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***The challenge was launched in the final of the Ixs Downhill Cup in Pila (Vd'A)***

We begin to get serious on the 'du Bois' track in Pila (Valle d'Aosta; Italy), home of the final stage of the Ixs European Downhill Cup, where 255 riders met, with the general rankings - after four stages - still open to any result,

today, the first day of 'tasting' the track, with the inspection on foot and, at lunchtime, with the track open and repetitive 'laps' to learn the route by heart and evaluate the pitfalls at high speeds , the most challenging technical passages and discover the best lines.

At the start of the continental event of the Elite - with 300 points at stake (240 for the victory in the Big final and 60 for the best time in qualifying), the Slovenian Luka Berginc, in the lead with 715 points, thanks to two victories in the first two stages (Losinj - Croatia; Maribor - Slovenia), preceding the Dutch Tristan Botteram, at an altitude of 692. In the female, the twenty-one year old from Veneto Lisa Gava, with 416 points, a +32 on the Austrian Marlena Neissi (384). There could be an Italian victory in the Pro Masters, thanks to Paolo Alleva, 43, from Vercelli (Serravalle Sesia), who leads the general with 390, followed by Slovenian Bostjan Volf (330) and Daniele Galliani (262). As well as in the U19s, thanks to Patrick Venturi (450) from Trentino, followed by the Czech Ondrej Kolecik (296) and the Swede Walle Tunsved (282).

tomorrow, the official tests, from 9 to 12 and, from 13 to 14, the Top training. Closing of the final stage of the Ixs Downhill Cup, Sunday 11th, with official tests and training runs, from 8 to 11 and, from 11 to 12, Top training; the start of the finals at 12.30.

**saturday 10.09** \* race office from 8:30 am

official tests 9 - 12

continuous training 12 - 13

top training 13 - 14

**sunday 11.09** \* race office 8:30 am

official tests 8 - 10

continuous training 10 - 11

top training 11 - 12

runway closed from 12 to 12:30

final from 12:30

awards ceremony

20 minutes after the race