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RALLY D'ITALIA SARDEGNA | HOW A SAFETY PLAN OF A WRC ROUND COMES OUT

In 2007 the FIA Organization declared the Rally d'Italia Sardegna as the most safety Round of the whole WRC. Germany and Norway got a very similar result. What does a Safety Plan Organization mean? How many people are really in charge with this fundamental item? Even this year the "Safety Plan" considers all the aspects of a WRC race with the important goal to be the fastest we can to rescue in emergency situations herewith all the "numbers" for a safety plan.

A large amount of means and men have been considered along the whole itinerary. About **720 Marshall**, coming from all the ACI delegations all over Italy, will be located along the itinerary **each 300 m..** They can be considered as real sentinels, people in charge with the control of spectators' positions inside the dedicated areas. In those areas dedicated to the spectators, the Marshall's number is larger in order to manage the situation in a better way. If the Spectators' areas are very close to some crossing points with Provincial or more traffic roads, Marshalls are supported by the Police.

A peculiar figure is represented by the **Media Assistants**, dedicated Marshall to the 300 accredited photographers and journalists.

In order to make clear the difference between the spectators' and the media's areas, pretty 50 km of tapes are located each day. These tapes are of different colors: RED for those zones that are absolutely forbidden to the spectators; GREEN for all those zones allowed for supporters and blue for the media delegates.

About fourteen emergency vehicles are located along the itinerary: they are fully equipped and high specialized personnel on board, always ready to operate in case of wounded rescue, first aid or fire extinguishing operations.

Each day **14 ambulances**, which ten are 4wd, are distributed along the itinerary in a distance not larger than **7 km from each other**. An experienced doctor, specialized in reanimation, and an assistant are always on board. All the ambulances are fully equipped. On the top of the safety pyramid we find the first-rescue helicopters: **1 dedicated helicopter** for the Race Control, equipped with HEMS and winch. Three medical doctors, trained for the mountain's rescue and reanimation's operations, ready to go in the fastest way on occasional accident that may occur. It flies over race's areas during the Special Stages. **A second** helicopter, fully equipped as the other one, stays in stand-by in a few minutes distance from the Stage's area.

Authorities involved

A large number of people and Authorities are involved to organize and manage the Safety Project.

ACI Global, leading society of the Automobile Club d'Italia Group, specialized in giving assistance to vehicles and people, is in charge with the different aspects of the Safety Programme and cooperates with the Sassari's 118 (medical emergency assistance) and the Fire Department. The set up, the re-establishment and the control of the gravel are successfully entrusted to the Forest Authority and the Sardinian Forest Authority. A fundamental support is given by the Police – Polizia, Stradale, Carabinieri e Guardia di Finanza – that is located along all the itinerary and on the transfer's ways. Each of the aforementioned ones has a Chief Delegate at the Race Control, ready to cooperate with the Clerk of the Course in case of necessity.



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Race Control

The project and the managing of the Safety Plan and of the whole race is under the Race Control's duty. Three Assistants work together with the Clerk of the Course. Each one follows a single Special Stage from the set up phase till its closure. In strictly cooperation the Safety Deputy checks any emergency's situation.

Radio Coverage

Fundamental for the safety is the radio coverage during the race. Along the itinerary forty vehicular radios and something about two hundred handy. The first ones are located at the beginning, at the end and at all the intermediate points of each Stage. The two hundred portable radios are distributed one each five hundred meters.

Through the Tracking System, it is possible for the Race Control to follow the exact position, in real time, of any cars racing. In case of an emergency, Competitors, have just to push a red button on it, in order to send an emergency signal to the Race Control.

Spectators' Vademecum

Although the safety measures already arranged, it is fundamental to correctly inform the spectators.

Once the Itinerary has been defined and the spectators' and media's areas have been well indicated on maps, everyone is invited to consult them, before the race, even visiting the web site www.rallyitaliasardegna.com, clicked by over than 7,5 millions visitors. Anyway it is very important to respect some simple rules:

- ✓ To arrive at the spectators' areas always before first car's start
- ✓ To park ONLY in the permitted area in order not to become an obstacle to the traffic
- ✓ To respect Marshall's indications
- ✓ Never trespassing the red tapes entering in those no-way areas, in particular in the nearby of exit accesses
- ✓ Never stay inside the media's area, characterised by blue tapes
- ✓ To stay ONLY in those zones defined by green tapes
- ✓ To move just after the passage of the sweeping car (recognizable by a chess flag on it). It means that the Stage is terminated
- ✓ In case of an accident please contact immediately the nearest Marshall who will take care of the situation
- ✓ Respect all the indication given by the Organizers and do not forget to respect the Nature.



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