Titleholder Nizzolo assesses "anything but easy" Euro 2021 course in Trentino

The Italian rider did an in-depth recon on the "Trentino 2021" road race, where he’ll defend his crown: "I look forward to a sparkling race, this won’t be just sprinters’ business"

The European cycling champion jersey and its rightful owner, Giacomo Nizzolo, pedaled on the Trentino’s streets yesterday, Tuesday September 29th. The champion enjoyed a sunny day to inspect the Elite Men’s road race route, the main event of the "Trentino 2021" Euro Champs. Following Imola World Championships’ success, Trentino 2021 will take place from September 8th to 12th, 2021, in Trento, Italy, and its surrounding area.

Followed by a video and photo crew, Nizzolo carefully examined all the key sections of the route, including the opening 70 km loop in the Valle dei Laghi that includes the climb to the Monte Bondone (from the Sopramonte/Candriai side), and obviously, the main circuit in Trento, featuring the Povo climb to be faced eight times, and all the corners of the technical finale culminating in the beauty of Trento’s Piazza Duomo.
"It is a spectacular and interesting route through magnificent places, up to the expectations when you are in Trentino," Nizzolo said. "From a technical point of view, my evaluation is a little different from the early judgments I sensed of the course: many considered this easy route. Indeed, I would say it might look easy, but it’s not. It might turn out a very entertaining race, open to different solutions and different kinds of riders."

"In my opinion - continued Nizzolo - there are three critical points of this European Championship. The first is the ascent towards the Monte Bondone, which is not prohibitive but will, in any case, restrict the number of candidates for the win. The second is the Trento circuit, which won’t let riders rest, with the eight ascents on the Povo climb sure to make a selection. The third is the race finale, beautiful and very technical, with two sharp corners in the last kilometre and the finishing straight on cobbles that could play a big role in case of rain."

Established in recent years as a spectacular event, contested by top-notch riders, the European championship will look to confirm their reputation in Trento. The local fans also hope the streak of the Azzurri to continue at Trentino 2021, after Italy won the last three editions. "It is wonderful to be able to race at home on such a course, and I believe the low mileage (179,2 km) will contribute to the battle. I want to be there and give my best shot," Nizzolo promised.

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The Programme

Wednesday September 8th, 2021
- Junior Women Individual Time Trial – 22,4 km
- Junior Men Individual Time Trial – 22,4 km
- Team Relay (Men/Women Team Time Trial) – 44,8 km (2 laps of 22,4 km)
Thursday September 9th, 2021
- Elite Women Individual Time Trial – 22,4 km
- U23 Women Individual Time Trial – 22,4 km
- U23 Men Individual Time Trial – 22,4 km
- Elite Men Individual Time Trial – 22,4 km

Friday September 10th, 2021
- Junior Men Road Race – 107,2 km
- Junior Women Road Race – 67,6 km
- U23 Women Road Race – 80,8 km

Saturday September 11th, 2021
- U23 Men Road Race – 133,6 km
- Elite Women Road Race – 107,2 km

Sunday September 12th, 2021
- Elite Men Road Race – 179,2 km

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Photos: 1) Giacomo Nizzolo and the iconic Piazza Duomo in Trento, the finish line of the 2021 Road European Championships; 2) The European Champion in action on Mount Bondone; 3) Nizzolo facing the Povo climb; 4) Nizzolo while riding in the beautiful Valle dei Laghi (Credits: Giacomo Podetti/Vitesse). Free usage granted with credits. Click on the images to download.