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***Protokoll / Minutes***

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## 1. Opening and welcome

**FIL President Einars Fogelis warmly welcomes** the participants of the Congress and **officially opens the 71st FIL Congress 2023**. He is pleased to be able to welcome the delegates personally.

He addressed special greetings to the **President of the Romanian Luge, Bobsleigh and Skeleton Federation, Sorina Ticu**.

**Sorina Ticu** welcomes the participants of the FIL Congress and is glad that the Romanian federation together with the FIL has the pleasure to host this congress.

**President E. Fogelis** warmly welcomes **FIL Honorary President Josef Fendt** and **FIL Honorary Members Svein Romstad** and **Harald Steyrer**.

He welcomes and congratulates the newly and re-elected presidents.

Tomas Hasek (CZE), Gwenaelle Noury (FRA), Klavs Vasks (LAT), Sorina Ticu (ROU), as well as Secretary General Kristaps Maurins (LAT), to their new offices.

He also welcomes the representatives of the applicants and event organizers, as well as representatives of the commissions.

A special greeting also goes to the newly elected Chairman of the Athletes' Commission and Executive Member **Leon Felderer**, to the representatives of the **National Federations**, to the **representatives of the agencies** RGS, Rudi Größwang jun., and Infront, Stefan Krauß, to the **representatives of the OC 2026 OWG Milano-Cortina**, Filippo Bazzanella and Normunds Kotans, the Logistic Partner **DB Schenker**, Markus Kotkowski and Sören Hell, to all media representatives as well as to all other congress participants.

A minute of silence follows in **silent remembrance of the luge officials or former athletes who passed away** last year.

As a substitute, President E. Fogelis mentions:

- **Herbert Wurzer/AUT**

*Deceased on 30 August 2022 at the age of 74*

*FIL Executive Board Member and Vice President Sport for Natural Track for many years, recipient of the FIL Gold Medal of Honor*

- **Walter Marx/SVK**

*Deceased on 21 January 2023 at the age of 80*

*For many years President of the Czechoslovakian and then Slovakian Luge Federations, was a member of the FIL Technical Commission, bearer of the FIL Ring of Honor*

- **Martin Findura/SVK**

*Deceased on 06 February 2023 at the age of 60*

*former President of the Luge Federation of Slovakia (1993-2008)*

– **Klaus Bonsack**

*Deceased on 05 March 2023 at the age of 81*

*Member of the FIL Hall of Fame, Olympic Champion 1968 (doubles), Olympic Silver medal 1964 (singles), Olympic Bronze medal 1968 (singles) and 1972 (doubles), WCh Gold medal 1967 (doubles), Vice President Technical Matters of the FIL 1989-1994, from 1990 on successful Head Coach of the Austrian National Team*

– **Sepp Lenz**

*Deceased on 04 May 2023 at the age of 88*

*He was the "father" of the artificial luge track in Königssee, German national coach from 1965-1995, technical delegate for the FIL for many years with consulting activities for new luge tracks, FIL Medal of Honor in Gold recipient*

– **Hartmut Kardaetz**

*died on 15 May 2023, at the age of 80, honorary member of the FIL, first FIL Executive Director from 1993-2010, from 1978-1990 he was Secretary General of the Bobsleigh and Sledding Federation of the former GDR*

***moment of silence***

**President E. Fogelis** declares that the invitations and the agenda have been sent to the NFs in due time and, as there are no requests to speak, establishes the regularity of the convening of the 71st FIL Congress.

Information is provided on the further course of the congress.

**2. Role call and voting rights**

**Secretary General D. Bell** welcomes the congress participants and checks the attendance. At the time of the opening of the congress, there are **33 members/NFs seated and with voting rights** in the meeting room.

**The 71st FIL Congress (1st congress day on 17 June 2023) is attended by:**

**33 national federations with seat and vote**

**1 provisional member**

**Simple majority = 17**

**2/3 majority = 22**

**3. Approval of the minutes of the last congress**

**Congress resolution 01/23**

**The minutes of the 70th FIL Congress 2022 in Hall in Tirol/AUT are approved.**

**-unanimous-**

#### 4. Honors

**President E. Fogelis and Secretary General D. Bell** present the following awards personally or to the representatives:

**The FIL Medal of Honor in Bronze:**

- Erin Warren/USA
- Beverly Detweiler/USA
- Ivan Bayik/UKR
- Vasyl Kazmiruk/UKR

**The FIL Medal of Honor**

- Rudolf Größwang Sen., RGS (to be honored at a later date)
- Stefan Krauß, Managing Director of Infront Austria

**FIL Medal of Honor in Gold**

- Norbert Hiedl (to be honored at a later date)
- Dr. Jörg Ellermeyer (to be honored at a later date)

#### 5. Admission of new members

**Secretary General D. Bell** informs the Congress that **Nigeria** has been accepted as a **provisional member** as their submitted applications meet the formal requirements. Nigeria is represented by delegates at the 71st FIL Congress and is the first African member country in the history of the FIL.

The 1st Delegate of Nigeria, Mr. Daniel Damola, addresses the FIL Congress briefly.

#### 6. Work reports of the members of the executive board

**President E. Fogelis and Secretary General D. Bell** present their reports to the Congress.

All other reports of the executive members and officials can be read in the congress dossier. The dossier was made available to all national federations in good time in advance by e-mail / FTP server.

##### 6.1 President

*Please find the congress report of the President Einars Fogelis in **enclosure 1**.*

##### 6.2 Secretary General

*Please find the congress report of the Secretary General Dwight Bell in **enclosure 2**. In addition, a video of the "FIL Studio" was played.*

**President E. Fogelis** thanks **Secretary General D. Bell** for his report and gives the executive board the opportunity for additions.

## 7. Discussion of the work reports

**President E. Fogelis** will give the executive board and members of Congress the opportunity to ask questions about the reports.

**Malgorzata Grzyb/IRL:** *Is there anything the FIL is doing to attract girls to the sport that you can share with member federations to help attract more girls from other sports?*

**President E. Fogelis:** *The decision for the women's doubles was made a few years ago and we are now very happy with it. Besides, the popular sport is very important to attract new female but also male athletes.*

**Secretary General D. Bell:** *Gender Equality is a very high priority in the FIL and will be considered in all new endeavors.*

Congress members had no further questions about the reports.

## 8. Preliminary discussion on motions

*(Immediate vote for motions that do not require further discussion).*

*The vote is taken by acclamation.*

### Congress resolution 02/23

**Dr. Christian Krähe and Vlasta Vavruskova are nominated to count the votes.**

**-unanimous-**

## **30 MINUTES COFFEE BREAK**

### 8.1 Confirmation of the executive board resolution of September 23, 2022

**Secretary General D. Bell** informs the Congress that a simple majority is needed for the following resolution.

Resolution of the FIL executive board of 23 September 2022

*The FIL Executive Board decides on the basis of paragraph 4.5.8 of the FIL Statutes: In view of the war of aggression currently being waged by the Russian Federation against Ukraine, the suspension of all rights to participation of athletes, assistants, coaches, and other officials of the Russian Luge Federation in FIL-sanctioned competitions is ordered until further notice in order to ensure safe, peaceful, and upright athletic competitions.*

*The presence of Russian athletes, assistants, coaches, and other officials from the Russian Luge Federation during the staging of FIL-sanctioned sport competitions is associated with the high risk that the safety, peacefulness and integrity of these competitions and their participants (including those of the Russian Federation itself) are gravely endangered. This risk is based on the causal personal involvement of the named persons in these FIL competitions and cannot be replaced by a less drastic*

*measure, so that the suspension of participation is proportionate if and as long as the hostilities in Ukraine continue as a reason for this measure.*

**A. Andreeva/RUS:**

- *The aim is to develop the sport of luge, to spread it and to promote it.*
- *The Russian Luge Federation has been suspended from luge events and must fulfill its obligations to maintain the sport of luge in Russia.*
- *Increase in the number of competitions in the general class, juniors, and youth A.*
- *Organization of competitions in Sochi, Moscow, and other regions of Russia.*
- *Broadcasting of the Russian championships to attract new and existing fans and increase their interest.*
- *Appeal to the congress to remember that sport is not politics! The FIL goals should be pursued together for the sake of our sport.*

Secretary General D. Bell asks the congress if anyone would like to make a motion to have this executive board resolution ratified by the congress.

USA, seconded by GBR, makes the motion to have the congress approve the executive board resolution that was passed.

*The congress is in favor of an open vote. Voting is by acclamation.*

**Congress resolution 03/23**

**Congress resolves that the executive board resolution of Sept. 23, 2022, be affirmed as written. (enclosure 3)**

**- 22 votes in favor -  
- 1 vote against -  
- 5 abstentions -**

**8.2 Motions to the Articles of Association**

**Dr. Ch. Krähe** explains the following amendments to Congress:

- **Motion 1** (applicant FIL executive board)  
Motion to amend the statutes with the following main points
  - *Specification of the purpose of the association*
  - *Specify the material resources with which the FIL can generate revenue.*
    - *is necessary in order to be able to establish the urgently needed capital company (limited liability company) for the areas of marketing and events*

**L. Bochette/PUR:** Different countries have diverse legal influences. Has the location already been chosen and what will happen next?

**Dr. Ch. Krähe** informs that it will be a company in Austria with the appropriate Austrian tax requirements to fulfill the non-profit status.

A 2/3 majority is required for the following resolution:

**Congress resolution 04/23**

The motion to amend the statutes in accordance with the proposal is approved. (enclosure 4)

- 28 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

- **Motion 2** (applicant FIL executive board)  
FIL Code of Honor Regulations: Deletion of the title "Honorary Vice President"

Justification: Almost all sports federations only have the honorary president and the honorary member. The FIL would like to adapt here.

A 2/3 majority is required for the following resolution:

**Congress resolution 05/23**

The motion regarding paragraph 2.1.2 of the FIL Code of Honor Regulations is approved. (enclosure 5)

- 31 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

- **Motion 3** (applicant FIL executive board)  
FIL Rules of Procedure: Change of the deadline for the submission of minutes (from 4 to 6 weeks)  
Reason: high time expenditure, e.g. for translations

A 2/3 majority is required for the following resolution:

**Congress resolution 06/23**

The motion regarding paragraph 12.1 of the FIL Rules of Procedure is approved. (enclosure 6)

- 32 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

### 8.3 General motions

**President E. Fogelis** leads the congress through the general motions from Czechia, New Zealand and Sweden. The Congress must vote on the motions.

**Motion 1:** applicant Czechia

**D. Rydl/CZE** presents the motion of CZE to the congress.

The supplier cannot be freely chosen, however the prices for sled parts have increased drastically. The cost of the sleds or at least some parts of them should be reduced.

*President E. Fogelis agrees that something has to be changed in the implementation after 2026, but until then the cooperation with Kästle should remain.*

→ CZE withdraws the motion.

*Massimo Rinaldi/ITA wants to know how many manufacturers there are at the moment.*

*President E. Fogelis: For women's doubles we currently have only one - Kästle.*

*Technical Director A. Sics informs that for the 2026/2027 season standard sleds are being considered in the general class in all disciplines. Whether it will be standard sleds or only standard parts is not yet decided.*

*The goal is to make the sport cheaper and more affordable for everyone.*

*President E. Fogelis adds that the price, of course, also depends on the quantity.*

### **Motion 2: applicant New Zealand**

**G. Balme/NZL** presents the motion of NZL to the congress.

Participant grants for Continental Cup/Youth A to support the development of these classes; FIL costs remain unchanged.

He informs that the executive board agrees in principle with the motion, but the exact wording still has to be worked out.

→ NZL withdraws this motion.

### **Motion 3: applicant New Zealand**

**G. Balme/NZL** presents the motion of NZL to the Congress.

Obtain a worldwide and global sponsor to work with member nations in their local markets.

Some organizational difficulties present themselves. This is a matter for the WG Marketing.

→ NZL withdraws this motion.

### **Motion 4: applicant New Zealand**

**G. Balme/NZL** presents the motion of NZL to the Congress.

Establish a WG in the strategic plan to pursue increasing revenue with appropriate goals.

→ NZL withdraws this motion.

### **Motion 5: applicant New Zealand**

**G. Balme/NZL** presents the motion of NZL to the Congress.

Beginning with the 2023 Congress, a consolidated report on progress in implementing the strategic plan should be provided.

The reports will be presented to the congress today and attached to the minutes.

→ NZL withdraws this motion.



**Motion 6 + 7: applicant New Zealand**

**G. Balme/NZL presents** the two motions of NZL to the congress.

AT+NT: Increase support for nations and athletes outside Europe, as costs are much higher for them, and most races are held in Europe.

The costs for the FIL for this would be enormous. This is not possible at the moment.

→ NZL withdraws this motion.

**J. Ahlberg/SWE** informs the congress that there are no further comments to add due to the presentation of D. Bell. The motions 8-11 from Sweden should only be seen more as ideas for support and improvement. The in-house production of livestreaming and FIL studio is going in the right direction and should be further developed.

**Motion 8: applicant Sweden**

Approval of foiled visors to gain more space for sponsors.

**Motion 9: applicant Sweden**

Improving the presentation of the sport - displaying athletes before the race, visualizing graphics while driving at speed, etc.

**Motion 10: applicant Sweden**

Implementation of live commentators at junior and youth A races

**Motion 11: applicant Sweden**

Improve camera positions e.g. with small cameras in the ice and fast switch cuts.

**Secretary General D. Bell** explains that The FIL executive board agrees in principle with all motions of SWE, that these things are also already included in the strategic plan and that work is already being done on the implementation.

→ SWE withdraws motions 8-11.

**Emergency motions of the executive board to the FIL Congress****Emergency motion 1: applicant executive board**

Mandatory anti-doping education prior to issuance of a FIL e-license (applies equally to artificial track and natural track) IRO §1, page 3

**Dr. Ch. Krähe** informs the Congress about this emergency motion.

Congress held a brief discussion on this emergency motion.

*GBR notes that the deadline of "before the start of the season" should be removed from the motion.*

*A simple majority is required for the following resolution:*

**Congress resolution 07/23**

The Congress approves the executive board's emergency motion for mandatory anti-doping education prior to the issuance of a FIL e-license. The deadline "before the start of the season" is deleted from the motion. (enclosure 7)

- 30 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

**Emergency motion 2:** applicant executive board

Homologation of luge tracks for Olympic Winter Games, FIL Championships and FIL competitions (IRO supplement 1)

VP C. DeINegro provides information to Congress on this emergency motion.

General Secretary D. Bell asks the congress if anyone would like to make a motion to have Congress confirm this emergency motion.

USA makes motion, seconded by AUS, to have the congress approve the emergency motion.

*A simple majority is required for the following resolution:*

**Congress resolution 08/23**

The Congress approves the executive board's emergency motion on the homologation of luge tracks for Olympic Winter Games, FIL Championships and FIL competitions. (enclosure 8)

- 31 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

**Emergency motion 3:** applicant executive board

International training courses on the Olympic track (IRO supplement 4)

VP C. DeINegro explains this emergency motion to the congress.

General Secretary D. Bell asks the congress if anyone would like to make a motion to have congress approve this emergency motion.

GBR makes the motion, seconded by USA, to have congress approve the emergency motion.

*A simple majority is required for the following resolution:*

**Congress resolution 09/23**

The Congress approves the executive board's emergency motion on international training courses on the Olympic track. (enclosure 9)

- 32 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

## 9. Finances

### 9.1 Approval of the annual statement of accounts (01 April 2022 – 31 March 2023)

**Vice President Ph. Trattner** informs the congress that he is stepping down from his position as VP Finance tomorrow due to his professional responsibilities.

He informs that the annual budget 2022/2023, which was taken over by H. Steyrer, could be kept by and large.

The following two budget areas will need to be considered in the future:

- Personnel costs in general (inflation is increasing and the areas of responsibility are becoming more and more and can no longer be managed on a voluntary basis)
- Rising costs for TV production (travel expenses, personnel costs, accommodation costs)

Costs in these areas were higher, but more revenue was generated. Congress participants will have the opportunity to ask questions about the 2022/2023 financial statements.

