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# FIM Cross-Country Rallies World Championship 2020 Calendars, Update 16 March

## Silk Way Rally: Modification of the itinerary for the 2020 edition

To prevent the risks linked to the COVID-19 epidemic (Coronavirus) and to guarantee the organisation of the next edition of the SILK WAY RALLY, the FIM and the event directors have decided to modify the itinerary of the 2020 edition.

The stages that were planned for the Republic of Kazakhstan and the People's Republic of China have been cancelled. The rally will be run entirely on Russian Federation territory, with a **start from the Red Square in Moscow on 3 July and a finish in Kazan on 11 July.**

The new route will offer 8 stages and feature all types of terrain: steppes, sandy, rolling and forest tracks. Demanding and packed, the 2020 edition will offer participants 2700 km (approx.) of selective sections for a total distance of 4200 km (approx.) and in so doing will respect the requirements for a marathon round of both the FIA World Cup for Cross Country Rallies and the FIM Cross Country Rallies World Championship.

Vladimir Chagin, Organisation Director: *"We have taken a wise and responsible decision; we have to 100% guarantee that the SILK WAY RALLY 2020 will be held in good conditions. The media and participants will be able to discover extraordinary places in Russia. The rally will be a very high-level competition and a formidable voyage."*

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### About the FIM ([www.fim-live.com](http://www.fim-live.com))

The FIM (Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme) founded in 1904, is the governing body for motorcycle sport and the global advocate for motorcycling. The FIM is an independent association formed by 111 National Federations throughout the world. It is recognised as the sole competent authority in motorcycle sport by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Among its 50 FIM World Championships the main events are MotoGP, Superbike, Endurance, Motocross, Supercross, Trial, Enduro, Cross-Country Rallies and Speedway. Furthermore, the FIM is also active and involved in the following areas: public affairs, road safety, touring and protection of the environment. The FIM was the first international sports federation to impose an Environmental Code in 1994.