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### BMW rider Carmelo Morales is crowned Spanish champion.

- Carmelo Morales secures the title in the Spanish CEV Championship.
- Two more podium finishes at the season finale in Jerez.
- BMW also wins the Constructors' title.

Jerez de la Frontera. The BMW Motorrad Motorsport community can celebrate the eighth title win for a BMW rider in the successful 2017 season: Carmelo Morales (ESP) was crowned champion in the Spanish Championship (CEV). After a total of eight races, the Graphbikes easyRace SBK Team BMW rider secured the title with 166 points and an advantage of 41 points over his closest rival. Morales finished every race of the season on the podium. In the CEV Constructors' championship, the title also went to BMW.

The season finale was held at Jerez de la Frontera in the south of Spain. Morales and his Graphbikes easyRace SBK Team celebrated after just the first of the two heats on Saturday. By stepping onto the podium in second place, the Spaniard had decided the championship in his favour. In the last race of the year, held on Sunday, Morales crossed the line in second again. His team-mate Vicente Kruger (CHI) also finished both races within the top-ten with eighth and tenth places respectively. Points also went to the two Spanish riders from the Castromaroto Racing team, Pedro Rodriguez (13<sup>th</sup> in race one) and Roberto Blazquez (15<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> position).

**Carmelo Morales:** "I am very happy as it has not been an easy year. I came from another team that I have been with for many years and I knew that it would be difficult to adapt. We have all given our maximum throughout the year and we succeeded in winning the title. I am very grateful to the team and BMW for the









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confidence they have had in me and for their support. We have been able to achieve the goal we had set ourselves and that makes me very happy."

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