*GBR: Are the higher TV production costs one-time or will we have them again in 2023/2024?  
VP Ph. Trattner: We do not have these subsidies for the event organizers in 2023/2024 because the venues are limited in the coming season and TV production will be cheaper.*

**VP Ph. Trattner** presents the current asset status of the FIL as of March 31, 2023 and also gives the congress the opportunity to ask questions about this. The members of the congress have no further questions about the assets.

#### **Congress resolution 10/23**

**The 2022/2023 annual financial statements are approved as presented.**

- 30 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

### 9.2 Approval of the draft budget estimate (01 April 2023 – 31 March 2024)

**Vice President Ph. Trattner** presents the current 2023/2024 budget proposal to the congress.

Some notes on reducing costs are:

- More video conferences in the future, reduction of travel costs
- No more FIL representatives at WCh, only at WCh
- Reduce printed materials

Congress has no further questions on the 2023/2024 annual budget.

#### **Congress resolution 11/23**

**The 2023/2024 annual budget is approved as presented.**

- 33 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

## **10. Report of the Control Commission and discharge of the executive board**

The chairman of the control commission, **V. Vavruskova**, informs about the audit at the FIL Office from May 5 – 7, 2023 and about the audit report, in which the professional and prudent management of the finances by VP Ph. Trattner is emphasized.

She thanks the FIL office and VP Ph. Trattner for the good cooperation and makes the motion to the congress to give discharge to the vice president for finance, the presidium, and the entire executive board.

The president and the executive board are very prudent with the management of the financial resources and act in the best interest of the athletes, the national federations, the tracks, and the event organizers.

### **Congress resolution 12/23**

**The FIL executive board is given discharge.**

- 33 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

## **11. Determination of membership fees**

### **Congress resolution 13/23**

**The annual membership fee is set, as before, at € 100.**

- 32 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

## ***LUNCH BREAK***

## **12. Reports of the "SLIDE 2026" Strategic Plan Working Groups**

- Sport AT / VP C. DelNegro (**enclosure 10**)
- Technology AT / VP A. Zöggeler (**enclosure 11**)
- Natural track and public sledding / VP S. Buta (**enclosure 12**)
- Marketing, TV, social media / VP Th. Schwab (**enclosure 13**) & GS D. Bell (**enclosure 14**)
- Sustainability, Integrity, Good Governance / GS D. Bell (**enclosure 15**)
- Integrity Unit / Steve Harris & Hannah Campbell-Pegg (**enclosure 16**)

**The National Federations ask questions about the reports and presentations of the chairs of the "SLIDE 2026" working groups.**

**Mark Hatton/GBR:** For sustainability reasons and because of CO2 emissions, we should consider whether it would make sense to plant trees.

**VP Th. Schwab:** Sees this critically since the trees from the tree nursery are also only transplanted. The FIL, however, is happy about new suggestions and must continue to deal with the topic of sustainability in any case.

**A. Andreeva/RUS:** Different types of natural track and public sledding should be merged? Popular sport is an amateur sport, natural track sport is a professional sport with high speed. How should this work?

**VP S. Buta:** The public must be made aware of the sport again. We need to combine professional sports with amateur sports to attract participants. The equipment must be similar to that used in competition. Natural track sport will continue to exist, this has tradition.

**M. Rinaldi/ITA:** Is there a deadline for the sponsor for natural track or does this remain open?

**VP S. Buta:** There is no deadline. Hopefully a sponsor will be found in cooperation with Th. Schwab and M. Prock.

**E. Warren/USA:** FIL Studio - What is needed to maximize market opportunities. For example, how high does the budget need to be so that the cost per viewer is still similarly low?

**GS D. Bell:** The cost per viewer is very low, that's true. We need to get people to watch luge again.

David Owen is our strategist and plans our budget for us and together with us.

In the end, you have to try out what brings in the most.

**H. Ruetz/AUT:** There has to be a convergence between the top sport natural track and public sledding. Of course, it is difficult to increase the budget if there are no sponsors. However, the support of the FIL should not be lacking here. The item 4495 Social Media NT, which is still included in the annual financial statement 2022/2023, was completely deleted in the annual budget 2023/2024.

**VP Ph. Trattner:** It is true that the budget cost social media for natural track has been cut. A lump sum was incorporated for the upcoming season, in an area where natural track is currently operating. In the last budget estimate, sponsorship revenue was implemented, which should have covered TV production costs as well. Unfortunately, these deals never happened. Since the natural track also has low to no revenues, one cannot have great expectations for the level of expenditures. That's why the executive board made the decisions they did. It is necessary to work together to further develop and better market the natural track product.

**L. Moroder/ITA:** Bringing racing and popular sports together is the only way to bring people closer to sledding again. The sleds should look the same but the internal structure must be understandably different.

For marketing, the best product must be worked out together. In the meantime, however, there should be a financial basis for survival.

**VP Th. Schwab:** Agrees in principle with L. Moroder. The convergence of the popular sport with the professional sport is very important for the natural track as well as for artificial track. A total mixing of the popular sport and the top sport should not take place, the latter should still stand out. The marketing of natural track is very important and must be addressed, even if the search for sponsors will not be easy.

**President E. Fogelis** thanks the delegates for the important questions and comments and closes the 1st day of the congress.

**Sunday, 18 June 2023**

**9:00 am**

**President E. Fogelis** opens the second day of deliberations and welcomes all congress participants.

**Determination of attendance and voting rights 2nd day of the congress**

The **Secretary General D. Bell** checks the attendance.

At the time of the opening of the 2nd day of the congress, there are **33 members/NFs seated and voting** in the meeting room.

**The 71st FIL Congress (2nd Congress Day on June 18, 2023) is being attended by:**

**33 National federations with seat and the right to vote**

**1 provisional member**

**Simple majority = 17 votes**

**2/3 majority = 22 votes**

**13. Information from the OC of the OWG 2026 about the preparation of the luge competitions in Milano-Cortina/ITA.**

A video presentation is played.

**Filippo Bazzanello** of MICO presents the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milano-Cortina. The various venues are briefly presented.

**Normunds Kotans** presents the new luge track. This is also presented in a short video.

**14. Information by the OC of the YOG 2024 about the preparation of the luge competitions in PyeongChang/KOR**

**S.-J. Yang/KOR** presents the information about the YOG 2024 in Gangwon/KOR to the Congress. A video presentation is played.

**15. Presentation of the OCs of the FIL Championships 2024**

M. Wiesenberg, J. Morgenstern, R. Mende, and M. Dressler present the WCh AT 2024 in Altenberg/GER.

Ashild Hova Sporsheim addresses the congress with a few short words about the AT 2024 World Championships in Lillehammer/NOR.

**16 Resolution on the motions****16.1 Approval of the executive board resolution of September 23, 2022**

*This agenda item has already been dealt with under agenda item 8.*

**16.2 Motions to the statutes**

*This agenda item has already been dealt with under agenda item 8.*

**16.3 Other motions, emergency motions of the executive board**

*There are no further motions or they have already been dealt with under agenda item 8.*

**17 Awarding of FIL Championships until 2027 at the latest****17.1 Presentations (if desired)**

applicants for hosting FIL Championships through 2027 are:

**Artificial track:**

- WCh Artificial Track 2027: Innsbruck/AUT and Lake Placid/USA
- JWM Artificial Track 2025: St. Moritz/SUI
- JWM Artificial Track 2027: Winterberg/GER

The applicants Innsbruck/AUT and Lake Placid/USA for the WCh Artificial Track 2027 make their presentations.

**Natural track:**

- ECh Natural Track 2024: Jaufental/ITA
- No officially valid motion has been received from FISJ.

**17.2 Vote****WCh Artificial Track 2027 in Innsbruck/AUT or Lake Placid/USA****Congress resolution 14/23****Congress votes on the awarding of the 2027 World Artificial Track Championships:**

- |                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| - Innsbruck/AUT:   | 21 votes |
| - Lake Placid/USA: | 12 votes |

**Thus, the 2027 World Championships Artificial Track is awarded to the event organizer Innsbruck/AUT.**

**JWCh Artificial Track 2025 in St. Moritz/SUI****Congress resolution 15/23**

The Congress awards the 2025 FIL Junior World Championships Artificial Track to St. Moritz/SUI.

- 31 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

**JWCh Artificial Track 2027 in Winterberg/GER****Congress resolution 16/23**

The Congress awards the 2027 FIL Junior World Championships Artificial Track to Winterberg/GER.

- 31 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

**ECh Natural Track 2024 in Jaufental/ITA****Congress resolution 17/23**

The FIL Congress authorizes the FIL executive board to determine the event organizer for the 2024 ECh natural track.

- 33 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

***30 MINUTES COFFEE BREAK*****18 Elections****18.1 Appointment of the election commission**

**President E. Fogelis** proposes to the congress the following persons to serve on the **Election Committee**:

- Dr. Ch. Krähe/GER - Chairman of the Legal Committee
- V. Vavruskova/CZE (Revision Commission)
- G. Beck/LIE (Revision Commission)

There are no counterproposals on the part of the NFs.



**Congress resolution 18/23**

The election committee consists of Dr. Ch. Krähe, V. Vavruskova, and G. Beck.

- 31 votes in favor -  
 - 0 votes against -  
 - 0 abstentions -

**President E. Fogelis** hands over the Congress leadership to the Elections Committee.

The Election Committee appoints **Dr. Ch. Krähe** as election officer.

**Dr. Ch. Krähe** informs the congress that each candidate will have the opportunity to present him/herself to the congress for 5 minutes.

Ballots are distributed for voting, which are then collected with the ballot box.

**18.2 Vice President for Finance**

- Geoff Balme/NZL
- Mag. Gerhard Habtmann/AUT

Both candidates take the opportunity to introduce themselves to Congress.

*A simple majority is required for the election.*

**The result of the election (after the 1st vote), which was held by secret ballot, is: 33 votes, of which 1 is invalid.**

- Geoff Balme/NZL	16 votes
- Gerhard Habtmann/AUT	16 votes

**The result of the election (after the 2nd vote), which was held by secret ballot, is: 33 votes, of which 1 is invalid.**

- Geoff Balme/NZL	16 votes
- Gerhard Habtmann/AUT	16 votes

**The result of the election (after the 3rd vote), which was held by secret ballot, is: 33 votes, of which 1 is invalid.**

- Geoff Balme/NZL	16 votes
- Gerhard Habtmann/AUT	16 votes

**The result of the election (after the 4th votes), which was held by secret ballot, is: 33 votes, of which 1 is invalid.**

- Geoff Balme/NZL	17 votes
- Gerhard Habtmann/AUT	15 votes

**Geoff Balme/NZL is thus elected as the new VP for Finance.**

**President E. Fogelis** resumes leadership of the congress.

### **19 Transport logistics 2023/2024 - important organizational information**

Sören Hell and Markus Kotkowski from DB Schenker present their concept for the upcoming 2023/2024 season to the congress.

### **20 Determination of the congress location 2024**

Currently, no applications have been received to host the 2024 Congress. The expected date is: 14 - 15 June 2024.

#### **Congress resolution 19/23**

**The FIL Congress delegates the selection of the event organizer for the FIL Congress 2024 to the FIL executive board.**

- 32 votes in favor -  
- 0 votes against -  
- 0 abstentions -

### **21 Miscellaneous**

**President E. Fogelis** thanks all Congress participants for the constructive work and the good atmosphere at this year's FIL Congress.

Special thanks to the Romanian Federation as well as Christoph, Anja and Diana from the FIL office for the good organization.

He thanks the interpreters M. Grauer and A. Berning for their flawless work and presents them a gift.

The President S. Ticu, as well as the Secretary General M. G. Catana of the Romanian Luge Federation and their assistants are also presented gifts.

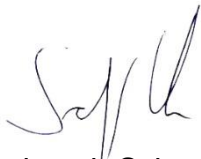
He wishes everyone a good start to the new season and, above all, good health.

**President E. Fogelis** officially closes the 71st FIL Congress in Bucharest/ROU.

**See you again at the 72nd FIL Congress in 2024!**

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For the content of the minutes:



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Executive Director



Einars Fogelis  
President

**16 enclosures**

71st FIL Congress  
June 17-18, 2023  
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Dear friends and colleagues,

Looking back on the first year after the election of Congress, it must be noted that our team closely strengthened the path to realize priorities outlined in our strategy, 'SLIDE 2026'. It must be said that the prevailing geopolitical situation in the world has not radically improved, and this fact has undoubtedly left and continues to leave a significant impact on sports development. Despite the efforts of sports organizations and politicians, there is still a threat of the global sports movement splitting into two parts, actively looking for allies on the side that, as a minimum, does not condemn aggression, which pretends not to see the consequences of violence in the world and its impact on the development of humanity. And we, too, unfortunately, will have to return to this situation and the specific decisions of our Federation at this year's Congress.

I am pleased that by consolidating all the strength and energy of our community, we have had a very successful first season after the COVID-19 pandemic. 2022/2023 is a return to normal competition mode. Competitions and training were held without the strict restrictions previously introduced. Life returned to normal, and most importantly, we were with our fans, who provided fantastic support during the competitions. This was brilliantly demonstrated in the main competition of this season - the World Championship in Oberhof. An excellently organized event, which was a real culmination of a series of excellently organized events - FIL World Cups and Junior competitions.

We must mention the project FIL Studio, which actively allowed us to show luge sports differently. Thanks to the carefully planned competition calendar, we achieved good indicators in the TV ratings. Indeed, the FIL Live Streaming broadcast produced in parallel is a tool through which we can reach our audience worldwide.

Thanks to social media activities, our Federation has made the most significant increase in at least two positions in the past season compared to other winter sports federations working together in the AIOWF association.

This is a platform where currently eight winter sports federations are represented; a platform where problems and issues, which are primarily related to the Olympic Movement and illustrating our interests in it, are jointly addressed.

Current events are:

- A place in the Olympic movement and preparations for Milano Cortina 2026,
- Gender representation (gender equality) and corresponding quotas,
- Rights and funding of federations,
- The future concept of the Olympic Games and the sustainability of winter sports,
- The influence of the current world political situation on global sports development.

We highly value this cooperation, especially the visit of the IOC delegation led by its President Thomas Bach to Oberhof during this year's World Championships.

The sporting issue of the moment is sports facilities - our competition venue in Cortina. During this year, with the involvement of experts from two Federations (FIL and IBSF), continuous work is being done on the preparation of the project so that after the dismantling of the old track, at the beginning of July at the latest, the construction works of the Olympic sports facility will begin in three stages at the same time. This year, this has been a topic of discussion in the working group of the Coordination Commission between the Organizing Committee, the IOC and the Federations. Yes, there are currently several questions that we must jointly find an answer to, including sustainability. For our Federation, this is undeniably a significant object, thinking about the future, not only because of its geographical location, important for Italy, which historically has been a stable support point for luge sports for all 66 years of the FIL's existence.

The progress so far allows us to say that our set time for pre-homologation will be implemented at the end of February 2025. I emphasized the importance of this issue following the decision of the FIL Presidium. A new position was introduced - FIL Event Director for Milano Cortina 2026 - in which Marie-Luise Rainer has started active work, ensuring operative daily communication and information exchange. The answers, collected by the international federations after Beijing 2022, are currently being used as recommendations to provide a new quality in the conduct of the next Olympic Games.

The next issue is equal gender representation. In the past season, the new discipline (women's doubles) took part in a full-fledged World Cup competition circuit, successfully debuting as part of the 15 crews (sleds) of the World Championship. The following season will be full of challenges because, for the first time, it is planned to hold the Team relay competition in the Olympic format - four sleds - men's and women's singles and doubles. Indeed, we might run into issues in this format, but this is the only way to achieve gender equality in the representation of 50-50 while maintaining the opportunity to fight for the number of existing sets of medals with the perspective of increasing it in the future.

In this aspect, a problem arises for all AIOWF federations - the number of quotas and representation of members. This issue was brought up again at the joint meeting of AIOWF and IOC on November 30, 2022. We understand that, unfortunately, the Olympic Charter states only for 2900 athletes for Winter Olympic Games and luge. This is a number with which we cannot ensure the quality of the IOC's setup on the one hand and universality on the other. This means that when thinking about development, we shoot ourselves in the foot because the Olympic Games and participation in them is one of the main motivators for our member states. For this reason, together with the other international federations, we have started an active negotiation process with our partners, the IOC, to change this situation in favour of increasing the quota as early as 2030 and be able, in cooperation with the national Olympic committees, to implement luge sports development programs with the aim of high-quality and broad representation in the Olympic Games. This goal will undoubtedly contribute to attracting additional funding.

