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### Eurafrica Trail

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar is delighted to announce that Gibraltar will be the starting point for the Eurafrika Trail 2017.

The Eurafrika Trail is the first mountain race in the world to be held between two continents and three countries.

Gibraltar will now form part of the race's third edition, with the two previous events having had over 200 volunteers and 1,000 participants from 9 different countries. Participants will face a new challenge in Eurafrika 2017; added to the already established stages of the 25 or 50 kms leg in the Alcornocales Natural Park and the final 40kms leg in Chefchaouen, Morocco, participants will now have a 4km vertical climb from Europa Point to O' Hara's Battery (via Mediterranean Steps) to contend with. The Gibraltar Vertical Climb will be the starting point of an unprecedented race which will start on Wednesday 11th October and be completed over five days finishing on Sunday the 15th October in Chefchaoeun.

The event has grown exponentially and has now established relationships with mainstream and specialized media partners around the world. Eurafrika Trail also has over 10,000 subscribers and its website statistics depict over 1.5 million online hits.

In addition to the competitive side of the event the Eurafrika Trail organisers are very conscious of the natural environment within which the race is held and the communities that it involves. Thanks to this element of social responsibility, initiatives such as the planting of the Eurafrika Forest have taken place. This project reversed the carbon footprint of the event last year with the cleaning of river channels in the Alcornocales Natural Park in Cadiz also undertaken in 2016. To this end the Ministry for the Environment will explore avenues of mutual interest to elaborate projects for the very near future.

Registration for the event opens on the 30th March and can be accessed via [www.eurafricatrail.com](http://www.eurafricatrail.com). Local enthusiasts are encouraged to participate and share what will be a unique experience.

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