Saturday, 14 June, it will host the circuit's third race. **Gerhard Vanzi**, CEO and Founder of the HERO Dolomites, says, *"Hosting the UCI World Cup at the HERO Südtirol Dolomites and lending the HERO name to the circuit is an important acknowledgement conferred to by the UCI, further enhanced by four of the most important European professional mountain bike marathon races. They've joined us in this marathon project of ours – a definitive added value for the off-*

road movement."

The **Black Forest ULTRA Bike Marathon** is the World Cup's fourth race. A tried-and-tested race, pure fairy-tale magic in the heart of Germany. **Britta Schreiber**, Managing Director, and **Sebastian Eckmann**, Race Director of the Black Forest ULTRA Bike Marathon say, *"The Black Forest ULTRA Bike Marathon is one of Europe's largest and most vibrant MTB marathons. This year, we proudly celebrate our 25th edition – a milestone crowned by hosting the HERO UCI Marathon World Cup race. This recognition is a great honour for our organizing committee and the many local clubs whose volunteers have passionately supported the event over the years."*



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Lastly, the winners of the UCI World cup will be crowned in Spain during the **La Tramun Sea Otter Europe** in Girona. **Albert Balcells**, Ocisport's CEO, says, "We're very happy to announce the integration of La Tramun Sea Otter Europe (Girona) into the Hero UCI World Cup Marathon. The race is added to the sporting offer of the international cycling festival Sea Otter Europe. We're convinced that this event has all the ingredients to be the best possible end to the championship: an emblematic course, a perfect setting and a thousand trails to decide the overall winner."

Five races, five organisers who share a dream to raise the profile of mountain biking marathons. A project able to attract thousands of fans who will test their mettle and skills against the off-road elite. The **2025 HERO UCI Marathon World Cup** has all it takes to be a runaway success.

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