Representation in the game program is crucial for us when discussing how to maintain and increase the contribution of existing supporters and sponsors and attract new financial sources, especially when our expenses in TV production are growing. However, as I said, FIL is not unique in this situation. This is a common problem for all winter sports Olympic federations.

We take seriously and have already done a lot of work on global sustainability trends. The FIL working group led by Julian von Schleinitz has done an excellent job, the results of which were presented by the FIL Executive and Thomas Schwab to the Director General of the IOC – Christophe de Kepper. This system, which our colleagues developed, and combined with the data we obtained from our event organizers, allows us to optimize our event plan in the near future on how to leave a reduced carbon footprint on our world.

Looking into the future, we must understand that the Olympic Games will probably change their scale. We should count on the tracks we already have at our disposal today and rely on the fact that using the existing resources, several countries will jointly apply to hold a large sports forum. Also, winter sports federations, concerning the use of already existing Olympic sports facilities, especially for the last Games in Beijing 2022, should consider the possibility of cooperating resources in planning the joint venue and time of the world championships, thus ensuring both sustainability and possible support of the host country and sponsors.

There have been many discussions recently, including among the AIOWF, regarding the return of Russian and Belarusian athletes to the international sports scene and the possible status - 'neutral image'. Thanks to the IOC for developing precise recommendations in this context:

- Not supporting war and aggression;
- Not to receive support from national structures;
- Do not serve in the military services of aggressor countries;
- Do not use national symbols;
- Fulfil, like all other tasks, WADA requirements.

It must be said that from our side, we must also take into account the actual situation not only in the political field but also in the field of security, in which we are connected with the organizers of competitions in Europe and North America and clearly with the opinions and interests of our sponsors. In this matter, consultations are constantly held within our organization and with outside cooperation partners.

According to the decisions made by the IOC and the information provided, there is currently no exact answer regarding the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes in Paris 2024 and Milano Cortina 2026. Some situations do not indicate easy decision-making in this regard, such as the constant criticism of the Russian Olympic Committee addressed to international sports organizations.

We fully respect human rights, but in conditions where respect is mutual – where the existence and safety of participants and events are not threatened. We are still calling on those involved in wars worldwide to reflect and give peace a chance.

So I say, don't let the aggressors split the sports movement in the world! Only by working together can we ensure unity.

I highly value the contribution of all our Olympic Winter Sports Federation colleagues in this process and especially thank the National Federations and Olympic Committees for their active involvement in solving the future of luge sport. Strategically, the supporter of our sponsor agencies 'RGS', 'Infront', 'Innauer+(f)acts', 'SportA', 'TeRia', companies 'BMW', 'Hargassner', 'Eberspacher', 'Seitz', and 'Strauss' are significant to us. We have a required TV broadcast field in Europe (especially Germany, Austria and Latvia), North America, and Asia, and I am grateful to everyone who has provided us with this support. Close cooperation with the IOC is vital to us, although recently, there is often talk about the growing bureaucracy, new duties and responsibilities. Everyday questions are as such:

- WADA code - Data protection
- Introduction of IT technologies
- Good governance and integrity
- Daily office operation

These are only the main issues that, thanks to the operation of our FIL office, must be dealt with at a high level in the daily process, according to today's standard of living – that is, if we want to be a modern and development-oriented organization, which I believe we all can agree on.

As I said a year ago:

We need to lead sport to the people and people to the sport. And in this context, it is vitally important to grow the influence of public luge in the Federation, creating the basis for the current Olympic disciplines and increasing the circle of supporters. This year, a great natural track season was held with a high-value organized world championship in Deutschnofen (ITA) but this does not mean that we cannot think about the future of this sport. It is urgent to address the issue of access to tracks and equipment for the broadest possible range of people. This is our future, similar to the open discussion in sled standardization on artificial track.

This year, a lot of work has been done in the field of modernization of the Federation's administration, especially if we talk about the modernization of accounting and the updating of financial discipline. In this area, I thank VP Philipp Trattner a lot, and a huge congratulation for your work is in order. A well-prepared baton will be handed over.

I would like to emphasize the FIL Athletes' Commission's role in implementing the SLIDE 2026 strategy. I would like to say a huge thank you to our colleagues Chris Mazdzer for working together and, at the same time, in the direction of the athlete commission, which Leon Felderer currently heads.

I am pleased with the arrival of new colleagues in the FIL administrative and Commission team, which allows us to look to the future confidently, and I thank you all for your selfless work for the benefit of luge sports.

Together we are power.

Einars Fogelis

# Report of the Secretary General

June 17, 2023

Dear Colleagues,

Once again, welcome to the 71st FIL Congress in Bucharest, Romania and thanks to the Romanian Federation for hosting this Congress and offering a warm and collegial setting for our meetings.

As we look back on the 2022-23 season, it was a productive one. In my reports over the last two years, I expressed that the FIL had experienced perhaps its most challenging years in its history due to Covid-19 and the war in Ukraine. I am happy to report this year that this past season was one of more promise and optimism as the impact of Covid-19 finally abated and it felt like a big weight had been lifted off our shoulders, **but we still pray for peace in Ukraine**. As the President just mentioned in his report, the prolonged war in Ukraine has created immense suffering for the people in Ukraine and a strain on the Olympic sports family.

I am pleased to report that under the leadership of President Fogelis, the FIL continues to implement our strategy plan-- "**Slide 2026**". You will hear more about our progress later today from various working groups but, I want to highlight some of the important initiatives that are now underway as we turn our sights to the 2026 Olympic Winter Games in Milano-Cortina:

## **Gender Equality**

- For the first time in our history, Women competed in Doubles Luge at Senior World Cup races, and the World Championships this past season as the FIL moves toward full **gender equality**.
- This coming season, Women's Doubles Luge will be added as the final leg of the popular Team Relay event for all World Cups and the World Championships.
- Women's Doubles Luge will make its debut at the **Olympic Winter Games in February of 2026** and including the Team Relay, will be full medal events for the Women.



- It is also noteworthy that the Doubles Women are successfully racing on standardized doubles sleds-- although we know the quality and cost of these sleds must be improved.

### **Implement Standardized Sleds**

- Speaking of standardized sleds, as per Slide 2026, plans to implement standardized sleds at all levels are also underway, with a goal to be ready for the 2026-27 racing season.

### **Create a New Sport Integrity Unit**

Another new addition to the FIL Organization and a component of the IOC 2020+5 plan and included in the 2023-24 budget; are the necessary funds to create a Sport Integrity Unit within the FIL. This new Unit will be headed by former luge athlete, President Luge Canada, and Calgary Police officer-Steve Harris. Steve is uniquely qualified to become the new full-time Sport Integrity Officer. The unit will be comprehensive and include:

- Athlete Safeguarding Policies and Protocols
- Injury Prevention and Concussion Protocols
- Anti-Doping, ITA and WADA Protocols and Coordination
- Competition Manipulation & Gambling in Luge sport Prevention
- Gender Equality Implementation Oversight
- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Policies
- To assist Steve in implementing the big task will be the establishment of an FIL Sport Integrity Working Group to be Chaired by former athlete and President of the Australian Luge Federation, Hannah Campbell-Pegg, with the intent of making this working group a permanent Commission at next year's Congress.

Steve and Hannah will be giving you an overview of this new Integrity Unit later today.

## **Enhanced TV and Media for the FIL**

This past season, the FIL took control over the live streaming for all senior world cup races as well as created a new ***behind the scenes*** media platform-the **FIL Studio**. Because of these efforts, the FIL substantially increased its presence on the internet. In fact, the FIL was ***first*** this past season in percentage of viewer growth on **YouTube** and **Facebook** of all Summer and Winter International Federations as ranked by **RedTorch**. Plans are already underway for new and improved programming for next year.

In April of this year the FIL convened a **TV/Media Summit** meeting of experts in Munich to review ways to contain costs for TV production, as we know this is a big financial hurdle for those national federations and track owners holding world cups races. In addition, the experts attending the summit meeting are exploring ways to make our sport more appealing and interesting to our viewers. Next year, the FIL Studio and Live Streaming will run on the same YouTube Channel so you will not have to toggle back and forth. The FIL will also expand its reach on social media and the internet.

***[I would now like to show a short video from the FIL Studio]***

## **Natural Track and Public Sledding**

As with artificial track luge, the FIL would like to make natural track luge more appealing and attractive to our viewers. Also, we must reach out to the public to enhance basic sled racing accessible to everyone like is already the case in Austria, the Alpine Luge program in Sweden and the Luge Challenge program in the US.

## **FIL Development Program**

As for the development of our sport, I wanted to thank the IOC Solidarity Department for the financial support and close cooperation for the Luge School in Sigulda and the follow-on support for pre-YOG training in PyeongChang this past season. These programs help to increase the strength and sustainability of our developing National Federations and their athletes.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for allowing me the honor to serve you and the FIL as your General Secretary. We have faced the challenges of the past several years **together** and we must work **together** to face the challenges as well as take advantage of the opportunities in our future.

I wanted also to thank President Einars Fogelis for his leadership this past year and his focus on implementing Slide 2026. Thanks also to the FIL Executive Board, Executive Director Christoph Schweiger, and our entire FIL team for the hard work and dedication to the FIL. I would also like to express our appreciation for the unwavering support from the IOC, as well as our sponsors, suppliers, TV partners, and key stakeholders.

Lastly, thanks to Philipp Trattner for serving as the VP for Finance this past year. Although your term of service did not last as long as we had all hoped, we certainly understand and respect your decision and wish you continued success into the future.

Respectfully submitted, Dwight Bell, *FIL Secretary General*

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**FIL Executive Board Resolution  
23.09.2022**

The FIL Executive Board decides on the basis of paragraph 4.5.8 of the FIL Statutes:

In view of the war of aggression currently being waged by the Russian Federation against Ukraine, the suspension of all rights to participation of athletes, assistants, coaches, and other officials of the Russian Luge Federation in FIL-sanctioned competitions is ordered until further notice in order to ensure safe, peaceful, and upright athletic competitions.

The presence of Russian athletes, assistants, coaches, and other officials from the Russian Luge Federation during the staging of FIL-sanctioned sport competitions is associated with the high risk that the safety, peacefulness and integrity of these competitions and their participants (including those of the Russian Federation itself) are gravely endangered. This risk is based on the causal personal involvement of the named persons in these FIL competitions and cannot be replaced by a less drastic measure, so that the suspension of participation is proportionate if and as long as the hostilities in Ukraine continue as a reason for this measure.



# FIL Statutes 2022

(Status following the 2022 Congress)

Approved on June 18, 2022

## 1 Basics

### 1.1 Name, structure, and headquarters

Based on the present Statutes an association named “Fédération Internationale de Luge”, “International Luge Federation”, “Internationaler Rodelverband” exists under Austrian Law. The National Luge Federations/National Federations (hereafter named NFs) which agreed to the Statutes and have been accepted as members are thus affiliated with the FIL.

The official abbreviation for the name International Luge Federation shall be FIL in all languages.

The Federation was founded in Davos, Switzerland on January 25, 1957.

The FIL headquarters are located in Salzburg-Wals, AUT.

### 1.2 Goal

The FIL, whose activities are not for profit, aims:

to develop the sport of luge worldwide, to supervise it, to promote it, and to direct it. to represent the sport of luge in the Olympic Movement.

### 1.3 Means of achieving the goal

The goals of the FIL are to be achieved through the non-material and material resources listed below:

#### 1.3.1 Non-material means:

- Supporting the objectives of the NFs in the form of aid in theory and practice;
- Cooperation with other international sports organizations and organizations involved in the sport of luge;
- Organization and promotion of the sports movement;
- Staging World Championships, Continental Championships, World and Continental Cups, as well as other competitions approved by the Congress or by the Executive Board;
- Functioning as the highest court of appeals for protests and other legal issues of international luge competitions, as well as for all questions relating to the FIL statutes and regulations;
- Promoting the exchange of experiences and lessons from the development of the sport of luge at the international level;
- Setting binding rules for all luge disciplines as well as recommendations for the sport of luge in general;
- Recognizing international luge competitions, which are conducted in accordance with the statutes and regulations of the FIL;
- Implementation of necessary measures to ensure that the applicable statutes and regulations are complied with at the competitions of the FIL;
- Implementation of effective measures to prevent accidents;
- Consideration for the environment;
- Guaranteeing the principle of "Fair Play";
- Comprehensive documentation of the sport of luge, in particular through the storing and safeguarding of film, video, and audio materials;
- Advertising for and with the sport of luge;
- Promoting the sport of luge as public sledding; (*\*change only in German wording*)
- ~~Operating all accident prevention measures in the most effective manner possible;~~
- Fighting against doping and manipulation in sports competition.

- 1.3.2. Material means:
- Resources from International Olympic Committee (IOC), specifically through the marketing of the Olympic Games;
  - Marketing of luge events specifically by entering into advertising and sponsorship agreements;
  - Production of film, video and audio material and their marketing;
  - Licensing fee income;
  - Membership fees;
  - Income from asset management, in particular from capital assets including income from interest and securities, and from investments in legal entities and corporations.

## 1.4 Responsibility

- 1.4.1 The FIL is the highest authority in all questions which concern the sport of luge. It is the sole representative of the international sport of luge and represents all interests in the sport of luge worldwide. The FIL recognizes artificial track luge and natural track luge including popular sport.
- 1.4.2 The FIL is the sole luge federation acknowledged by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) with all of its disciplines.
- 1.4.3 The FIL acknowledges the Olympic Charter ~~which and it~~ is an integral part of the FIL Statutes.

## 1.5 Principle of non-discrimination and code of conduct

- 1.5.1 The FIL will not tolerate political, racist, religious, or any other discrimination towards its direct or indirect members.
- 1.5.2 The FIL recognizes the principles and rules of the IOC Code of Ethics. On its own autonomy, the FIL has defined a framework of moral principles including a code of conduct, an integral component of the Statutes, the Ethics Code.

## 1.6 Languages and written form

- 1.6.1 The official languages of the FIL are German and English.
- 1.6.2 The Congress can determine further languages as working languages.
- 1.6.3 For the interpretation of the Statutes, Regulations, and resolutions as well as for translations in other languages, the German wording is decisive. Regarding the FIL Anti-Doping Code and its enclosures, the English wording is binding.
- 1.6.4 The written form is also granted by e-mail and/or fax. Proof of delivery can be provided by an electronic acknowledgement of read receipt (e-mail) and/or transmission confirmation (fax).

# 2 Membership

## 2.1 Ordinary membership

- 2.1.1 Each NF with the aim of promoting the sport of luge may become an ordinary member.
- 2.1.2 Only a legal entity may become an ordinary member.
- 2.1.3 A nation may only be represented by a single NF regardless of its internal structure and sphere of activity. The NF must be recognized by its National Olympic Committee or its nation's highest sports authority.
- 2.1.4 A NF, which wishes to become a member of the FIL, must submit a written letter of application to the Executive Board. The letter of application shall include a copy of the statutes and the luge competition regulations of the NF in German ~~and/or~~ English, in order to prove that these meet the Statutes of the FIL.
- 2.1.5 The Congress decides on the acceptance in the FIL. Admission requires a two-thirds majority.

