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"We can't wait to start our 4th season in the amazing NASCAR Whelen Euro Series!" said Sepp Renauer, Renauer Motorsport Team Owner. "With the drivers of our #5 car we want build on the success of our previous campaigns."

"My goal for this year is to improve, even if I will race in the highly competitive ELITE 1 Division. Pre-season testing went well and I am motivated to work myself up the grid", said Peter Gross, who debuted in the NASCAR Whelen Euro Series in 2016 at Brands Hatch and will compete for the Challenger Trophy in the ELITE 1 Division. "Over the last year I have become friends with most of the people involved with Renauer Motorsport. We will work together to make the car, the team, the experience, better and more competitive and, most importantly, still have a good time. I like the series and I like the car, it is simple and straightforward, fun and not too intimidating to drive even for a novice."

Martin Doubek was among the revelations of the 2016 season in the ELITE 2 Division. The 22-year-old driver from Czech Republic made great strides throughout the season, reaching his first podium finish in the Zolder Finals, but he's expecting even more from 2017.

"I'm ready to fight hard for wins and podiums," said Doubek, who finished eighth in points with 3 top-5s and 8 top-10s. "Renauer Motorsport is a very professional team and I am proud to be a part of it! After three years I feel all the people in team are family for me. There's a lot of great people working in the NASCAR Whelen Euro Series and I love the championship."

Andreas Kuchelbacher will be among the protagonists of the newly added ELITE Club Division, the regularity-based category meant to introduce new drivers to the NASCAR world. The 37-year-old from Wien will drive the #5 Mustang in the four ELITE Club events: Valencia, Hockenheim, Franciacorta and Zolder.

Renauer Motorsport is also working to find the right conditions to expand to two cars later in the season.

"For the second event at Brands Hatch at the beginning of June, our #15 Ford Mustang will be ready to race and we hope the driver line up for this car can be defined in next few weeks," said Renauer.

The 2017 NASCAR Whelen Euro Series season will begin in Spain on April 8-9 with the traditional Valencia NASCAR Fest. All the races will be streamed live on Fanschoice.tv and the NASCAR Whelen Euro Series Facebook page.

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