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**HERALDING THE START OF THE RALLY, WHICH TOOK OFF AT 19:30.
AFTERNOON CROWD AT RALLYLEGEND ARENA**

Republic of San Marino. At last we see, in the Service Areas around Rallylegend Village, these splendid cars as they leap into action! The teams don their fireproof clothing and helmets and for the morning Shakedown. All the champions who'd been announced turned up, amid the event's typically colourful and multi-ethnic spectators, already from early hours on. It's an imposing scene – at the "Village" and along the Shakedown route. Expectations are running high and the excitement is palpable as we await the rally start from Rallylegend Village at 19:00, for a night-time challenge with four special stages and the finish line in the dead of night. The atmosphere and the jostling crowd are all part of a consolidated tradition in downtown San Marino, a town 'dressed to the nines' for the occasion. With the Rallylegend vehicles, it all makes for a splendidly choreographic scene in the town square, piazza della Libertà.

THE NEW VW POLO 2018, OUR REMARKABLE TRAILBLAZER!

The remarkable new Volkswagen Polo 2018, unveiled just days ago, and branded for Rallylegend, with its LS0 number, set out, leading the way before all the teams with Filippo Reggini at the wheel. Filippo, a businessman and experienced driver, with Enzo Zafferani to the right, as navigator and a well-known part of the rally scene in San Marino. An impressive collection of individuals, with Giovanni Zonzini, assuming the role of navigator for his son, Emanuele, a proven "pistard", and Paolo Valli, who is one of the "inventors" of Rallylegend! Three of these men were already Chairmen of San Marino's motor-sports federation, FAMS, la Federazione Automotoristica Sammarinese. Paolo Valli is the current "chairman" of the Federazione (as is appropriate given the fact that they're all absolute incurable motor-sports addicts).

"THURSDAY EVENING AND THE PUBLIC FOR THE KEY DAYS"

Apropos the people who turned up on Thursday evening, Vito Piarulli, the General Manager of the Organization, said, "Last year, Thursday evening was well-attended, normally an occasion for interfacing among ourselves. But the crowd yesterday evening was a real surprise, and a pleasant one too! We saw people from all over Europe, as is appropriate for the key days at Rallylegend".

RALLYLEGEND ARENA: THE FIRST KEY EVENTS

The presence of Beppe Volta, a leading light in the rally world, was a treat for everyone at Rallylegend, as he brought with him his love of fun, his marvellous vehicles and his amazing “inventions”. During this Rallylegend we wanted to commemorate him with a dedicated space, “**C’era una volta ... no, Volta c’è sempre!**” (Once upon a time... no, always upon a time!) at the Rallylegend Arena, with the words of Miki Biasion, Andrea Aghini and Gabriele Noberasco – all champs who have performed brilliantly with Volta’s “creations”.

Rallylegend Arena then hosted the “**Legend Company**”, with the greetings of the main protagonists at Rallylegend (Kris Meeke, Miki Biasion, Gustavo Trelles, Alister McRae, Stig Blomqvist, Piero Longhi).

THIERRY NEUVILLE ALREADY HERE AT RALLYLEGEND

Thierry Neuville has also joined us at Rallylegend. On Sunday, Neuville will be put through his paces at the wheel of the HMI team’s Hyundai i20 WRC. The public immediately extended a warm welcome to this Belgian driver from the Hyundai World Rally team.

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The web site www.rallylegend.com is the official info point for news on everything that has to do with this San Marino event. We update the site constantly to provide you with the latest Rallylegend notices, addresses and news.

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