## 2.2 Extraordinary Members

- 2.2.1 Extraordinary members of the FIL include:
- Supporting members (individuals or organizations);
  - Honorary members.
- 2.2.2 The Congress decides on the admission of the supporting members, **which may also be made dependent on financial obligations.**
- 2.2.3 Honorary members are nominated in accordance with the Code of Honor.
- 2.3. Rights and Obligations of Ordinary Members**
- 2.3.1 Ordinary members have the same rights and obligations.
- 2.3.2 Ordinary members have the right to participate and vote in the Congress, submit motions to the Executive Board and to the Congress. However, at the request of the Executive Board, the Congress can withdraw the right to vote when membership fees have not been paid over at time period of at least three years.
- 2.3.3 Each ordinary member has only one vote in the Congress. Each NF will designate a single voting candidate to the Congress in writing. The delegate must be a citizen of the member nation.
- 2.3.4 The ordinary members have the right:
- To be heard in all questions regarding their NF and to appeal,
  - To propose members of their NF for a position in the FIL,
  - To register its athletes for all FIL competitions, in agreement with the nomination regulations for these competitions,
  - To organize and stage FIL competitions.
- 2.3.5 The ordinary members are obliged to obey the Statutes and the respectively binding Regulations and Resolutions. The members are obliged to ensure that the sports clubs and athletes associated with them obey the Statutes and Regulations within the frame of FIL activities. Furthermore, they are obliged to stage the competitions awarded by the FIL according to the requirements stipulated by the FIL.
- 2.3.6 Ordinary members must pay their annual membership fee by December 31.
- 2.3.7 Further rights and obligations of the ordinary members are regulated by the Rules of Procedure.
- 2.4 Termination of Membership**
- 2.4.1 Ordinary membership terminates
- Upon loss of pre-requisites for membership,
  - Upon resignation,
  - Upon expulsion.
- 2.4.2 The expulsion of an ordinary member may be dictated by a two-thirds vote of the Congress upon motion by a national federation or by the Executive Board if a serious violation of the FIL Statutes by the implicated national federation is established. **Within two weeks after the Congress Resolution the expelled member can appeal to the FIL Court of Arbitration. The expelled member may challenge this Congress resolution within a period of one month upon receipt of the Congress minutes by appealing to the FIL Court of Arbitration.**
- 2.4.3 Extraordinary membership ends
- upon demise or liquidation,
  - upon resignation,
  - upon deprivation.
- 2.5 Provisional Membership**
- 2.5.1 A provisional member can be a NF which is in the process of formation and still has no associated clubs or individual athletes. Its goal must be to build up the sport of luge and train athletes for participation in FIL competitions.
- 2.5.2 Based on criteria established by the Executive Board, the admission of provisional members will be decided by the Executive Board.

### **3 Organization of the FIL**

- 3.1** In accordance with the regulations of the IOC, the FIL is a voluntary, non-profit, international organization of national federations of individual states.
- 3.2** The NFs abide by their own statutes. They are autonomous; however, they are bound to the Statutes and Regulations of the FIL as well as to the resolutions of the FIL Congresses and the Executive Board. In particular, this applies to the currently valid version of the FIL Anti-Doping Code.
- 3.3** The FIL may not interfere with the internal operations of the NFs nor may the FIL interfere with the relationship between individual NFs beyond the context of the FIL Statutes and Regulations.
- 3.4** Any membership of the FIL in another federation requires congressional approval.
- 3.5** If the appointment to organs or other bodies of the FIL depends on the affinity of the official with a NF, then they belong to that NF of which they are a member or for which they are active in an honorary or paid function. If they do not belong to a NF and is not working for it in an honorary or paid function, the nationality is decisive. With multiple nationalities their actual official place of residence is decisive.

### **4 Executive Bodies of the FIL**

#### **4.1 The FIL includes the following executive bodies:**

- 4.1.1 The Congress
- 4.1.2 The Executive Board
- 4.1.3 The Presidium
- 4.1.4 The Expert Commissions for artificial track luge and natural track luge/public sledding
- 4.1.5 The Control Commission
- 4.1.6 The Court of Arbitration
- 4.1.7 The Legal Committee
- 4.1.8 The Ethics Commission
- 4.1.9 The Ethics Authority
- 4.1.10 The Youth/Development Commission Artificial Track
- 4.1.11 The Athletes' Commission
- 4.1.12 The Medical Commission
- 4.1.13 The Track Construction Commissions Artificial Track and Natural Track
- 4.1.14 Working Groups

#### **4.2 The Congress**

- 4.2.1 The Congress is the highest authority of the FIL and consists of:
- The ordinary members;
  - The members of the Executive Board;
  - The Members of the Control Commission;
  - The Chairpersons of the Expert Commissions mentioned in Section 4.1
  - The Chairperson of the Legal Committee;
  - The Chairperson of the Ethics Commission;
  - The Chairperson of the Court of Arbitration;
  - The Ethics Authority.

The right to a voice at the Congress is limited to those specified in this Section, in Section 4.1, and to those invited by the Executive Board to make a report.



- 4.2.2 Ordinary Congresses are held annually, and if possible in June. Motions regarding changes of the IRO are only discussed every two years (in even years).
- 4.2.3 NFs are entitled to vote. NFs which have not paid their membership fees for at least three years can have their right to vote withdrawn (2.3.2).
- 4.2.4 If the preceding Congress failed to make a decision as to the time, agenda, and place of the next Congress, this decision will be made by the Executive Board. **The Executive Board may decide to hold the Congress in the form of a videoconference or in a hybrid form if the technical conditions ensure proper execution as well as the active participation and electronic exercise of the voting rights of all members not present.** The President summons the Ordinary Congress by written notice at least three months before the date of its meeting.
- 4.2.5 The Congress concerns itself with general issues and elects the Executive Board, the Court of Arbitration and the number of members of Commissions every fourth year in the year of the Olympic Winter Games. Working Groups can be formed at every Congress.
- 4.2.6 The agenda of the Congress must include the following items:
- opening of the Congress
  - confirmation of members entitled to vote (roll call)
  - awards
  - approval of the minutes from the previous Congress
  - reports by the Executive Board members
  - annual closing of accounts and budget proposal
  - report by the Control Commission
  - discussion of reports and release of the Executive Board
  - elections (in every fourth year; the substitute member of the Control Commission every second year)
  - election of the members of the Executive Board (4.5.1) with the exception of the Executive Director
  - election of the chairperson, their representative and the members of the Court of Arbitration (4.9.4)
  - election of the substitute members of the Control Commission (4.8)
  - election of the Ethics Authority
  - election of the members of the Legal Committee
  - election of the members of the Ethics Commission
  - election of commission members to be elected by the congress
  - determination of membership fees
  - motions
  - awarding of FIL Championships for a maximum of four years in advance
  - determination of time and place of the next Congresses
  - admission of new members
- 4.2.7 Motions for the Congress may be brought forth by the NFs, the Executive Board, the Expert Commissions according to 4.7.1, and by the Control Commission according to 4.8.3. They must be submitted to the President in writing and with substantiation at least ten weeks prior to the Congress with the exception of motions by the Executive Board, the Control Commission, and the Expert Commissions. Motions regarding IRO changes and supplements to the IRO must be submitted to the President in writing and with substantiation four weeks prior to the beginning of the commission meetings with the exception of motions by the Executive Board and the Expert Commissions.
- At least four weeks prior to the opening of the Congress, a summary of the motions will be sent to the members in German and English by the Secretary General; for the FIL Anti-Doping Code and its enclosures forwarding in English is sufficient.
- 4.2.8 Motions regarding changes to the IRO, as far as they do not concern §§ *General Regulations, Medical Service, Advertising Regulations, Awarding of Titles, Awards Ceremony* and the *Supplements Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights* and *Olympic Rules* for the IRO Artificial Track and *Supplement Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights* for the IRO Natural Track may be presented to the Congress only after approval by the appropriate commission according to Section 4.7.1. If the appropriate commission has rejected a motion regarding an IRO change, the entity submitting the proposal may appeal to the Executive Board for submitting it to the Congress for the passing of a resolution, citing convincing reasons. The

Executive Board may determine that the proposal to change the IRO should be included on the agenda of the next Congress.

**4.2.9** Motions regarding changes to §§ *General Regulations, Medical Service, Advertising Regulations, Awarding of Titles, Awards Ceremony* and the *Supplements Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights* and *Olympic Rules* for the IRO Artificial Track and *Supplement Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights* for the IRO Natural Track may be presented to the Congress by the Executive Board for the passing of a resolution. NFs are entitled to propose changes to the quoted paragraphs of the IRO to the Executive Board.

4.2.10 The Congress does not decide on amendments of the FIL Anti-Doping Code and its enclosures, as far as these amendments are restricted to adjustments to the WADA World Anti-Doping Code and its enclosures.

4.2.11 The Congress can allow athletes to participate in its meeting, if necessary.

### **4.3 Extraordinary Congress**

4.3.1 An Extraordinary Congress may be called by petition of at least one tenth of the NFs or upon a resolution by the Executive Board.

4.3.2 The Executive Board determines the time, place, and agenda of the Extraordinary Congress which must be held within six weeks of receipt of the petition. **The Executive Board may decide to hold the Extraordinary Congress in the form of a videoconference or in hybrid form, if the technical conditions ensure proper execution as well as active participation and electronic exercise of the voting rights of all members not present.** Written notice of the meeting must be sent to the members at least four weeks prior to the Extraordinary Congress.

### **4.4 No Confidence Vote**

Upon a motion by an ordinary member or by the Executive Board which passes by a two - thirds majority of the Congress, a vote of no confidence may be expressed against a member of an executive body which results in that person's dismissal from duties.

### **4.5 Executive Board**

4.5.1 The Executive Board includes:

- with seat and vote and elected by the Congress;
  - the President (\*)
  - the Secretary General (\*)
  - the Vice President for Finance (\*)
  - the Vice President for Marketing
  - the Vice President for Sport - Artificial Track
  - the Vice President for Technical Affairs - Artificial Track
  - the Vice President for Natural Track and Public Sledding
  - two additional members
  - the Chair of the Athletes Commission (declaratory confirmation)
- with seat but without vote and elected by the Congress
  - a Vice President for those continents which are actively engaged in luge and which is represented by at least 2 National Federations as ordinary members of the FIL and is not already represented by at least one member on the Executive Board
- with seat only
  - the Executive Director

(\*) The President, the Secretary General, and the Vice President for Finance must belong to different NFs.

4.5.2 The members of the Executive Board serve in a voluntary capacity with the exception of the Executive Director.

4.5.3 The members of the Executive Board (exception: Executive Director) are elected for a period of four years corresponding to the Olympic Winter Games. Candidate proposals have to be mailed to the Executive Director no later than six weeks prior to the opening of the election Congress. After expiration of the deadline, the Executive Director will then inform the NFs in writing of the candidate proposals received. If there are no candidates for functions, the

Congress can – upon motion of the President or a NF – pass a resolution, that those candidates for the election into the Executive Board can be admitted who are proposed by a NF in writing during the election Congress and within a certain extension of time.

- 4.5.4 Should a person resign from an elected position during the course of the term of office, a successor will be elected at the next Congress for the remainder of the term until the next statutory election.
- 4.5.5 The Executive Board fulfils its duties in accordance with the Statutes. It carries out the resolutions made by the Congress and takes care of all other tasks of the FIL, as far as these are not explicitly reserved for the Congress, the Presidium, or another body of the FIL and as far as the Congress did not regulate them by means of a resolution. The Presidium and as needed in consultation with the respective Vice Presidents and Directors passes a resolution regarding the award of the FIL competitions (with the exception of FIL Championships), and regarding amendments of the FIL Anti-Doping Code including its enclosures, as far as the Congress has no authority of resolution according to 4.2.10, and confirms the Events Schedules. Regarding the assignment of tasks, the Executive Board issues the business responsibilities' overview, on which the NFs have to be informed.
- 4.5.6 The Executive Board can make decisions, which are actually reserved for the Congress according to paragraph 4.2.5 of the Statutes (including the approval of the approval of the annual statement of accounts and the budget proposal as well as changes and additions to the IRO, but excluding the elections of the organs), provisionally in urgent exceptional cases, if due to an imminent danger these decisions cannot be postponed until the next ordinary Congress. The Executive Board is to submit the urgent decisions taken by it to the next Congress for a definitive resolution.
- 4.5.7 If required, the Executive Board can consult athletes and other experts during the decision-making process.
- 4.5.8 In the following cases, which lie outside the sphere of influence of the FIL, such as in particular
- Terrorism, violent persons, riot, revolution, offensive or defensive war, civil war, strike, boycott, blockade, fire, embargo, sabotage, hostage taking, nuclear or chemical poisoning hazards,
  - Natural disasters of any kind, including floods, earthquakes, thunderstorms, volcanic eruptions, and temperatures and precipitation that affect health,
  - Pandemic, epidemic, and other community-harming health risks,
- the Executive Board can take appropriate measures to ensure safe, peaceful, integrity and rule-abiding activities, especially at FIL-sanctioned athletic competitions and at meetings of all FIL organs and other FIL bodies, if necessary, in place of the Congress or another competent FIL organ.

Appropriate organizational measures in this sense may include but are not limited to:

- Suspension of all statutory rights of member federations, clubs, athletes, coaches, officials, or other persons in the FIL or in its affiliated member federations and clubs for a definite or indefinite period of time with regard to individual or all activities for the FIL.
- Withdrawal of the rights to hold FIL-sanctioned competitions at individual or all sports venues of a country as well as to hold other events of FIL bodies at individual or all venues of a country or to relocate FIL events to another time and / or to other venues or to another country after the awarding of these events.
- other measures that the Executive Board deems appropriate to ensure the safety, integrity and fairness of FIL events or FIL meetings and the fulfillment of the purposes of the Federation in accordance with the Statutes.

The measures can only be taken if the persons concerned can be proven to have had a causal personal responsibility/support/assistance/participation in the cases described above and if the measure is proportionate.

In the event of an occurrence that has given rise to the adoption of measures in the above cases, the Executive Board may involve the Ethics Commission in the assessment of any organizational measures to be imposed.

The Executive Board is obliged to immediately revoke the measures it has taken if the reason for the measure taken no longer exists. If the measure is still valid until the next ordinary Congress, the latter shall decide on the continuation of the measure or its amendment or repeal. The Congress shall vote on this measure without regard to compliance with the formal requirements for the summons and agenda.

## **4.6 Presidium**

- 4.6.1 The Presidium consists of the President, the Secretary General, the Vice President for Finance (with vote), and the Executive Director (with no vote).
- 4.6.2 The Presidium carries out all day-to-day business of the FIL and takes care of additional tasks assigned by the Executive Board.
- 4.6.3 All members of the Presidium, who are entitled to vote, individually represent the FIL in public. Limits on this authorization can be decided internally.

In order to be valid, written FIL documents require the signature of a member of the Presidium, who is entitled to vote. The Executive Director can be authorized by the members of the Presidium, who are entitled to vote, to sign individual or all business correspondence. Accounts payable for an amount up to Euro 10,000 must be signed by a member of the Presidium, who is entitled to vote. However, the Executive Director can be authorized by the members of the Presidium, who are entitled to vote, to sign for accounts payable up to Euro 10,000.

Accounts payable representing an amount of more than Euro 10,000 must be signed by the Vice President of Finance and a further member of the Presidium (including the Executive Director). Should the Vice President of Finance be indisposed, another member of the Presidium may stand in their place. In this case the permission of the Vice-President of Finance has to be obtained immediately (by telephone, fax or e-mail).

Legal transactions between one or more members of the Presidium and the FIL require the approval of another member of the Presidium with voting rights.

Authorization for parties to represent the FIL externally on its behalf is issued exclusively by the Presidium. The authorization can be revoked at any time by the Presidium. This also includes the authorization granted the Executive Director according to paragraph 2 and 3.

- 4.6.4 In emergencies and when time is of essence the President is authorized to make unilateral decisions in matters normally under the sphere of the Congress and Executive Board. However, approval from the respective FIL body is required.

## **4.7 Expert Commissions**

- 4.7.1 The tasks of the following Expert Commissions arise amongst others from their areas of responsibility as specified below:

### **Sport - Artificial Track**

- IRO
- Statistics
- Training of Judges
- Training programs, courses, solidarity

### **Technical - Artificial Track**

- IRO
- Sleds
- Equipment
- Tracks
- Safety and medicine

### **Natural Track and Public Sledding**

- IRO
- Events Schedule
- Statistics
- Training of Judges
- Training programs, courses, solidarity
- Youth / Development
- Technical
- Sleds
- Equipment
- Tracks

- Safety and medicine

The Expert Commissions deal with all motions regarding IRO changes except *General Regulations, Medical Service, Advertising Regulations, Awarding of Titles, Awards Ceremony* and the Supplements *Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights* and *Olympic Rules* for the IRO Artificial Track and Supplement *Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights* for the IRO Natural Track, and within this scope are entitled to present motions regarding IRO changes to the Congress for the passing of a resolution. For this purpose, a two thirds majority within the respective Expert Commission is required.

