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Third victory for Plamen Staykov in rally "Sliven"

The crew of Staykov Racing Georgia Plamen Staykov and David Kvaratskhelia (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX) won the 37th rally "Sliven". For Staykov this is third triumph after the victories in 2014 and 2016. In the second place finished Turkish crew Orhan Avcioglu (TOKSPORT WRT, Ford Fiesta R5) with 37.3 seconds behind the winner, and third was the Romanian tandem Dan Girtofan / Tudor Marza (CS Prorally Team Brasov, Skoda Fabia R5) at 52.4 seconds from Staykov.

On the second day of the rally, the foreign crews tried to press Staykov, but successive mistakes of Girtofan (spin in Special Stage 11 "Chuka") and Avcioglu (spin in special stage 13 "The Chuka") prevented them from realizing their plans.

A curious situation came at the end of the rally "Sliven" 2017 when two crews - Grigor Grigorov / Daniel Milenkov (Grigorov Racing Team, Peugeot 208 R2) and Martin Koev / Dimo Bozukov (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX) finished with absolutely identical times - 1: 46: 35.9 hours. According to the rules, Grigorov finished fourth in the overall standings, which achieved a better time than Koev in Special Stage 2 "Mallova gora", which determines the crew ranked ahead in the event of such a situation.

Final standings in rally "Sliven" 2017:

1. Plamen Staykov / David Kvaratskhelia (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX) 1:38:46,2 h.
2. Orhan Avcioglu / Burcin Korkmaz (Ford Fiesta R5) +37,3 s.
3. Dan Girtofan / Tudor Marza (Skoda Fabia R5) + 52,4 s.
4. Grigor Grigorov / Daniel Milenkov (Peugeot 208 R2) +7:49,7 m.
5. Martin Koev / Dimo Bozukov (Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX) + 7:49,7 m.
6. Anton Titov / Dinko Georgiev (Citroen DS3 R3T) + 8:06,1 m