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NICE CÔTE D'AZUR BY UTMB CONCLUDES ITS 4TH EDITION ON A HIGH NOTE OF UNITY, PERFORMANCE, AND COMMITMENT

- **5,009** starters
- **4,330** finishers (16% dropouts)
- **81** nationalities, **76.6%** French runners, including **21.4%** from the PACA region
- **4** races from Friday to Sunday, from 100M to 20K
- **1,000** volunteers involved in the organisation
- Over **€14,128** raised through solidarity bibs and runner donations for two local associations
- Starts across **four towns** in the Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolis, with an iconic finish on Nice's Promenade des Anglais

The 4th edition of Nice Côte d'Azur by UTMB® came to a close this Sunday, September 28, in a vibrant and celebratory atmosphere. Over four days, the event brought together thousands of runners and spectators around exceptional courses: from the peaks of Mercantour to the shores of the Mediterranean, passing through the Nice hinterland and its picturesque mountain-side villages.



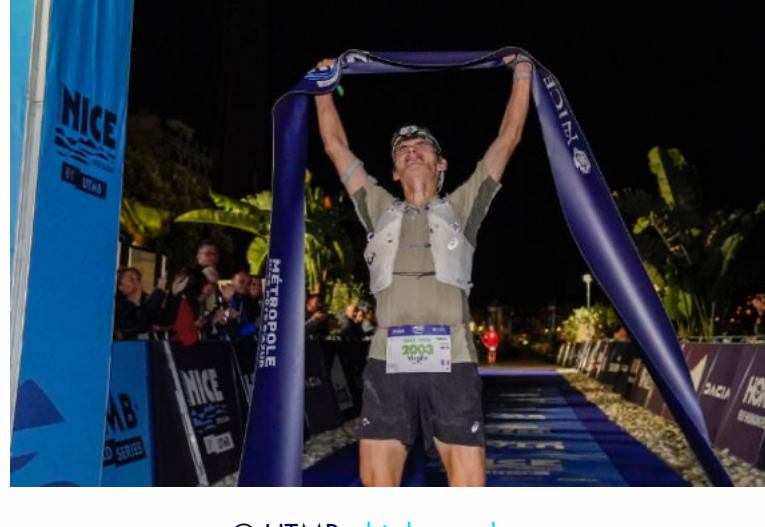
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FRENCH DOUBLE IN THE 100K WITH VICTORIES FOR CHLOÉ SOUVIGNÉ AND VIRGILE MORISSET

On Saturday night into Sunday morning, the first woman of the 100K crossed the finish line. French runner Chloé Souvigné [UTMB Index 602] took the win in 15h08'12", much to her own surprise. Shortly after her victory, she said: "I wasn't aiming for the podium, so I'm super happy. I feel like I managed myself well the whole way, even if mentally I let go a little at the end."

After 111 km of rugged Mercantour trails, through high passes, villages, and breathtaking panoramas, she raised her arms on the Promenade des Anglais, finishing ahead of Ingrid M Due-Gundersen (NOR – UTMB Index 659) and Sarah Meharfi (FRA – UTMB Index 619).

A few hours earlier, Virgile Moriset (FRA – UTMB Index 868) triumphed in the men's race in 11h54'45", ahead of Nice local Sébastien Poesy (FRA – UTMB Index 868), and Italian Daniel Jung (UTMB Index 852).



