

GABRIEL BORTOLETO GETS HIS FIRST POLE POSITION IN THE FORMULA REGIONAL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP BY ALPINE IN BARCELONA

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Gabriel Bortoleto claimed his first pole position in the **Formula Regional European Championship by Alpine** in **Barcelona** right on the weekend of his birthday. The **R-ace GP**'s Brazilian driver set the fastest time of 1m40.532s in the Group B session, only 0.156s ahead of his teammate **Hadrien David**. The Frenchman finished yesterday's race with a second place and will start from the second row of the grid in Race 2.

Pierre-Louis Chovet topped the Group A, securing the first row for this afternoon's race in 1m40.599s. The **RPM** standard bearer was 0.035s faster than Race 1 winner **Paul Aron (Prema Racing)** who showed once again that he has a very good pace on the Spanish track.

After showing an excellent performance, **Owen Tangavelou (RPM)** will start from the third row alongside **Kas Haverkort (Van Amersfoort Racing)**. **Joshua Durksen (Arden)** will share the fourth row of the grid with **Victor Bernier (FA Racing)**, who is seeking redemption after yesterday's retirement for a technical issue on his car while he was fighting for the top 10.

The top ten is completed by the two title contenders **Gabriele Mini (ART Grand Prix)** and **Dino Beganovic (Prema Racing)**.

"Getting my first pole on my birthday weekend was fantastic – said Bortoleto – I had been close to it at Paul Ricard, but this time we managed to put it all together

thanks to the great work done by the whole team."

Race 2 (16.25pm) will be live streamed on official YouTube and Facebook of the series (links at formularegionaleubyalpine.com).

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