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Dear Sirs

European Customs Sports Association Cycling MTB Championship – Derbyshire, England

UK Revenue and Customs Sports and Leisure (RCSL) have pleasure in issuing this invitation to all European Customs Sports Association (ECSA) member countries to participate in the first European Customs Sports Association (ECSA) Mountain Bike Cycling Championship, to be held in the United Kingdom between Thursday 18th May and Saturday 20th May 2017.

Arrival

Nearby Airports include Birmingham, East Midlands and Manchester. Competitors are encouraged to arrive on or before the morning of 18th May. Arrival details should be notified to Andrea Scott-Lewis, email: andrea.scott-lewis@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk **as soon as possible.** Where possible we will look to provide assistance with travel from and to the above airports on Thursday 18th May and Saturday 20th May.

Anyone travelling outside these dates, or from different UK Airports, may need to arrange their own travel to the event. Andrea Scott-Lewis can provide assistance with arranging transfers.

Accommodation

Two night's accommodation for Thursday 18th to Saturday 20th May 2017 has been arranged at the Premier Inn Matlock, in beautiful cycling country near the centre of England. Full details are available here:

<http://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/derbyshire/matlock/matlock.html?ARRdd=1>

Information is available in large print, audio tape and Braille formats.
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Non-participating guests will also be welcome to come along, subject to space being available, they will be able to accompany the cyclists as spectators and attend the presentation and prize giving.

Any special accommodation needs should be notified to Andrea as soon as possible and recorded on the accommodation form.

Meals

Breakfast will be provided at the hotel each morning. An evening meal will be arranged each evening. There will be presentations and prize giving after the event on Friday 19th May.

Any special dietary needs should be recorded on the accommodation form.

Competition:

Thursday 18th May 2017:

Arrivals and collection from airports close to the venue. If ECSA participants cannot arrive at these and have to use another airport in the country then Andrea can help with transfers. An evening cycle ride can be arranged.

Friday 19th May 2017:

The ECSA event will run concurrently to the UK RCSL event which consists of Regional Team MTB Championships (for teams of 2 or 3 riders with the top 2 scores per team counting).

Event format (subject to final confirmation):

The main championship event is up to 73km and has a 7 hour time limit.

The shorter standard distance event is 43km and has a time limit of 6 hours.

Both of these routes will have options for you to cut short should your legs be giving up a little early.

Further details are provided on the Cycling Information form.

Presentations and prize giving will follow.

Saturday 20th May 2017:

If required, return to designated airport on Saturday or details of suggested leisure cycling rides in the local area will be made available for those wishing to stay longer (at extra cost).

Entry details

Entries are required on the attached form by close of play 31 March 2017.

Please confirm your preferred arrival and departure points in the UK so help can be given to get participants to the venue and accommodation.

Costs

The total cost of accommodation to each participant will be **€150** for 2 nights, including dinner, bed and breakfast. There will also be a **€20** competition entry fee.

Extra night's accommodation is available on application but may be in a different hotel nearby or within easy travel if the hotel is fully booked.

Non-cyclist residential package **€150** per person, dinner bed & breakfast for 2 nights.

Payment

All payment should be made in € by bank transfer, along with the submission of entry forms. Bank account details are listed below. Please note any bank charges will be the responsibility of the country making the payment.

Bank name:	For & Behalf of Revenue & Customs Sports & Leisure
Account No:	44822055
Sort Code	20-82-94
BIS Swift Code:	BARC GB22
IBAN:	GB69 BARC 20829444822055

Entries

Entry and accommodation forms should be completed and returned to the event coordinator, Andrea Scott-Lewis, email: andrea.scott-lewis@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk as soon as possible and before the closing date of **Friday 31 March 2017**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Andrea.

RCSL looks forward to welcoming our ECSA colleagues to the United Kingdom, to an enjoyable event and to old friendships being renewed and new ones made.

Yours faithfully



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Chairman, HM Revenue & Customs Sports & Leisure