- 4.7.2 The members of the Sport Commission Artificial Track will be:
- the Vice President for Sport Artificial Track as Chairperson,
  - the Sport Director as Deputy Chairperson, who does not have a vote and is appointed by the Executive Board,
  - three members elected by the Congress,
  - up to four members which upon the recommendation of the Vice President for Sport Artificial Track after agreement from the respective NF, are appointed by the Executive Board and must belong to an NF which must have either an artificial track homologated by the FIL or at least one athlete with a FIL World Cup license.
  - an athletes' representative in accordance with section 4.12
  - the chairperson of the Commission Youth/Development Artificial Track without the right to vote

Among them there must be at least two female members and at least two male members. The members of the Commissions must belong to different NFs. However, the Chairperson, the Sport Director, and the Athletes' Representative are not affiliated with an NF in this respect.

- 4.7.3 The members of the Technical Commission Artificial Track will be:
- the Vice President for Technical Matters Artificial Track as Chairperson,
  - the Technical Director as Deputy Chairperson, who does not have a vote and is appointed by the Executive Board,
  - three members elected by the Congress,
  - up to four members which upon the recommendation of the Vice President for Technical Matters Artificial Track after agreement from the respective NF, are appointed by the Executive Board and belong to an NF which must have either an artificial track homologated by the FIL or at least one athlete with a FIL World Cup license.
  - an athletes' representative in accordance with section 4.12
  - the Permanent Technical Delegate for Juniors/Youth A Artificial Track without the right to vote

Among them there must be at least two female members and at least two male members. The members of the Commissions must belong to different NFs. However, the Chairperson, the Technical Director, and the Athletes' Representative are not affiliated with an NF in this respect.

- 4.7.4 The members of the Commission Natural Track and Public Sledding will be:
- the Vice President Natural Track and Public Sledding as Chairperson,
  - the Director for Sport and Technical Matters Natural Track and Public Sledding as Deputy Chairperson, who is appointed by the Executive Board and has no vote,
  - three members who are elected by the Congress,
  - up to five members which upon the recommendation of the Vice President for Natural Track and Public Sledding and approval of the NFs will be nominated by the Executive Board,
  - two athletes' representatives in accordance with section 4.12

Among them there must be at least two female members and at least two male members. Two members of the commission at most may belong to the same NF. However, the Director for Sport and Technical Matters and the Athletes' Representative are not affiliated with an NF in this respect.

- 4.7.5 The Executive Board can also remove those members of the Expert Commissions which they appointed. The resolution for removal does not require the approval of the respective NF. The

members whose NF affiliation is determined according to 3.5, stay in office in the respective commission until the next election also if their NF affiliation changes during their term of office.

4.7.6 The Commissions may not propose IRO changes to a Congress held in odd years.

#### **4.8 Control Commission**

4.8.1 The Congress elects a Control Commission, consisting of two ordinary members and a substitute, who belong to three different NFs which do not have members in the Executive Board

4.8.2 The longest serving member of the Control Commission retires after two years. Automatically the substitute member becomes an ordinary member of the Control Commission. The new substitute member has to be elected by the Congress. A retired member can be re-elected. At least two of the three members elected must have professional competence in accounting.

4.8.3 The duties of the Control Commission are to:

- provide for the auditing of the budget and the examination of the annual records,
- report to the Congress on the annual audit of the financial records,
- present the motion to release the Executive Board.

#### **4.9 Legal Bodies**

4.9.1 The Court of Arbitration, the Legal Committee, the Ethics Commission and the Ethics Authority are the legal bodies. The members of the Court of Arbitration, the Legal Committee, the Ethics Commission and the Ethics Authority are elected for four years for the same time period as the members of the Executive Board.

4.9.2 Upon motion by a NF, the Executive Board, the Presidium, or a person concerned, the Court of Arbitration makes a decision in the case of violations by the members of the FIL bodies and the settlement of disputes. Furthermore, it decides on all other cases provided in the Statutes as well as in the case of complaints against sanctions and penalties of the Executive Board.

4.9.3 The Court of Arbitration decides under exclusion of ordinary legal proceedings.

4.9.4 The Court of Arbitration includes one Chairperson, his representative and three assessors who are elected by the Congress. The Chairperson should have completed a juristic education. The members of the Court of Arbitration must not be members of the Executive Board and the Legal Committee. In general, the Court of Arbitration decides in triple manning with their Chairperson, respectively their substitute and two assessors. In special urgent cases, the Chairperson, respectively their substitute, can make decisions by themselves for preliminary measures.

4.9.5 Under exclusion of ordinary legal proceedings an appeal can be made to the Tribunal Arbitral du Sport (TAS)/Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) based in Lausanne on the basis of the Code of Sports-related Arbitration, as far as the FIL Law and Procedure Regulations does not contain any specifications for the appeals procedure.

4.9.6 The Law and Procedure Regulation which as enclosure is a component of the Statutes, regulates the Court of Arbitration proceedings to be adhered to.

4.9.7 In the Law and Procedure Regulations it is determined in detail, that the members, bodies and authorized representatives (for example coaches and judges) of the FIL, all participants in FIL Competitions as well as all other persons, who are - according to membership law or contractual law - subordinated to the Statutes, Regulations, Resolutions, and Rulings of FIL bodies, can be punished in the case of violation against the mentioned Regulations and Resolutions.

The following punishments are permitted:

- Reprimand
- Bans from half a month to up to two years
- Expulsion of athletes from official training or from competition effective immediately
- Suspension from being a Judge for the period of half a month up to two years
- Deletion from the Judge list
- limited ban from six months up to twenty-four months or permanent ban of the right to hold an official function with the Federation

- Fines of minimum € 100 up to € 7.000,00
- Expulsion

For doping infractions, solely the proceedings, elements of offence, and sanctions regulated by the Anti-Doping Code and its enclosures are valid. By the decision of all procedures carried out according to the Law and Procedure Regulations or the FIL Anti-Doping Code, the costs of all procedures may be imposed on the persons involved in them either completely or partially.

- 4.9.8 In the first place, the Executive Board decides on violations against FIL Regulations and against resolutions and rulings of FIL bodies. An appeal against the Executive Board's decision can be made to the FIL Court of Arbitration, unless according to 4.9.2 an immediate appeal to the Court of Arbitration is stipulated.
- 4.9.9 The Legal Committee includes one Chairperson and two other members. The members of the Legal Committee will be elected through Congress. The elected members vote a member to be Chairperson. The regular term of office is 4 years corresponding to the term of office of the Executive Board. The Chairperson must have completed a juristic education. The special tasks of the Legal Committee include the consultation of the Executive Board in all legal affairs as well as the legal judgement of Congress resolutions.
- 4.9.10 The Ethics Commission includes one Chairperson and two other members, who will be elected through Congress. The elected members vote a member to be Chairperson. The Chairperson must have completed a juristic education. At the request of the Executive Board, all members of the Legal Committee can also be members of the Ethics Commission.

The Ethics Commission monitors the implementation of and the compliance with the Ethics Code. Its members are all in contact with standing FIL persons, organizations, and institutions as section 1 of the Law and Procedure Regulations.

They are authorized, in the event of violations of the Ethics Code, to request an arbitration tribunal with the following penalties:

- Exclusion from competitions,
- Withdrawal of the right to organize events,
- Reprimand or warning,
- Declaration of a cease-and-desist obligation,
- Fines of €1,000.00 to €20,000.00
- Temporary or permanent release from functions or tasks,

A suspension of probation is permitted.

In cases of especially serious violations of the Ethics Code, the Ethics Commission can provisionally suspend the parties concerned from their position and duties for a maximum period of 90 days and/or prohibit them from other activities. In urgent cases of suspected contest manipulation, or a serious violation of the Ethics Code, athletes can be provisionally banned. Further details can be found in the Ethics Code.

#### 4.10 **Youth and Development Commission Artificial Track**

The Youth and Development Commission Artificial Track consists of the following members:

- a Chairperson selected by the Executive Board,
- the permanent Technical Delegate Juniors without a vote,
- two members elected by the Congress,
- additional members appointed by the Executive Board,
- one member from the FIL coaches without a vote.

The Youth and Development Commission meets before the Expert Commissions and is authorized to submit motions to the Chairpersons of the Expert Commissions.

#### 4.11. **Medical Commission**

The Medical Commission is a body appointed by the Executive Board with the aim to advise, support and control the sport of luge, represented by the FIL, regarding any medical matters. The Executive Board has to obtain the consent of each corresponding national federation

before appointing any person into the Medical Commission. The Executive Board appoints a Chairperson of the Medical Commission. The tasks of the Medical Commission are stipulated in the "Regulations for the Medical Commission" to be confirmed by the Executive Board.

#### **4.12 Athletes' Representatives (Athletes' Commission)**

4.12.1 The athletes who participate in FIL competitions in both artificial track and natural track luge will nominate candidates to the Athletes Commission, of which there must be a minimum of one male and one female. Athletes can nominate candidates from their own NF or other NFs. In both artificial track and natural track, the male and female athlete with the most votes will be elected to the Athletes Commission. In addition to those four members a 5th member from artificial track will be added who will be the male or female with the highest total votes outside of the athletes currently elected.

4.12.2 By the closing date of the first World Cup of the particular season, each athlete will be asked to nominate one candidate for the election positions according to section 4.12.1 in writing and to send or give their nomination to either the FIL office or to the FIL representative for this World Cup. The list of candidates will then be put in circulation by the FIL prior to January 1st of the election year. The election will take place at the World Championships of the post-Olympic season for the athletes who will serve on the Athletes Commission. The athlete with the highest number of votes for the respective position is the athletes' representative for the entire election period. In the event of a tie, an additional round of voting will be conducted by secret written ballot according to 4.12.4. Should this again result in a tie, then the vote will be decided by a drawing of lots

4.12.3 The athletes' representatives to the Athletes Commission must be active in the FIL World Cup or FIL Nations Cup/European Cup and have never received any WADA sanction. An athlete is considered active if at the time of their nomination they have participated in at least three World Cup/Nations Cup/European Cup competitions or at least two FIL championships within the past 24 months. They lose their status as an active athlete if it is determined at the end of each competition season that they have not participated in at least three World Cup/Nations Cup/European Cup competitions or at least two FIL championships within the past 24 months unless an injury as determined by the FIL has caused them to do so. If an athletes' representative has lost their status as an active athlete, they may still serve on the commission. In the situation that there are more than two non-active athletes there will be a new election of an athletes' representative determined by the FIL Athletes Commission that will be held at the next opportunity according to 4.12.4. Until the election of a new athletes' representative their predecessor will remain in office.

4.12.4 The election will take place in writing and votes will be counted by the FIL representative or Chairperson of the Jury attending the competition. The term of office for the respective athletes' representatives is four years starting with their election. Athletes' representatives, who take over for their predecessor during a legislative period, hold the office until the end of the original term of office.

4.12.5 The elected members of the Athletes' Commission elect a Chairperson from their own ranks, who must belong to one of the Olympic luge disciplines.

4.12.6 The Athletes' Commission will be invited to participate at the Expert Commissions at the expense of the FIL. The athletes commission will vote amongst themselves for which athlete will have a vote in the sports commission and technical commission (Artificial Track) and natural track commission for the whole term of their elected period. The additional athlete is invited to participate in the Artificial Track Commissions as an expert but will have no vote. The Athletes' Commission chair will be invited to participate at all FIL Executive Board Meetings at the expense of the FIL. The chair athlete will be invited to the FIL Congress as well as one Commission Natural track athlete at the expense of the FIL. The Athletes' can submit motions to the Executive Board, which can be explained by the chairperson at the Executive Board meeting directly before the Congress.

#### **4.12 Track Construction Commission**

##### **4.13.1 Track Construction Commission Artificial Track**

The Track Construction Commission Artificial Track supervises the reconstruction of existing artificial tracks and the construction of new tracks. As needed, it can consult external experts and exchange experiences and plans with the associations responsible for bobsleigh and skeleton sport, in particular the IBSF.



The Track Construction Commission Artificial Track is under the supervision of the Vice President for Technical Matters – Artificial Track. The Chairperson and the members of the commission are appointed by the Executive Board.

#### 4.13.2 Track Construction Commission Natural Track

The Track Construction Commission Natural Track supervises the reconstruction of existing natural tracks and the construction of new tracks. As needed, it can consult external experts. The Track Construction Commission Natural Track is under the supervision of the Vice President Natural Track. The Chairperson and the members of the commission are appointed by the Executive Board.

#### 4.14 Working Groups

4.14.1 As needed, the Congress, the Executive Board, or the President can set up working groups. The FIL body which set up the working group appoints and removes the Chairperson and the members of the respective working group.

4.14.2 The Chairperson of the working group must submit a written report to the body it was formed by.

## 5 Finances of the FIL

### 5.1 The finances of the FIL include:

5.1.1 Membership fees of the NFs,

5.1.2 Subsidies from public or private institutions,

5.1.3 Donations, gifts, inheritances or other contributions of any kind,

5.1.4 Income from renting, leasing, sale or other rights of use of land and land rights as well as from the operation of sports facilities,

5.1.5 Income from FIL competitions and Olympic Winter Games,

5.1.6 Income from the marketing of FIL events including broadcasting rights for television and radio,

5.1.7 Remuneration for the granting of licensing rights, advertising and distribution rights as well as sponsorship services,

5.1.8 Remuneration for the holding of courses, instruction, training, courses, examinations and other participation fees,

5.1.9 Income from the administration of FIL assets, in particular from capital assets including interest and securities, from participations in legal entities and corporations.

5.1.10 The funds can also be acquired through the involvement of a corporation controlled by the FIL, provided that the non-profit status of the FIL is not endangered by this.

~~5.1.1 Annual membership fees paid by the NFs~~

~~5.1.2 Donations~~

~~5.1.3 Revenue of FIL competitions~~

~~5.1.4 Other income~~

5.2 Management of finances is governed by the Financial Regulations.

### 5.3 Use of Financial Means

5.3.1 Possible profits may only be used for purposes according to the Statutes. The NFs do not receive shares of the profit and in their capacity as members they do not receive other financial payments by the FIL; this is also applicable for the work of the Executive Board members and members of other FIL bodies.

5.3.2 Upon retirement or in case of dissolution of the FIL, no member has a right to obtain shares of the Federation's assets.

- 5.3.3 No person may benefit from administration expenses, which are unrelated to the purpose of the Federation or from reimbursements which are disproportionately high.
- 5.3.4 Within the frame of the purpose of the Federation cash expenses made by the members of the Executive Board and other executive bodies are reimbursed according to receipts or lump sum amounts permitted by law.

## 6 Dissolution of the FIL

- 6.1 The Congress may dissolve the FIL with a four-fifths majority vote with at least half of the NFs present.
- 6.2 In case of dissolution of the FIL or in case that its purposes so far no longer exist, the assets will fall to a similar, non-profit sports organization, which has to use them immediately and exclusively for non-profit purposes. Resolutions on the future use of the assets may only be realized after obtaining the approval of the competent Financial Authorities.

## 7 Voting

- 7.1 Resolutions in all bodies of the FIL will be decided with more than one half of the valid votes (simple majority) as long as one third of the voting members with of the bodies are present. If the alternatives provided do not receive the simple majority during a vote, then at the next voting process, the alternative which received the least votes will be rejected.

### Exceptions:

- 7.1.1 Acceptance of a National Federation (2.1.5) or expulsion of a National Federation (2.4.2) may only be enacted by the Congress and requires a two-thirds majority with at least a third of the NFs present.
- 7.1.2 Changes in the Statutes may only be decided by the Congress and need a two thirds majority with at least a third of the NFs present. This does not apply for amendments of the FIL Anti-Doping Code and its enclosures in terms of 4.2.10.
- 7.1.3 Proposed changes to the IRO with the exception of §§ 1 *General Regulations, Medical Service, Advertising Regulations, Awarding of Titles, Awards Ceremony* and the *Supplements Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights* and *Olympic Rules* for the IRO Artificial Track and *Supplement Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights* for the IRO Natural Track for the IRO Natural Track require a two thirds majority of the according to 4.7.1 appropriate Commission before they may be submitted to the Congress for the passing of a resolution (4.2.8).
- 7.2 All votes are open. If one third of the voting members request a secret ballot, this request must be granted. **Votes to be conducted electronically do not have to be open.**
- 7.3 Invalid votes, votes not cast, and abstentions are not counted when determining the majority of votes.

