

Ivanoff's first European race of 2017 just days away



After opening races in Abu Dhabi, the United States and Japan, fans of French pilot Nicolas Ivanoff will finally be able to see him fly in home European skies as the 2017 Red Bull Air Race World Championship reaches its midpoint with the classic stop at Budapest, Hungary on 1-2 July.

The Team Hamilton pilot first made the iconic swoop under the Chain Bridge to enter Budapest's Red Bull Air Race track in his 2004 series debut, but he never tires of the experience.

"Flying under the Chain Bridge is always something special," states the former aerobatic champion. "The opportunity to fly in the heart of a major European capital is extremely rare, and the crowds are always fantastic."

Ivanoff will be especially happy to get back in action this weekend because at the Japanese stop in Chiba just a month ago he came down with a cold and never felt his best in the raceplane. Now recovered, he remains the only French pilot in the top 10 overall, and he hopes to find his first podium of the season in the tight racetrack over the Danube.



"With only a short gap between the races and the plane in transit from Japan, we haven't made significant technical adjustments, but I've been working hard to be well prepared on the mental side," Ivanoff shares. "Budapest is a beautiful setting, and I will do my best to fly beautifully as well."