

EUROCUP-5 CONFIRMS FULL GRID AHEAD OF ITS INAUGURAL 2027 SEASON

Following the announcement of Eurocup-5 by the Royal Spanish Motorsports Federation (RFEDA), the championship has taken another major step forward by confirming a **full grid** for its inaugural 2027 season.

The new category, created to provide the ideal transition between karting and the F4 Spanish Championship, has received an overwhelmingly positive response from across the paddock, with **eight professional teams** committed to the inaugural season. To ensure a balanced and competitive field, each entrant will be permitted to field a **maximum of four cars**.

The teams confirmed for the 2027 season are, in alphabetical order:

- **Drivex Team**
- **DXR Formula Team Monaco**
- **Elite Motorsport**
- **Hitech**
- **IM4 by AGS Racing**
- **Palou Motorsport**
- **Speedy Motorsport**
- **Tecnicar by Amtog**

Sportingly managed by **EPIC Championships**, the organisation behind the F4 Spanish Championship and Eurocup-3, Eurocup-5 has been designed to offer young drivers aged 14 and 15 a cost-controlled, equal and highly professional environment in which to begin their single-seater careers.

The 2027 calendar will feature **five race meetings**, visiting some of Southern Europe's most renowned circuits:

- MotorLand Aragón
- Portimão
- Jerez
- Navarra
- Barcelona-Catalunya

Each event will follow a straightforward format designed to maximise track time while maintaining the championship's philosophy of cost control and sporting equality:

Weekend Format

- **Friday:** 2 hours of practice
- **Saturday:** 20-minute qualifying session + 25-minute race
- **Sunday:** 20-minute qualifying session + 25-minute race

In addition to the race weekends, the championship will also include **five official pre-season test days**, ensuring every driver enters the season with equal preparation opportunities while preserving one of Eurocup-5's core principles: the prohibition of private in-season testing with single-seaters or similar competition vehicles.

As previously announced by RFEDA, the championship has been built around a sustainable model with a **maximum seasonal budget of €150,000**, placing the emphasis on driver talent rather than financial resources.

Eurocup-5 will use the new **ADESS AD27** single-seater, purpose-built for this crucial stage in a driver's development. The car has been developed by **ADESS**, the engineering company founded by former **Formula 1 engineer Stéphane Chosse** and official manufacturer of **LMP3** prototypes. Since **Carlos Tavares** joined the company in **2016** with the ambition of

strengthening its international presence and consolidating ADESS as a manufacturer of competition vehicles, the company has significantly expanded its role in international motorsport. His support and commitment have also been instrumental in bringing the **Eurocup-5** project to life. The **AD27** combines modern safety standards with performance specifically tailored to ease the transition from karting into single-seater racing. Built around a carbon-fibre chassis measuring **4,758 mm in length, 1,750 mm in width and 960 mm in height**, it has a target weight of **570 kg including driver and fuel** (subject to final homologation) and features a **51-litre fuel tank**. Power comes from a **turbocharged 1.2-litre, three-cylinder engine**, producing **145 hp and 240 Nm of torque**, delivering the ideal balance of performance, drivability and reliability for young drivers taking their first steps in single-seater competition.

The championship will also offer one of the strongest prize structures in junior motorsport. As previously announced, the **RFEDA** will award a **€42,000 prize** to a standout **Junior** driver from the **2026 Hyundai Spanish Karting Championship**, aimed at facilitating their move into **Eurocup-5** in 2027. In addition, the **2027 Eurocup-5 Champion** will receive a **€100,000 prize fund** to support their progression to the next level of the single-seater ladder. The prize fund will be paid directly to the team with which the driver competes the following season in the **F4 Spanish Championship**, ensuring it is fully invested in their continued development.

Marco Rodríguez, CEO of EPIC Championships, said:

"Eurocup-5 has been created in response to a real need within our sport. Together with the RFEDA, we identified a growing demand from young drivers aged 14 and above who wanted to begin driving single-seaters before reaching Formula 4. Until now, many of them had no structured pathway and were forced to prepare in environments that did not always offer the highest standards of safety, sporting equality or cost control. Eurocup-5 provides the solution by bringing that transition into a fully regulated, professional championship.

Karting remains the best school for any racing driver, and our objective has never been to replace it, but to complement it. By concentrating the Eurocup-5 season into four to five months, young drivers will be able to continue competing in karting while taking their first steps in single-seaters without significantly increasing the overall cost of their development. We are simply providing a structured answer to a transition that is already taking place across the sport.

From the very beginning, we have been committed to building this championship to the same standards that define every EPIC Championships event. We have brought together outstanding technical partners, made significant investments and assembled an experienced organisation to deliver a championship of the highest quality. I would like to thank the RFEDA for believing in this project from day one, especially Manuel Aviñó, whose decision to chair the Organising Committee demonstrates his complete commitment to the future of this category. My gratitude also goes to our partners ADESS, Hankook, PFC Brakes and Engiser 101 and to the entire EPIC Championships team. Together, we are creating what we believe will become the natural first step on Spain's single-seater development ladder."

Manuel Aviñó, President of the Royal Spanish Motorsports Federation (RFEDA), said:

"I am deeply proud and delighted by the extraordinary reception that Eurocup-5 has received since its launch. The fact that all 30 available entries were filled in just a few days is the clearest demonstration of the confidence that drivers, teams and families place in Spanish motorsport and in its ability to continue leading ambitious projects for the future.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the teams that believed in this initiative from the very beginning. They are not simply competitors; they are true partners in a project created with the ambition of providing new opportunities for young talent while continuing to strengthen the foundations of our sport.

My appreciation also goes to Marco Rodríguez and the entire EPIC Championships team, as well as to Carlos Tavares and Stéphane Chosse from ADESS, for their courage, commitment and vision. Launching a project of this nature always requires determination, and I am convinced that this journey will mark a turning point in the development and promotion of future generations of racing drivers.

Projects that truly transform a sport are fortunate to find people who choose to build rather than question. To all of them, thank you for believing in the RFEDA from day one."