## 8 Elections

- 8.1 Basically, elections must be held in the order stipulated under 4.5, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9, and 4.10.
- 8.2 Only NFs are authorized to make proposals for all elective functions.
- 8.3 The candidate who receives a simple majority of eligible votes (more than 50% of the valid votes) is elected. At the request of the Executive Board or the election director, the Congress can resolve that a relative majority is sufficient if more than two candidates stand for election for the office to be elected.
- 8.4 The validity of an election requires the quorum of the Congress according to 7.1. Apart from this, the procedure for elections is regulated by the General Rules of Procedure.

## 9 Enclosures and by-laws

- 9.1 **Coequal part of the Statutes** is the FIL Anti-Doping Code (FIL Anti-Doping Rules) including its enclosures, the International Standards, especially **the Standards Prohibited List, Code**

Compliance by Signatories, Education, Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs), Testing and Investigations, Laboratories, Results Management, Protection of Privacy and Personal Information. ~~the Prohibited List, the International Standards for Testing and Investigations (ISTI), for Therapeutic Use Exemptions (ISTUE), for Protection of Privacy and Personal Information (ISPPPI) and for Laboratories (ISL).~~

## **9.2 Supplemental regulations to the Statutes are:**

- 9.2.1 The IRO - International Luge Regulations for Artificial Track and Natural Track – including supplements
- 9.2.2 The General Rules of Procedure
- 9.2.3 The Finance Regulations
- 9.2.4 The Code of Honor
- 9.2.5 The Law and Procedure Regulations
- 9.2.6 The Ethics Code

**9.3 The Business Responsibilities' Overview** is passed by the Executive Board and is to be announced to the NFs.

## **10 FIL Emblem**

Only upon written approval by the Executive Board, are all individual and legal entities associated with the FIL by means of their membership or by contract, allowed to use the FIL Emblem.

## **11 Amendments to the Statutes**

- 11.1 Amendments to the Statutes can only be enacted by an Ordinary Congress. This is not valid for amendments of the FIL Anti-Doping Code including its enclosures in the terms of 4.2.10.
- 11.2 Amendments are to be announced on the agenda in advance.
- 11.3 Motions of urgency concerning changes in the Statutes (excluding IRO changes) and regarding dissolution of the FIL are not possible.

## **12 Date of Validation**

These Statutes take effect upon resolution by the **71<sup>th</sup>** FIL Congress and replace the Statutes which were valid until now.



# Amendment FIL Statutes 2023

Applicant: Executive Board

Code of Honor  
Regulations §2.1.2

Motion No.: 01

## Old text:

### 2.1.2 Honorary Vice-President

- On Vice-Presidents who have carried out this function for at least three election periods and are retiring from active participation.
- Posthumous award

## New text:

### ~~2.1.2 Honorary Vice-President~~

- ~~• On Vice-Presidents who have carried out this function for at least three election periods and are retiring from active participation.~~
- ~~• Posthumous award~~

## Reason:

Almost all sports federations only have an honorary president and an honorary member. The FIL would like to conform

## Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?



# Amendment FIL Statutes 2023

**Applicant: Executive Board**

**Rules of  
Procedure §12.1**

**Motion No.: 02**

**Old text:**

- 12.1 Minutes must be kept of all meetings. Copies of the minutes must be delivered within four weeks to the meeting participants, to the members of the appropriate Executive bodies and to the Executive Board.

**New text:**

- 12.1 Minutes must be kept of all meetings. Copies of the minutes must be delivered within **six** weeks to the meeting participants, to the members of the appropriate Executive bodies and to the Executive Board.

**Reason:**

Time needed also for translation

**Based on the change(s), which sections are to be supplemented?**

# IRO Amendment 2023



Artificial Track       Natural Track

Applicant: FIL

§1 3 page 3

Motion No.:

## Old text:

none

## New text:

e) the athlete has participated in at least one anti-doping education course specified by the FIL ~~before the start of the season~~. A corresponding certificate must be presented for the license application.

## Reason:

As WADA defines the proof of "Education" (programs) as one of the top priorities, in the future an anti-doping education must be completed ~~before the start of the season~~. There are enough Education Programs & Webinars available in different languages. Which anti-doping course has to be completed will be specified by the FIL in cooperation with the ITA.

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## Urgent motion to the FIL Congress 2023

**Applicant: WG Olympic Rules/Executive Board**

**Application No.: 1, Supplement 1**

**Motion:**

Supplement 1

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Supplement 1

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The FIL Executive Board decides on official recognition and approval of an artificial luge track for OWG, FIL Championships and FIL competitions **which must take place at least one year prior to the first international competition held on this track.**

**Reason**

On every newly built track/facility, deficiencies (including safety-related ones) have been identified during pre-homologation, which had to be subsequently rectified.



## Urgent motion to the FIL Congress 2023

**Applicant: WG Olympic Rules /Executive Board**

**Application No.: 2, Supplement 4**

### Motion:

#### Supplement 4

##### 1.10 International Training Courses on the Olympic Track

- a) The event organizers of the Olympic luge competitions are obligated to offer in the pre Olympic and the Olympic season altogether two International Training Weeks for all NFs.
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## CONGRESS 2023

### Sport Working Group report

Dear members of Congress,

It has been a privilege to be involved with the strategic plan, Slide 2026, over these last few years. As we are all aware, it is a challenge to keep luge vibrant and relevant in the ever-expanding universe of sports in this globally competitive climate. The Working Group Sport was charged with reviewing the development of our core sport as **one** of the five priorities of the plan.

Over the course of our meetings our task was identifying and discussing issues, setting goals and creating a strategy to reach those goal leading up to 2026.

Coming out of these meetings we had a list of recommendations starting with improvement in Sport Presentation and Procedures to make our sport more appealing to a global audience. To that end, we have recommended to Technical Commission to review race specific equipment to enhance the look and presentation of our athletes. Specifically, we recommended review of weight vests – to help better present the athletic bodies required for high performance in our sport....Booties – improvement of design so athletes can walk off the track in more normal fashion while continuing to improve safety standards. Helmets/neck straps – researching easier and quicker ways to snap in/out of them. These are not new conversations, but they are necessary ones to move the appeal and presentation of our sport forward and we look forward to the solutions that our Technical experts are working on.

We recommended to Sports Commission to make changes to Sport formats, especially the Sprint race, which continues to have a divided audience. Last season tests were run on new format, successfully, and those changes are under review to be implemented into IRO if accepted.

Improvements to start and finish procedures, allowing for maximum presentation of our athletes in a professional manner, this to has been in progress and continues to be evaluated and elevated by our Sports Director. We recommended there should be an Event Program test to change to the order of runs and disciplines, allowing for a compact finals session that would conclude within approximate 2 and 1/2 hour period. Unfortunately, this is one area that we have not been able to execute the recommendation, as our event experts have been unable to make a test a reality within the constraints of the season. We have asked that this option continues to be explored as we fully believe this would make our event weekend more attractive to all audiences. Our Sports Director will again try to integrate this kind of program into this season as a test.

A major focus and discussion of our group was the need to improve our presentation on linear and digital platforms, and I'm happy to report that we have made big strides in this area thanks to the work of our Secretary General, Mr. Bell, and under the guidance of Thomas Schwab, the Working Group Marketing, who will be giving you an update with more details shortly on what we hope will be realized for this upcoming season, especially with tv graphics.

Our recommendations also focused on items with the Youth Commission regarding the positive challenge we faced in previous seasons with the large growth in numbers at our Junior

level races. We understood that entry numbers were unsustainable by event organizers, and global travel was becoming financially restrictive for many nations, combined with the demands of schooling. As you are aware, the Working Group's recommendation of hosting a new series of Continental races was implemented and was evaluated as successful and this will continue next season with another evaluation by our Youth Commission, this is also reiterated in the Youth Commission report from Hans Juergen in your dossier.

All these themes will continue to be on the agenda of the Commissions and will be done in collaboration with TV, Marketing, event organizers and other stakeholders to be sure all recommended changes can be implemented successfully.

As was planned from the outset of the creation of the Strategic Plan, the Working groups were to be active and reviewed at the end of 2022 with an implementation phase becoming active during 2023. We feel we are on track with this plan. Our last meeting was actually held in March 2023 and now all our recommendations and concerns to date have been handed over to the specific Commissions who are charged to come up with the solutions, procedures and applicable sport rules where necessary which may be instituted into the 2024 IRO, and they will continue the work on this stage of the strategic plan. I am happy to see our new, young Sport and Technical Directors take on these challenges and issues with this quadrennium's new group of Commission members and I know good work is already in progress.

In conclusion and once again, I would like to thank the members of the Sport Working Group - *Alex Resch, Andi Linger, Maria Luise Rainer, Hans Juergen Kohne, Chris Mazdzar, and Fred Zimny*. Your work and time has been much appreciated. I'd also

like to thank the Executive and the Congress for their time and our Working Group remains at your disposal upon request.

Thank you.

Dear President

Dear Presidium

Dear Executive Board Members

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen

Dear Friends of our Sport

As you have heard today in the report from our President Einars Fogelis and also from our Secretary General Dwight Bell, our sport is in transition, so it is a huge challenge for the working group and the technical commission to make the right decisions in the future.

What did the working group do last season?

First, during the season, the working group collected various data on weight compensation

- for men
- for women
- in doubles women and men

in order to understand whether we can perhaps also regulate the weight compensation even better in the future.

In the same way, data regarding the runners was also collected last season in order to understand how best to design or produce the sleds of tomorrow.

Recently we had a Zoom meeting with the new members of the "Sliding 2026" working group, which is working intensively on the development of the future artificial track luge,

E.g.

- who can or which company will produce the sleds
- what sled parameters and dimensions will be set in the future
- where and how to buy a sled or sled parts

I do not want to go into too much detail about this now, as the specifics still need to be discussed.

In any case, the working group and the technical commission will have a lot of work and important decisions to make in the future.

More Zoom meetings and conversations are planned and I will keep YOU, the Presidium, Executive members informed.

Andris Sics Chairman Working Group

Armin Zöggeler

Georg Hackl

Christian Turner

Robert Fegg

Kaspars Dumpis

Mister President

Dear colleagues from the Executive Office

Dear delegates of the National Federations

Ladies and gentlemen

It is my first report as vice president for sledding on natural tracks, and from the beginning please forgive my emotion and possible mistakes.

Thank you for the vote given last year in the congress in Hall in Tirol.

I'll start by telling you that after the experience of the first season, I realized that I'm holding a hot potato in my hand and I have to eat it.

Some conclusions and appreciations about the last season.

First of all, I organized the development program and the competition calendar together with Fred and Andreas, whom I thank for their efforts. Even if by changing the position of the development manager, some contacts with the national federations were more complicated, it was possible to form a team of coaches and a group of athletes in the Fill group. Athletes from Ukraine, Canada, the United States, France and Korea, have improved their performances and results in competitions.

A total of 16 nations participated in the competitions last season. The number of athletes at the start was the same as in previous years, even if the third strongest nation in natural tracks was not eligible to participate in the competitions.

There were postponements of races and changes of locations due to weather conditions. The best example is the move of the world championship from Vatra Dornei in Romania to Deutschnofen in Italy. I thank the organizers, Leander, the Italian federation and Andreas for the success of this event .

Unfortunately, after the decision that sledding on natural tracks should not be an Olympic discipline, the main sponsor South Tyrol announced that it is giving up its collaboration with Fill. But with the support of the presidium and of Philip and with the collaboration of Servus tv, TV products could be made. Through the increased presence in social media, the natural slopes gained interest and popularity.

In conclusion, I appreciate that under the presented conditions it was a season with results and I want to thank all the organizers, the participating national federations and the team led by the technical director Andreas for the effort put into the season and its success.

So far it was easy, now we start the more complicated part, the strategy for the future.

The main and somewhat imposed goal is to make sledding on natural tracks more accessible. To bring it closer to the public for a larger audience and greater participation and also with cost reduction (out of the total budget Fill sledding on natural tracks has a budget of approx. 20%.)

For this, first of all, we must define the following aspects.

Natural track.

Will sledding on natural tracks remain a discipline according to the state, as it has worked until now with world cups and world championships with clubs, coaches and athletes specially prepared for this type of activity? I have to remind you that in our tradition first there was NT. We have famous athletes, multiple champions who started with NT. We have Armin Zogeler with us as an example. If the answer is yes, then we must allocate the appropriate budget and not cut money year after year. If the answer is no, then someone must take a resolution before the congress and by vote this discipline is no longer in the statute.

Public sledding.

I thank the national federations that answered my letter and all those who will answer me.

The first step is to define if PS is a race with Wc and Wch, with precise rules, specialized coaches, athletes trained for races and organizing clubs, or is it a recreational activity for the public.

If it is a recreational activity, then Fill has no involvement and it is up to the organizers how it will unfold.

If we make a transition from NT to PS or combine them to reach the proposed target, then it is mandatory to establish the following:

- what is the athletes' equipment
- what type of sled will be used adapted to ice, snow and rollers
- what are the contest regulations
- let's see which clubs can organize events
- who are the athletes we are addressing, professionals or are we expanding participation for the public as well

All this means a total change of mentality and procedures carried out in decades of activity and success takes time. The most important thing is that all those involved accept that this can be the future of NT. Personally, it was difficult for me to go in front of my colleagues after a year of mandate with this budget and support these changes, but I did it and it is not necessary to tell you who have the first comments.

We also have good news. After many meetings with the technical commission and the working group, we have established the steps for the next years. The working group for materials built a prototype sled together with the Bachman Rodel company that was presented at the meeting of the technical commissions. This sled is adaptable for ice, snow and rollers and is visually adapted to existing sleds for the public.

This summer she will be tested for rollers. We intend to start programs for summer competitions. In winter 23-24 the sled will be tested on snow and ice with athletes from national federations and athletes from ISSU. The sled will be presented to all sled manufacturers. At the end of the season, the analysis of the results will be presented to all national federations as well as a proposal for summer competitions.

For the 24-25 season, we propose to change the regulations for materials and IRO. We aim to present these changes to all national federations and attract them to the new competition programs.

For the 25-26 season, we propose to adopt and submit to your approval the competition calendar in a new format for winter and summer.

I hope that I will be able to eat this hot potato, but I will only be able to with the help of all of you, national federations, clubs, coaches and sportsmen, the colleagues from the technical commission and the working group and last but not least my colleagues from BEx whose vote is decisive .

I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Sorin Buta

VP Natural Track

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Sorin Buta', written in a cursive style.





