

PAUL ARON WINS RACE 1 AND DINO BEGANOVIC IS CROWNED CHAMPION OF THE FORMULA REGIONAL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP BY ALPINE

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The race held at the **Mugello Circuit** will remain in the history of the **Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine**, as **Dino Beganovic** is crowned champion of the 2022 season. It was enough for the Swedish driver to finish the race in fourth position to mathematically bring home the title, conquered by the **Prema Racing** standard bearer with one race still to go. A **Prema Racing** branded success, already triumphant last weekend in Barcelona, which today saw an unreachable **Paul Aron** on the highest step of the podium. The Estonian, who this morning also set the pole position record in the series, also overtook **Gabriele Minì (ART Grand Prix)** in the overall standings, moving into second place behind teammate Beganovic.

Victor Bernier (FA Racing) also did very well. After having put in his best qualifying performance of the season this morning, in which he earned the front row, he won his first podium in the series this afternoon by reaching the top three at the end of a flawless race. **Joshua Dufek (Van Amersfoort Racing)** was able to overtake Beganovic after the only neutralisation of the race, which allowed him to conquer the lowest step of the podium and key points for the rookie standings that he will be fighting for until the very last with **Leonardo Fornaroli (Trident Motorsport)**. The Italian driver finished fifth, ahead of **Kas Haverkort (Van Amersfoort Racing)**, who in turn edged out **Maceo Capietto (Monolite Racing)** in the final stages. Regrettably, Minì was forced to retire following a contact with **Gabriel Bortoletto (R-ace GP)** while they were battling for the seventh place. The accident left the former

without his front wing and the latter stationary at turn 3, calling for the entry of the safety car.

Hadrien David (R-ace GP), **Joshua Durksen** (**Arden Motorsport**) and **Laurens Van Hoepen** (ART Grand Prix) completed the top 10.

"I think it all started last year when we begin working on this season, in which we managed to win the team title and now the drivers' title," Beganovic said. "The start of the season was great for me and brought me impressive results and important victories like the one in Monaco, which had a special meaning. We had ups and downs in the rest of the season, but we managed to make it with still one race to go. I am very happy, and I want to thank the whole Prema team who did an excellent job, the Ferrari Driver Academy with whom I worked hard to prepare for each race, my family, my friends and everyone who believed in me."

The European series will be back in action tomorrow morning at 9.00 am for the second qualifying session, while the last race of the year will start at 14.45 pm, always over a distance of 30' plus one lap to complete.