



THE HERO UCI CROSS-COUNTRY MARATHON WORLD CUP WELCOMES THE WINNERS OF THE 2026 MARATHON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, SEEWALD AND WEINBEER, AT LA TRAMUN SEA OTTER EUROPE:

The 2026 HERO UCI Cross-country Marathon World Cup's last round will welcome Andreas Seewald, from Germany, and Anna Weinbeer, from Switzerland who will wear the winner's jersey of the Marathon World Championships – a first in a mountain bike race.

They will prepare for the final round of the world circuit on the Costa Brava's Girona. La Tramun Sea Otter Europe boasts 88 km and 2,400 hm and is one of the season's most exciting moments.

The Women's overall UCI World Cup ranking has already decreed Anna Weinbeer as the uncontested winner, so all eyes are on Spain's David Valero Serrano, currently leading the overall Men's ranking, as well as on Wout Alleman and Leo Paez who will give it their all in this last chapter to win the title of HERO.

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The 2026 HERO UCI Cross-country Marathon World Cup is ready for its final chapter: the **sixth round on Sunday, 20 September** will take place during the **La Tramun Sea Otter Europe** in Spain's Girona, against the backdrop of the Costa Brava's stunning landscapes.

The race is one of the most beloved events of the international mountain bike marathon scene, marrying outstanding professional sports and attracting quite the crowd, all against the backdrop of Costa Brava's welcoming hospitality.

The UCI World Cup race route boasts **88 km** and **2,400 hm**: the track is completely submerged in nature, with different trails merging to make up the race track. La Tramun will surely put the cyclists through their paces, as it did in the previous edition, testing their stamina as well as their skills.

THE PODIUM FAVOURITES

Girona is getting ready to welcome the stars of the **2026 La Tramun Sea Otter Europe** which will crown the 2026 season's winner in the Men and Women categories.

Everyone will be focused on Spain's **David Valero Serrano** (Klimatiza Orbea Team), currently leading the overall ranking, a Tokyo 2020 bronze medalist, and new 2026 European Champion, ready to defend the red leader jersey. A feat which will be anything but a walk in the park. However, the spotlight will probably shine on **Andreas Seewald**, from Singer Ktm Racing. The German has just won the **2026 UCI Mountain Bike Marathon World Championships 2026**. The race took place on Saturday, 12 September in San Martino di Castrozza, so while Seewald cannot qualify for the HERO World Cup (he's currently 8th with 468 points), that doesn't he will be happy with a lacklustre performance for the season's last event.

Valerio Serrano is currently soaring on top of the leaderboard so he can't make any mistakes as **Wout Alleman**, from Belgium, is currently 75 points behind Serrano, with 250 points up for grabs to be declared the ultimate winner. That means that **Leonardo Paez**, from Colombia and representing Leecougan Basso Factory Team, can still make it but catching up with the 244 points separating him from the Spaniard seem an insurmountable mountain. In their wake we have **Stefano Gorla** and **Samuele Porro** (Klimatiza Orbea Team) from Italy. Another podium hopeful aiming to challenge the leaders of the HERO UCI Marathon World Cup will be Tristan Nortje, from South Africa, winner of the 2026 Cape Epic.

In the Women's category, **Anna Weinbeer** (KTM Spada powered by Brenta Brakes), from Switzerland, has nothing to fear after her win during the German round. She's the new 2026 Champion and leads the HERO's overall ranking. The battle for the second and third place will be disputed among Spain's **Natalia Fischer** (Extremadura Ecopilas), with 895 points, **Claudia Peretti** from Italy, 115 points behind Fischer – surely galvanised by her silver medal during last weekend's Worlds. Peretti will also have to keep an eye on Poland's **Paula Gorycka-Kurmann** and **Amanda Bohlin** from Sweden.

The weekend's cherry on the cake will be welcoming the first cyclists in the heart of the Sea Otter Europe as they cross the finish line as of **13:00**. The **prizegiving ceremony will start at 15:00 and welcome the 2026 HERO UCI Marathon World Cup's winners on the stage**.

An emotional ending which rings in the end of a day dedicated to mountain biking, cementing the **La Tramun Sea Otter Europe's** role as one of the most intense and breathtaking events in the international MTB circuit. It will also mark the end of the HERO UCI World Cup's second edition.

FOLLOWING THE RACE

La Tramun Sea Otter Europe is one of the season's unmissable events, attracting cyclists and teams from all over Europe – a high-octane professional sport event if there ever was one.

Follow the Elite athletes and all participants of the La Tramun Sea Otter Europe by looking at the **live tracking and live timing on www.heroucimathonworldcup.com**, and follow updates on the **official Instagram account Instagram @heroucimathonworldcup**.

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