# FIL LUGE

STRATEGIC PLAN 2026 OF THE WG TV MEDIA & EVENT



# AGENDA



- Feedback status of WG 2 and 3 of our FIL strategic Plan
- To Do's to complete the strategic plan 2026
- Outlook
- Other important commitments of the FIL

# TO DO'S STRATEGIC PLAN 2026

## WG TV MEDIEN AND EVENT



### TV MEDIA

#### 1. Authority's TV Coordinator



- TV coordinator has access to all TV directors
- If its necessary she has also influences on the camera plans
- She coordinates the TV-production from the tender to the final broadcast of the events

#### 2. FIL TV Production Worldwide



So far there is current no globally standardized TV production, Problems:

- We currently have several production lines: GER/AUT, North America (SLC, LP, Whistler), Asia (Korea China) Rest of Europe (Lillehammer, La Plagne, St. Moritz, Cortina)
- The Financing of the productions comes not from a single source
- We must accept rights of race organizer sport rights holder

# TO DO'S STRATEGIC PLAN 2026

## WG TV MEDIEN AND EVENT



### TV MEDIA

#### 3. FIL'S OWN CAMERA PLANS

✓ X

- All camera plans are owned by the FIL ✓
- We have influence on TV planning given by FIL TV Coordinator ✓
- Final decision comes from Director of TV channel. Especially ZDF, ORF, Asia, NA X

#### 4. OWN TV DIRECTOR BY FIL

✓ X

- In large parts of Europe FIL have its own director ✓
- In many other productions FIL order also its own TV directors ✓
- Problem: ZDF, ORF and Asia, partly NA X

# TO DO'S STRATEGIC PLAN 2026







## WG TV MEDIEN AND EVENT



### FIL-TV & DIGITAL MEDIA

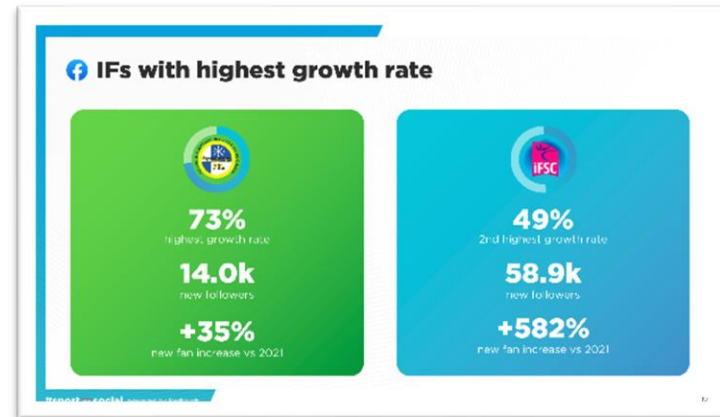
#### 5. EXPANSION FIL SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS FROM MARCH 2022 TO MARCH 2023



- FIL TV, implemented FIL Studio as his own TV channel
- FIL recognized as International Olympic Sports Federation with highest growth rate of followers (+ 88 %) on YouTube 
- Live streaming events are given in large parts. Problem: Media rights in Germany  
- Instagram: Increase followers by 13,%
- Facebook: 38,355 followers with a 17% increase (73 % from 2021 to 2022) 
- We produced 483 tweets with press releases and news by Twitter 
- Participation of influencers not realized for the time based on the very high costs 

# FIL DIGITAL MEDIA

## MEDIADATAS



# TO DO'S STRATEGIC PLAN 2026





## WG TV MEDIA AND EVENT



### TV MEDIA

#### 6. USE OF NEW TECHNOLOGY TV PRODUCTION



- We have great tools for Graphical presentation of speed, g- forces, corner angles, steering inserts, etc. 
- On-board cameras (technology is simple, but we have problems with the technical implementation for all participants) We need a suggestion from the technical commission 
- Using of cable or rail cameras (it's a question of a costs) 
- Using of drones (we will check this technical part this year) 

# TO DO'S STRATEGIC PLAN 2026

## WG TV MEDIA AND EVENT



### TV MEDIA

#### 7. IMPLEMENT STANDARDS OF A NEW CORPORATE DESIGN

- New FIL appearance is implemented as part of the FIL marketing concept
- New World Cup Logo
- New set design World Cup and World Championships
- New design TV graphics

Open:

- FIL Website
- FIL Logo
- FIL Paper and correspondence article

Actual we work on on all open parts



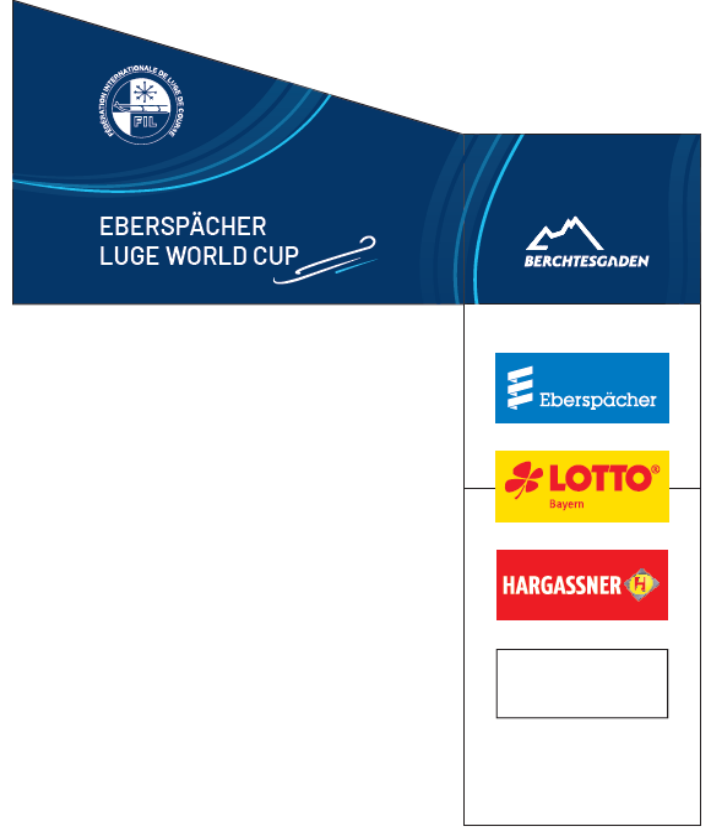


# TO DO'S STRATEGIC PLAN 2026

## WG TV MEDIEN AND EVENT



### WINNER BACKWALL



### START / FINISH

# TO DO'S STRATEGIC PLAN 2026

## WG TV MEDIEN AND EVENT



51st FIL LUGE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS Oberhof (GER)

Men's Singles - Final Results			TIME
1	AUT	Jonas Mueller	1:25.478
2	GER	Max Langenhan	+0.104
3	AUT	David Gleirscher	+0.121
4	GER	Felix Loch	+0.145
5	LAT	Kristers Aparjods	+0.294
6	AUT	Wolfgang Kindl	+0.429
7	GER	Timon Grancagnolo	+0.489
8	GER	David Noessler	+0.552
9	LAT	Gints Berzins	+0.572
10	AUT	Nico Gleirscher	+0.587

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# TO DO'S STRATEGIC PLAN 2026

## WG TV MEDIEN AND EVENT



### FIL WORLD CUPS MOVE TO ENENT

#### 1. IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW STRATEGIES ARE VERY DIFFICULT ABOUT THE CURRENT WORLDWITE CONDITIONS:

**X**

- Tow years of Corona
- War in the Ukraine
- Economic crises
- Autonomy of the organizers (they have different financing plans and possibilities)

# TO DO'S STRATEGIC PLAN 2026

## WG TV MEDIEN AND EVENT



### FIL WORLD CUPS MOVE TO ENENT

#### 2. Outlook and .....

- Events like the World Championships in Oberhof are fully in line with our expectations
- Identification and promotion of the World Cups that already have an event character
- Convert all other competition venues more for TV events (better outfit for TV appearance through venue dressing, we must optimize the competition times for better TV times in Europe)
- Consequence: Conversion of the funding for the race organizers (TV and spectator event)
- With a new structure, we can reach even better market values

# OUTLOOK NEXT PRIORITIS

## WG TV MEDIEN AND EVENT



- We need a permanent development of our Set Design / Venue dressing
- We have to adapt the new regulations in our FIL Media Guide / FIL Play Book
- We will fixing a new regulation for under-ice advertising
- We need a definition of venues: for spectator or media/TV events
- Adaptation of our Website
- We need a revision of the FIL logo and FIL branding / FIL style guide (logos, brandings etc.)
- We must connect and discuss with the Working Group for sports development with the aim to modernize the appearance of our sport

# FUTHER ENGAGEMENTS OF THE FIL



We recognize Winter sports find a lot of critical comments by the public:  
Question: "Is our sport still in this new world up to date?"

## Our Subjects:

- Heavy burden of our sport on the environment
- High CO<sub>2</sub> emissions about production of aggregate states of our tracks artificial ice
- High CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through our extensive traveling
- High CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through our high transport volume / cargo
- We have and produce cost-intensive sport facilities

## HOW DO WE REACT TO IN THIS SITUATION?

- We have to cooperat with IBSF (we work on the same topics)
- We need a development of a strategic plan to optimize our CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

# FUTHER ENGAGEMENTS OF THE FIL

## EXAMPLE TO REDUCE CO 2 IMMISSIONEN



Number of Tracks to visit:

16.12.2023 OPTIMIZE

Drag and Drop or [Select Files](#)

EXPORT

Index	Week	Date	From	Track	CO2 Travel [T]	CO2 Track [T]	Fixed
15	2023-KW50	11.Dec-17.Dec	HOME	Koenigssee	62.89	8.944	
16	2023-KW51	18.Dec-24.Dec	Koenigssee	ParkCity	222.988	7.186	
17	2023-KW52	25.Dec-31.Dec	ParkCity	Lillehammer	191.327	7.098	
18	2024-KW01	01.Jan-07.Jan	Lillehammer	Altenberg	25.022	9.802	
19	2024-KW02	08.Jan-14.Jan	Altenberg	Cortina	6.306	7.057	
20	2024-KW03	15.Jan-21.Jan	Cortina	HOME	64.694	0	
21	2024-KW04	22.Jan-28.Jan	HOME	Sigulda	68.512	7.049	
22	2024-KW05	29.Jan-04.Feb	Sigulda	Koenigssee	28.265	8.607	
23	2024-KW06	05.Feb-11.Feb	Koenigssee	HOME	62.89	0	fix

x Altenberg
x Koenigssee
x Lillehammer
x LaPlagne
x

CO2 Emissions of Tracks over Date (both cooling and heating)

CO2 Travel [tons]: 733.0 (92.9%)

CO2 Tracks [tons]: 56.0 (7.1%)

CO2 Total [tons]: 788.0

Side Conditions

Select Start Track: HOME x

Select End Track: HOME x



**THE CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE ARE  
GREAT.  
LET'S TACKLE THEM!  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