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FIRST INTERNATIONAL WIN IN THE 20K WITH GERMANY'S CAROLINE BALDUHN

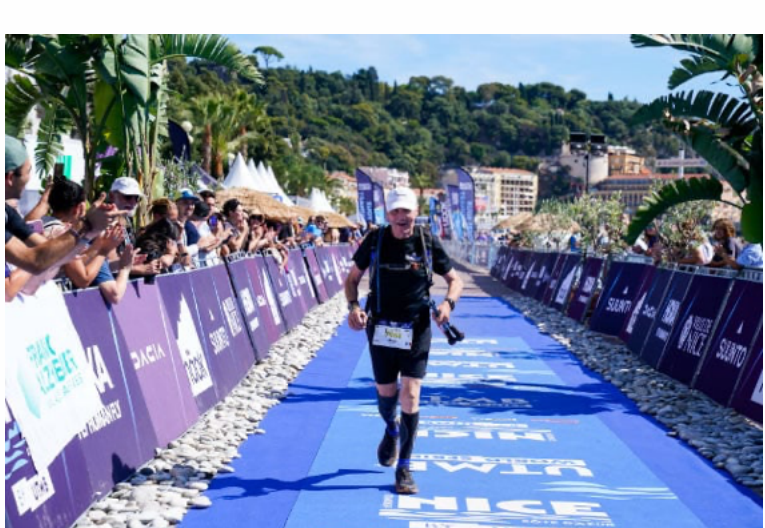
On Sunday morning, the 20K started from Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat and was won by German runner Caroline Balduhn, competing in her very first trail race, in 02h06:53. She finished ahead of Swiss runner Claudia Bernasconi (UTMB Index 561) and French runner Elodie Beuzit (UTMB Index 571).

In the men's race, Frenchman Alexandre Meyleu (UTMB Index 821) took victory in 01h41'33", after moving into the lead at the intermediate checkpoint, finishing ahead of Baptiste Massot (FRA – UTMB Index 837), 2nd, and Morgan Le Tennier (FRA – UTMB Index 746), 3rd.

The oldest participant of the edition, 80-year-old Alain Eymery, crossed the finish line after 23km and 680m of elevation gain. An inspiring performance that left a lasting impression with everyone at the Promenade des Anglais.



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THE LAST FINISHERS CELEBRATED IN A LIVELY, FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE

On Sunday, finishers continued to arrive at the Promenade des Anglais until mid-afternoon. Whether they had completed the 100M, which set off from Auron at 1:00 p.m. Friday, the 100K, which started from Rouillon at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, or the 20K, which left at 7:30 a.m. Sunday from Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, all were warmly welcomed by the public.

In partnership with Le Média Positif, a **Positive Fan Zone** invited the public to celebrate the final runners, dressed in green and waving their best signs.

Find the full race results at <https://live.utmb.world/nicebyutmb/2025>

AN EVENT FOCUSED ON YOUTH

Trail running continues to attract a wider audience, winning over younger generations. Nice Côte d'Azur by UTMB is a perfect example, with 8% of participants under 25 in the 2025 edition, including the youngest 100M entrant, just 20 years old.

The next generation also shone on Friday evening, with nearly 100 children aged 5 to 17 taking part in youth races organized on the Promenade des Anglais.



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Reaction from Isabelle Viseux-Poletti – UTMB France Events Director

"At the conclusion of this 4th edition of Nice Côte d'Azur by UTMB, marked by a record participation with over 5,000 athletes across four formats, it is essential to recall the meaning of our commitment: to showcase trail running and the territory that hosts it, with respect for people and nature, and to offer everyone - women, men, elite athletes or amateurs - the opportunity to push their limits in an exceptional setting.

This edition was the stage for extraordinary emotions and sporting records that demonstrate how much our sport carries universal values of perseverance and solidarity. But continuing to enjoy these magnificent spaces requires taking care of them and protecting the environment through responsible behaviour: a shared responsibility, inseparable from both the practice of the sport and the pleasure it provides.

Our policy within UTMB Group aims to make the sport accessible to all by reinforcing inclusivity each year: formats adopted for young athletes and fun relays, along with renewed strong actions in favour of gender equality.

On behalf of the entire UTMB team, I would like to sincerely thank and acknowledge Mr. Christian Estrosi, Mayor of Nice, the elected officials of the City of Nice and the Metropolis for their unwavering commitment, the partners for their trust, as well as the volunteers whose energy and generosity are the foundation of our shared success. Finally, a huge thank you to this exceptional territory and its residents, between sea and mountains, who welcome us each year with warmth and pride and make Nice Côte d'Azur by UTMB such a wonderful celebration of sport.

Thank you for your passion, your trust, and your commitment alongside us to preserve this unique environment. See you next year."

Reaction from Christian Estrosi, Mayor of Nice, President of the Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolis, Deputy President of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region

"The Nice Côte d'Azur by UTMB race is now one of the world's largest ultra-trail events, with over 6,000 participants across the four races held throughout the weekend. In just four years, the event has established itself on the global calendar, not only through growing participation but also thanks to a high-quality elite field.

