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## Rally Serras de Fafe – Felgueiras - Cabreira and Boticas

More compact and with a Super Special on Friday!

The 2022 edition of the Serras de Fafe-Felgueiras-Cabreira e Boticas Rally, the opening rally of the European Rally Championship (FIA ERC - European Rally Championship) and of the Portuguese Rally Championship, will be on the road next 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March, will start on Friday night with the return of the super special stage and presents a more compact structure when compared to previous years.

"We tried to make a more consensual rally, because many pilots were of the opinion that Boticas would fit better at the beginning of the first day, allowing, also, a connection and a more effective disclosure of Cabreira [Cabeceiras and Vieira do Minho], while on Sunday the race would be concentrated between Fafe and Felgueiras", explains Carlos Cruz, Demoporto's President, organizer of the event which also had to meet new demands, since WRC Promoter succeeds, from this year on, Eurosport Events as the promoter of the FIA ERC championship.

"We had to meet the new promoter's requests, namely as regards the time-table, so that the rally would finish earlier, given the time difference between Portugal and the other European countries and the television transmissions that will be made. Hence, the rally will end before 4pm and the Power Stage, the Lameirinha section, will start at around 3pm. The super-special, on Friday night, will be, in my opinion, an added value, and other small changes introduced were aimed at making the rally more compact and running on the best roads. The Fafe, Felgueiras, Boticas and two thirds of Cabeceiras Special Stages are authentic motorways. I only hope that, until the rally date, we are not surprised by heavy rain that may change the excellent current state of the pavements", concluded Carlos Cruz.

Parcídio Summavielle, vice-president of Fafe Municipality, underlines his municipality's concern, in recent years, to give the Rally Serras de Fafe the biggest territorial dimension possible, in order to attract more visitors to the regions to the North of Fafe and the neighbouring counties.

"It is an enormous and great honour, in 2022, to open both the Portuguese Rally Championship and the European Rally Championship and I recall that not even the pandemic prevented this rally from being held, being part of the main rally championship in our country for 35 consecutive years, which is to be highlighted and praised. In this edition with a wider format, it will be the third year in the European Championship and the last of the contract signed with the previous promoter [Eurosport], we still don't know what the future holds for us with the new promoter [WRC], which is the same as the World Championship, but I am confident, once again, in the success. In May we will have the World Rally, it is a great effort by the local authorities and I do not always see the recognition I would like to see for those who bring international races to Portugal that give so much prestige to the country and attract thousands of tourists, which means a high direct financial return. There is a huge commitment from clubs and municipalities to mount these events and both the political powers and the Government cannot resign from their responsibilities and leave us alone. There are enormous additional costs, such as policing, which should not be borne by us, given the promotion that is made not only of the Northern region but also of Portugal", underlines Fafe's town councillor.

Unlike the previous two years, this time there will be no limitations on public access to the rally and Parcídio Summavielle is keen to leave a message:

"This year I invite the public, the motor sport enthusiasts, to come and watch the rally, close to the excitement and far from the danger, respecting all the safety rules established by the authorities."

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## Rally Serras de Fafe - Felgueiras - Cabreira and Boticas Programme

### FRIDAY (March 11<sup>th</sup>)

13:00/14:30 - Free practice - Lagoa (3.04 km)  
15:00 - Qualifying - Lagoa (3.04 km)  
16:30/18:30 - Shakedown - Lagoa (3.04 km)  
18:00 - Start Order Selection (Multipurpose Pavilion)  
21:03 - Start from Rua Angelo Medon (Fafe)  
SS 1 - Fafe Super Special Stage (1,43 km) 21:08  
Arrival at Parc Fermé (in front of Multipurpose Pavilion) 21:18

### SATURDAY (March 12<sup>th</sup>)

Departure from Parque da Cidade (in front of the Multipurpose Pavilion) 07:20  
Entering the Service Park 07:27  
Leave the Service Park 07:42  
SS 2 - Boticas 1 (15,05 km) 09:00  
SS 3 - Cabeceiras de Basto 1 (10,84 km) 10:17  
SS 4 - Vieira do Minho 1 (16,93 km) 11:20  
SS 5 - Luíllhas 1 (11,86 km) 12:20  
Regrouping Start (Praça Mártires do Fascismo) 12:59  
Regrouping End (Praça Mártires do Fascismo) 13:14  
Entering the Service Park 13:21  
Leave the Service Park 13:51  
SS 6 - Boticas 2 15:09  
SS 7 - Cabeceiras e Basto 2 16:26  
SS 8 - Vieira do Minho 2 17:29  
SS 9 - Luíllhas 2 18:29  
Entry into Technical Zone (Praça Mártires do Fascismo) 19:08  
Exit from Technical Zone (Praça Mártires do Fascismo) 19:18  
Entering the Service Park 19:25  
Exit from the Service Park 20:10  
Arrival at Parc Fermé (Praça Mártires do Fascismo) 20:25

### SUNDAY (March 13<sup>th</sup>)

Leave the Parc Fermé (Praça Mártires do Fascismo) 07:15  
Entering the Service Park 07:22  
Leave the Service Park 07:37  
SS 10 - Montim 1 (8,73 km) 08:08  
SS 11 - Seixoso 1 (9,97 km) 08:40  
SS 12 - Santa Quitéria 1 (9,18 km) 09:15  
SS 13 - Lameirinha 1 (14,83 km) 10:08

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**SUNDAY (March 13<sup>th</sup>) (cont.)**

Regrouping Start (Praça Mártires do Fascismo) 10:48

Regrouping End (Praça Mártires do Fascismo) 11:12

Entering the Service Park 11:19

Leaving the Service Park 11:49

SS 14 - Montim 2 12:20

SS 15 - Seixoso 2 12:52

SS 16 - Santa Quitéria 2 13:27

Regrouping Start (Praça Mártires do Fascismo) 14:03

Regrouping End (Praça Mártires do Fascismo) 14:39

SS 17 - Lameirinha 2 - POWER STAGE 15:08

Arrival at Parc Fermé (Praça Mártires do Fascismo) 15:47

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