



Bosch eBike Systems promotes eMountain biking in Europe's largest eMTB region

Pilot projects in the French-Swiss mountain bike destination Portes du Soleil

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- ▶ 3-year partnership between Bosch eBike Systems and Portes du Soleil
- ▶ Opening of specific uphill flow trails for eMountain bikers
- ▶ Launch of the eMTB trail "ePass'Portes epowered by Bosch"

Stuttgart/Reutlingen – Bosch eBike Systems is supporting the tourist destination of Portes du Soleil for the next 3 years in the development of eMountain bike tourist facilities. With a total of 12 locations and 5 bike parks in 2 countries Portes du Soleil is the largest transnational ski and mountain bike area in Europe. The collaboration will start this year with the launch of an eMTB leg in the mountain bike trail "Pass'Portes" and with the construction of a special uphill flow trail for eMountain bikers and charging stations in the area of Portes du Soleil.

Reaction to rising demand: own trails for eMountain bikers

The transnational destination of Portes du Soleil has committed itself to promoting eBikes for 5 years now. In order to meet the demand there are plans to construct the first uphill flow trail for eMountain bikers in the Vallée d'Aulps starting in the spring of 2017. "The Portes du Soleil destination was one of the first to promote eMountainbiking. Last year we had more than 120 eMountain bikes riding the mountain bike trail Pass'Portes. The trend is clearly towards eMTB, and this prompted us to devote a specific leg to this new segment," Benoît Cloirec, Events Officer of Portes du Soleil, explains.

In the next two years two further eMTB trails are to be added, one in the Vallée d'Abondance in France and one in a Swiss destination. eMountain bikers can look forward to trails specifically geared to their needs.

Bosch eBike Systems new main sponsor for the eMountain bike sector

With the partnership Portes du Soleil and Bosch eBike Systems are laying the foundation for the sustainable development of a modern mountain bike destination. As a partner from the eMTB sector Bosch eBike Systems is playing an active role and will contribute not only material sponsoring but also the relevant ex-

pertise to the partnership. "We are convinced that the status of eMountain bikes will rise steadily in the coming years. But to achieve this it is important that the sport develops in a sustainable way: we need suitable parameters, experts and specific training facilities, for riding technique trainers for instance. The co-operation with Portes du Soleil gives us an opportunity to make the eMountain bike accessible to a broader public," according to Tamara Winograd, Head of Marketing and Communication at Bosch eBike Systems.

The new eMTB challenge "ePass'Portes epowered by Bosch"

As a highlight of the new partnership the 14th edition of the successful mountain bike trail Pass'Portes MTB will be accorded its own eMountain bike category for the first time. From 23 to 25 June 2017 eMountain bikers will be able to ride this section prior to its opening. The section will start in Les Gets (F) and will take the bikers through a loop of about 60 kilometres with height differences between 1,000 and 2,450 metres above sea level.

You will find further information on the partnership and the ePass'Portes epowered by Bosch event at www.portesdusoleil.fr or explore the day-to-day life of mountain rescuer and eBike enthusiast Sylvain from Portes du Soleil at www.bosch-ebike.fr/stories

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Like other Bosch products, the eBike systems benefit from the Bosch Group's technology and production know-how. From conception and engineering to manufacturing, marketing and after-sales service, Bosch eBike Systems constantly set new standards for the eBike industry. The Bosch Group's experience in the areas of electric motors, sensor technology, displays and lithium-ion batteries ensures that Bosch eBike systems use technology that is invented for life and that eBike users have their fun.

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