The charm of the landscapes along the courses also contributes to the race's reputation. From the snow-capped peaks of the Mercantour, through the picturesque villages of the Nice hinterland, to the Promenade des Anglais where the sun shines, the entire region is highlighted by this international race. Nice and the Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolis truly offer the perfect terrain for trail running.

I would, of course, like to thank the POLETTI family and all the teams at UTMB Group for the quality of the organisation and the great success of this event, which has become a must for sports and nature enthusiasts.

To everyone — organizers, participants, volunteers — I look forward to seeing you next year for a fifth edition full of new challenges."

A COMMITTED EVENT

A stronger focus on women

Backed by UTMB Group's "Celebrating Women" initiative, the 2025 edition implemented several concrete measures to better welcome women at the event, including:

- Availability of menstrual products and personal hygiene items at all aid stations
- Separate and adapted infrastructure, such as distinct toilets and changing rooms for men and women, to ensure a respectful and comfortable experience
- A dedicated WhatsApp group for advice, support, and discussion
- A women's representative present on-site

This positive approach is paying off: **23% of registered women** in 2025 (+2 points vs. 2024), and **45% female participation in the 20K** (+3 points vs. 2024), showing a steady increase.

The highlight of the initiative **was a 100% female podcast**, recorded live on the Promenade des Anglais, on the theme "trail running as a space for empowerment". Guests included Cléo Hénin (host of the "Championnes du Monde" podcast), elite runner Claudia Bernasconi, amateur runner Lucie Muller, UTMB Group women's initiative representative Léa Romousse, and content creator Anne Dubndidu.



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Reducing environmental impact

In line with UTMB® World Series commitments, Nice Côte d'Azur by UTMB continues to limit its environmental impact while raising awareness across the community.

In 2025, several concrete actions were implemented:

- **Sustainable mobility:** 65 shuttles transported over 4,371 people (runners and supporters). Certain roads were reserved exclusively for UTMB® shuttles, notably for access to Col d'Èze.
- **Biodiversity protection:** runners were briefed on good practices at bib collection, while a trail cleanup was organised after the races.
- **Elimination of single-use plastic:** no plastic bottles were used at any aid station. The BYOU (Bring Your Own Utensils) system was also implemented, encouraging participants to bring their own cutlery to reduce waste and the event's environmental footprint.

A solidarity drive at the heart of the event

This year, solidarity bibs and runner donations raised over €14,128 for two local associations: *Mission Trekkeurs*, dedicated to post-natural disaster reconstruction, and *Solidarité 06*, supporting homeless women in the Alpes-Maritimes.

The symbolic cheque was presented on Sunday afternoon at the Ultra-Trail Village stage, in the presence of the associations, local officials, and organisers — a powerful moment that perfectly concluded four days of events in Nice.

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The UTMB® World Series is the trail running circuit that brings together the best athletes in the sport and amateur runners in top international events held in some of the most beautiful places on the planet. The UTMB® World Series is rooted in a passion for the mountains and respect for the environment and offers trail running enthusiasts the chance to experience the UTMB® adventure across the globe, with events taking place in Asia, Oceania, Europe, Africa and the Americas. This is the way for everyone to start their quest towards the HOKA UTMB® MontBlanc, where the UTMB® World Series finds its place. Launched in May 2021 with the collaboration of UTMB Group and The IRONMAN Group, the UTMB® World Series circuit brings together 50 events in 28 countries. For more information, visit <https://utmb.world>.

About UTMB Group

Since the creation of HOKA UTMB® MontBlanc in 2003 by a group of passionate friends, UTMB Group has been the driving force behind the development of trail running. The HOKA UTMB® MontBlanc is the sports pinnacle event, and every year, 10,000 runners earn their place on the start line. UTMB Group also pioneered the LiveTrail® technology, an innovative digital service that supports the management of endurance races. Revered by hundreds of thousands of athletes, UTMB® has become a global, premium, and leading brand. In May 2021, UTMB Group partnered with The IRONMAN Group to launch the UTMB® World Series, which brings together many of the best international events on the planet to provide exclusive access to the sport's pinnacle event, HOKA UTMB® MontBlanc. The UTMB® World Series is built on the founding principles of HOKA UTMB® MontBlanc: surpassing oneself; fair-play; respect for people and the environment; and solidarity. Find out more at <https://utmb.world>.

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