

**Round 10 of the 2026 FIA European Hill Climb Championship
Round 8 of the 2026 FIA European Historic Hill Climb Championship**

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FROM: THE STEWARDS

TO : Joseba IRAOLA LANZAGORTA, No 1

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The Stewards, having received delegation of authority from the panel of Stewards for the Ilirska Bistrica Event - Round 9 of the 2026 FIA European Hill Climb Championship (Decision No 4, Document 2.8 of Ilirska Bistrica), with the related delegation of authority from the Auto sport federation of Slovenia (AŠ SLO), have considered the following matter and determine the following:

Driver: Joseba IRAOLA LANZAGORTA, No 1

Competitor: Euskadi Automobilismo Enak Kluba

Session: After Race 1 of the Ilirska Bistrica Event

Fact: The fuel samples taken from Car 1 after Race 1 of the Ilirska Bistrica Event were found to be non-compliant with the fuel specifications set out in Article 258-2.8.1 of Appendix J.

Offence: Breach of Article 258-2.8.1 of Appendix J of the FIA International Sporting Code

Decision: Disqualification of Car 1 from the Ilirska Bistrica Event. The other Competitors move up in the classification. The Final Classification of the Ilirska Bistrica Event (Round 9 of the 2026 FIA European Hill Climb Championship), as well as the attribution of points for the 2026 FIA European Hill Climb Championship for the Ilirska Bistrica Event, must be amended accordingly.

Reason: The Stewards summoned (Summons 2) and heard the Driver and the Competitor representative, who also submitted a joint written statement and who did not dispute the facts and accepted the laboratory analysis results. The Driver explained the context and circumstances that led to the use of the fuel in question, notably that the fuel was purchased from an official fuel distributor, as advised by the engine supplier, and the fuel official technical data sheet states that the fuel complies with the FIA Advances Sustainable fuel regulations laid down in Appendix J. Moreover, the Driver stated that non-compliance of the fuel resulted from an understandable misunderstanding regarding the regulatory provisions on fuel specifications permitted for Category 2 cars, and no performance advantage was sought or gained.

The Stewards considered and examined the report from the FIA EHC Technical Delegate of Ilirska Bistrica Event confirming that the fuel sample collected from Car 1 after Race 1 in Ilirska Bistrica was found to be non-compliant with the fuel specifications set out in Article 266-B.1 of Appendix J. Additionally, the report notes that said fuel sample was found to conform to the Advanced Sustainable (AS) Petrol specifications outlined in Article 266-B.3.2 of Appendix J. The Stewards also considered and examined the written statement submitted by the Driver and noted that the Competitor accepted the laboratory analysis results and that no evidence was presented demonstrating that the fuel analytical procedure was not performed correctly, nor that it produced incorrect results in this instance.

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Article 10.1 of the 2026 Sporting Regulations of the FIA European Hill Climb Championship requires cars eligible to compete in an Event counting for the 2026 European Hill Climb Championship to comply with the technical prescriptions of Article 258-1 of Appendix J (for Category 1) and the Article 258-2 of Appendix J (for Category 2). Moreover, pursuant to Article 1.3.3 of the FIA International Sporting Code, if a car is found not to comply with the applicable technical regulations, it shall be no defense to claim that no performance advantage was obtained. Therefore, the causes of the non-compliance and/or the effect of such non-compliance on the performances of the car are not relevant in this instance.

Article 258-2.8.1 of the Appendix J states that *"The fuel must comply with Article 266-B.1 (Petrol) or 266-B.2 (Diesel)"*. Article 266-B.1 of the Appendix J set out the specifications to be complied with by petrol fuel and Article 266-B.2 of the Appendix J set out the specifications to be complied with by diesel fuel. Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards determined that the fuel sample collected from Car 1 after Race 1 in Ilirska Bistrica was not compliant with these specifications and, considering the clear wording of Article 258-2.8.1 of the Appendix J, fuel complying with the specifications outlined in Article 266-B.3.2 (Advanced Sustainable (AS) Petrol, of Appendix J is not permitted for Category 2 cars competing in an Event counting for the 2026 European Hill Climb Championship.

Consequently, the Stewards decided to impose the standard penalty for a breach of technical regulations. All cars originally classified behind Car 1 move up in the Race Classification and the Final Classifications of the Ilirska Bistrica Event, as well as the attribution of points for the 2026 FIA European Hill Climb Championship for the Ilirska Bistrica Event, must be amended accordingly.

The Competitor is reminded that he has the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

Chair of the Panel:  Ludek KOPECKY (CZE)	Steward:  Filippo LURA (SUI)	Steward:  Filip BRNOBIĆ (SVN)
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