FIL VICE PRÄSIDENT MARKETING

THOMAS SCHWAB





# FIL Season 2022/2023

EBERSPÄCHER World Cups - Live Streaming Review



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# Executive Summary

**2.78 million**

Minutes of  
WF Video Viewed

**4.1 million**

FIL YouTube  
impressions

**1.6 million**

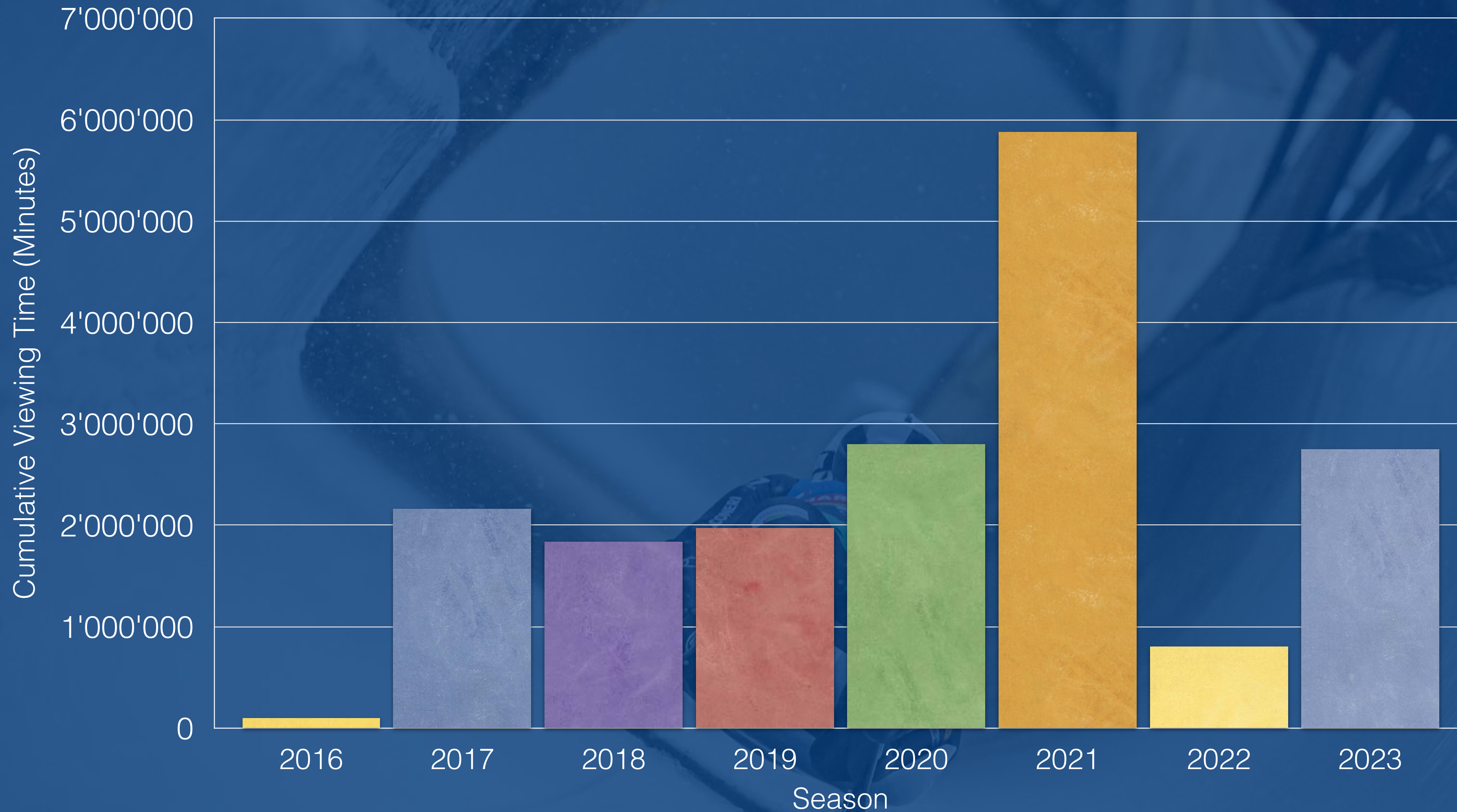
FIL Studio  
impressions

**70+**

Countries watched  
streaming coverage

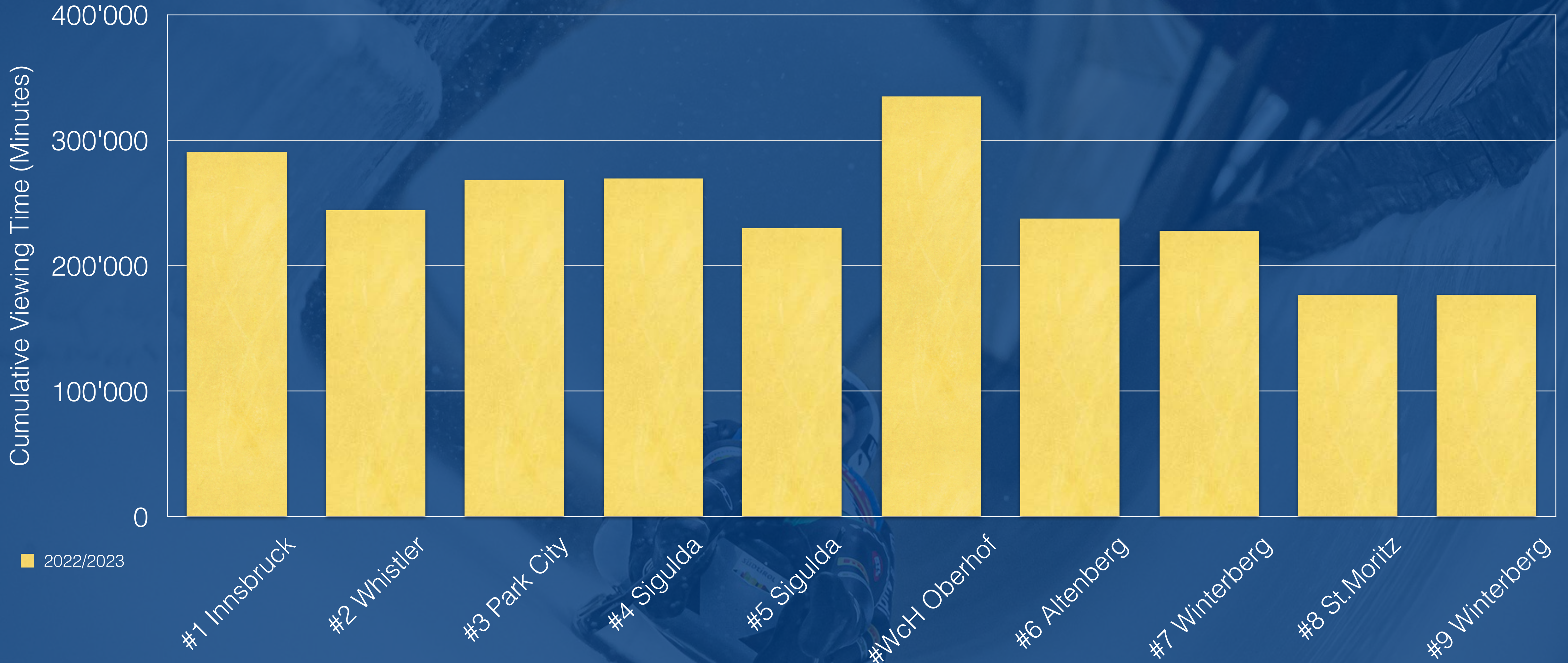


# Total Fan Viewing Time - Season Comparison Over The Last Eight Seasons





# Fan WF Viewing Time - Per World Cup

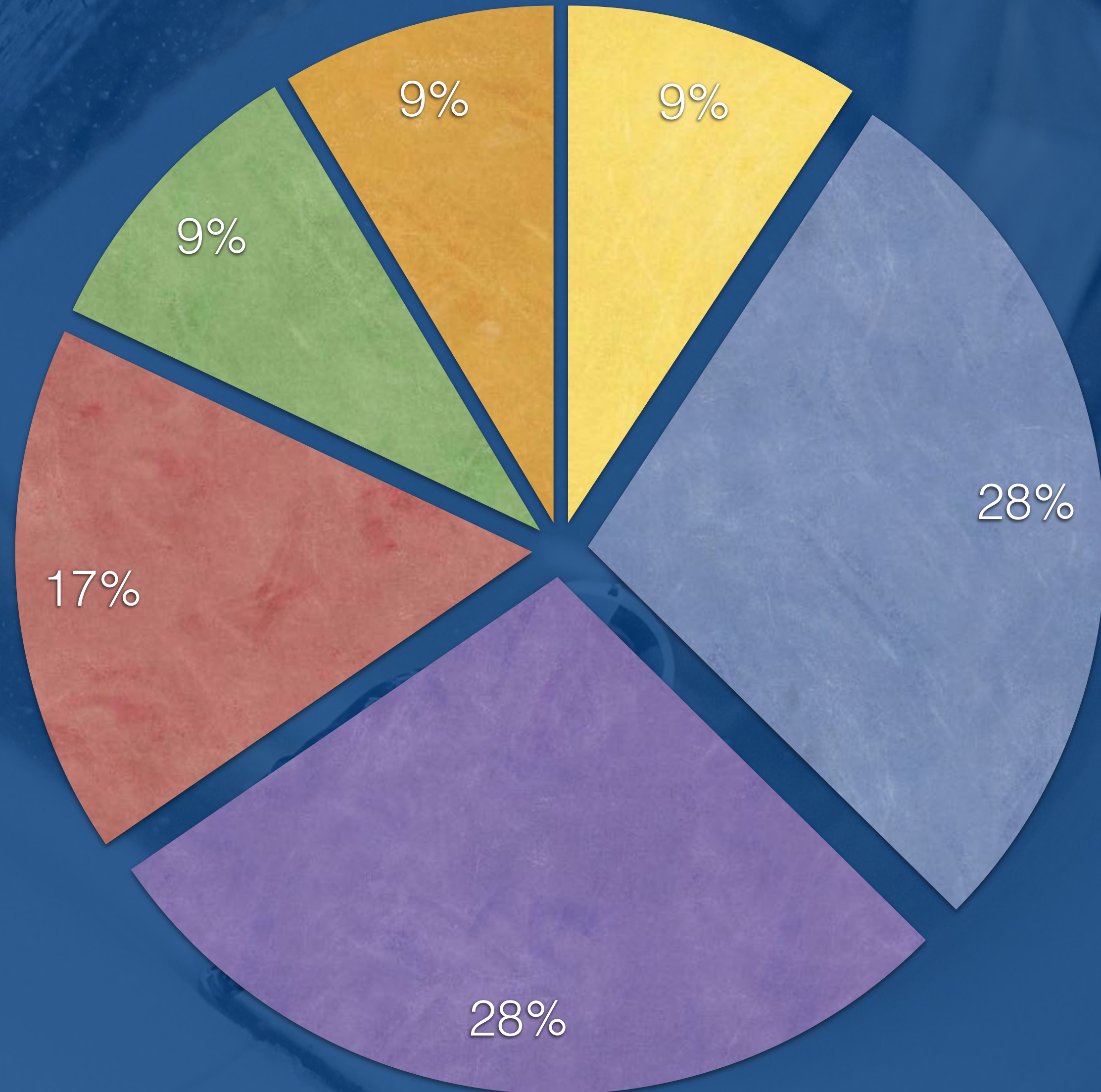


GeoBlock applied to Live in Austria, Latvia (all races), Germany most European races





# Fan viewing time by Discipline

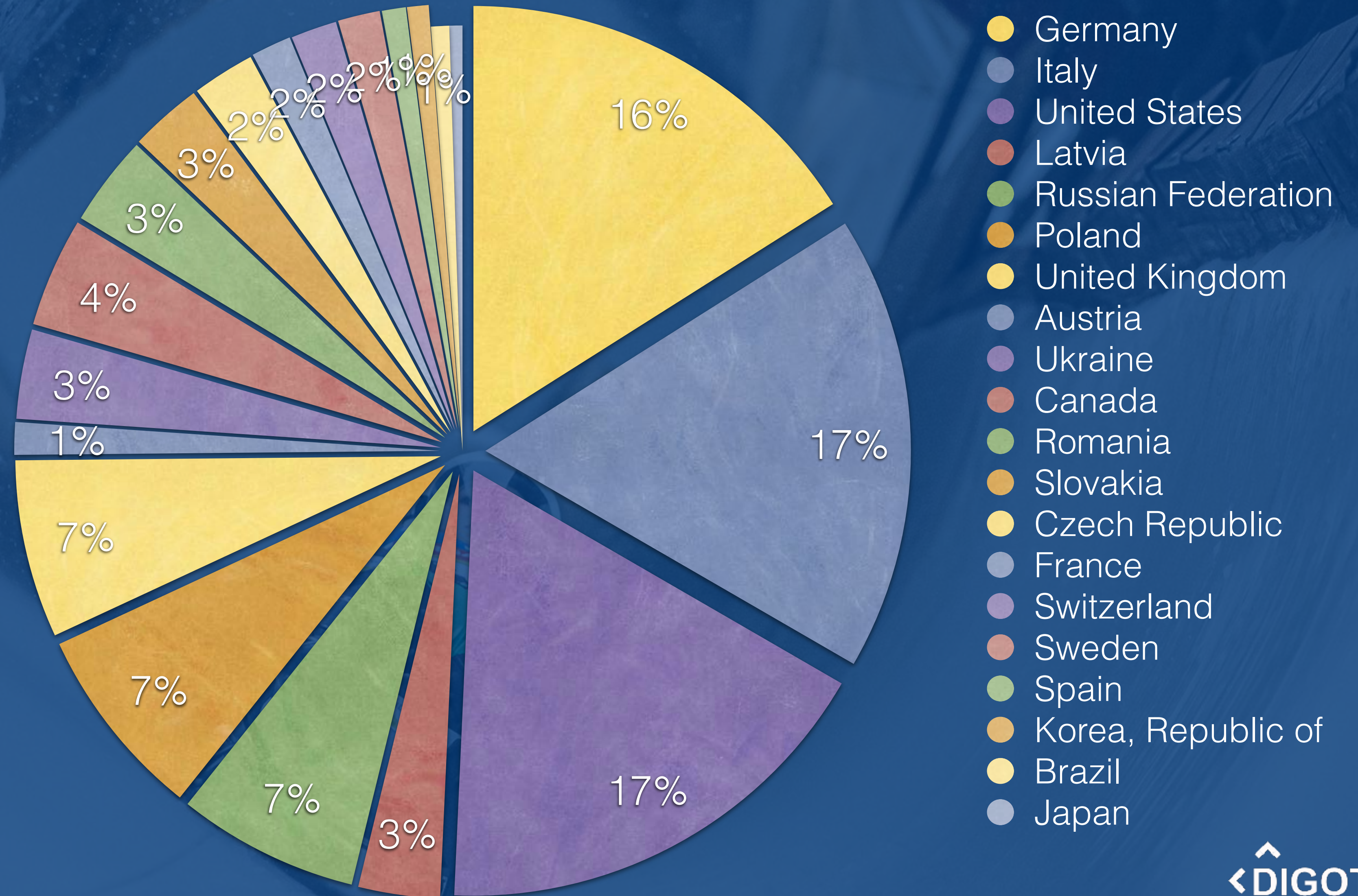


- Team Relay
- Men's Singles
- Women's Singles
- Men's Doubles
- Women's Doubles
- Sprint



# Top 20 Viewing Countries

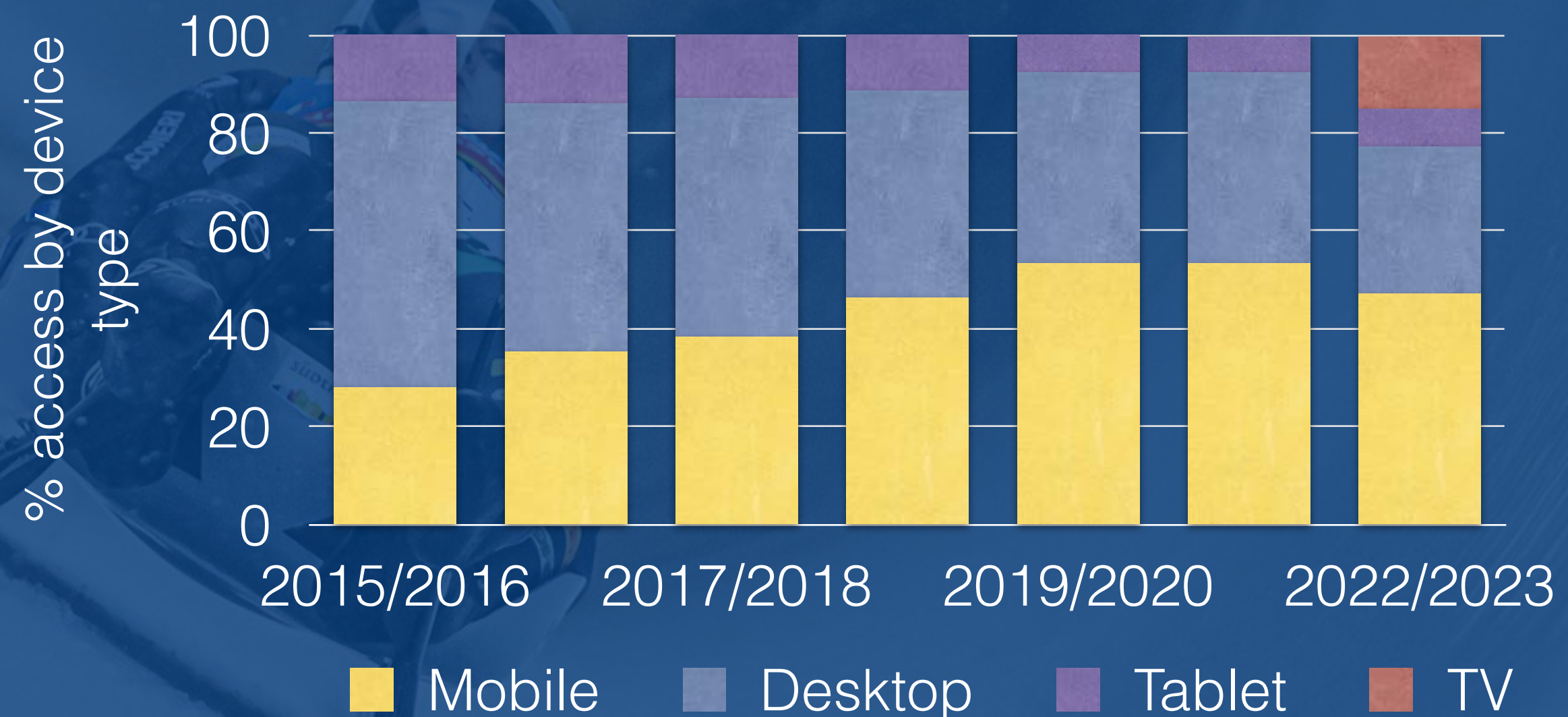
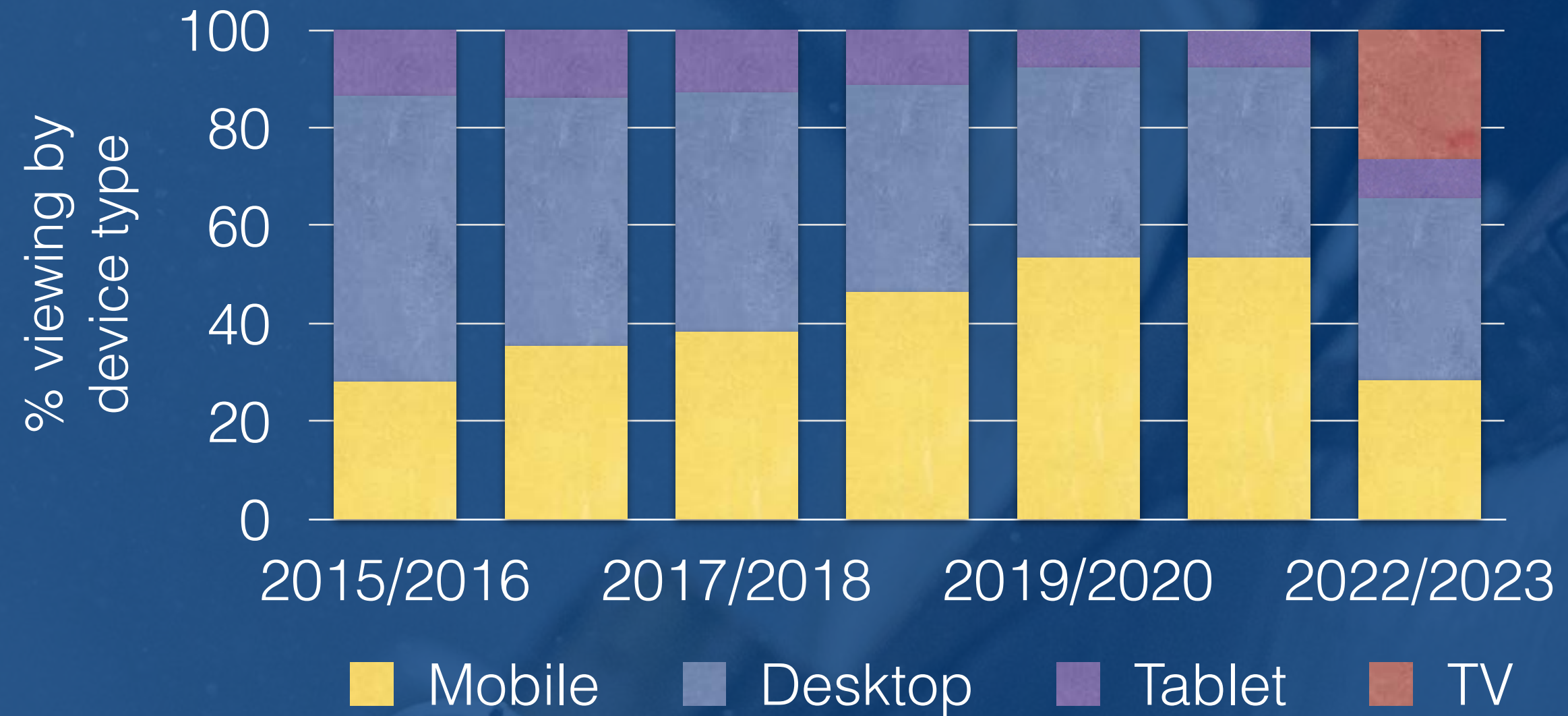
- Germany (VoD only)  
Italy and the US are the top three viewing countries
- Germany, Austria and Latvia viewing for VoD only as live is Geo-Blocked
- Increased viewing in UK and Korea
- Established viewership in Russia despite no participating Athletes





# Device Type

- Views by Mobile device is highest at 47% of all accesses.
- However, the longest viewing time is by Computer and TV
- YouTube app on Smart TV's taking over Desktop viewing





# FIL Studio

Season started in Whistler and continued for all remaining events

Digital only product using a small team of dedicated individuals

Launched on YouTube with subsequent distribution on Facebook and Twitter

Well received by Fans with overwhelming positive feedback and ratings

Live Studio content repurposed for wider on-demand and social use

Current Media Rights restrictions prohibit the use of World Feed live footage in key Luge markets (Germany, Austria and Latvia)

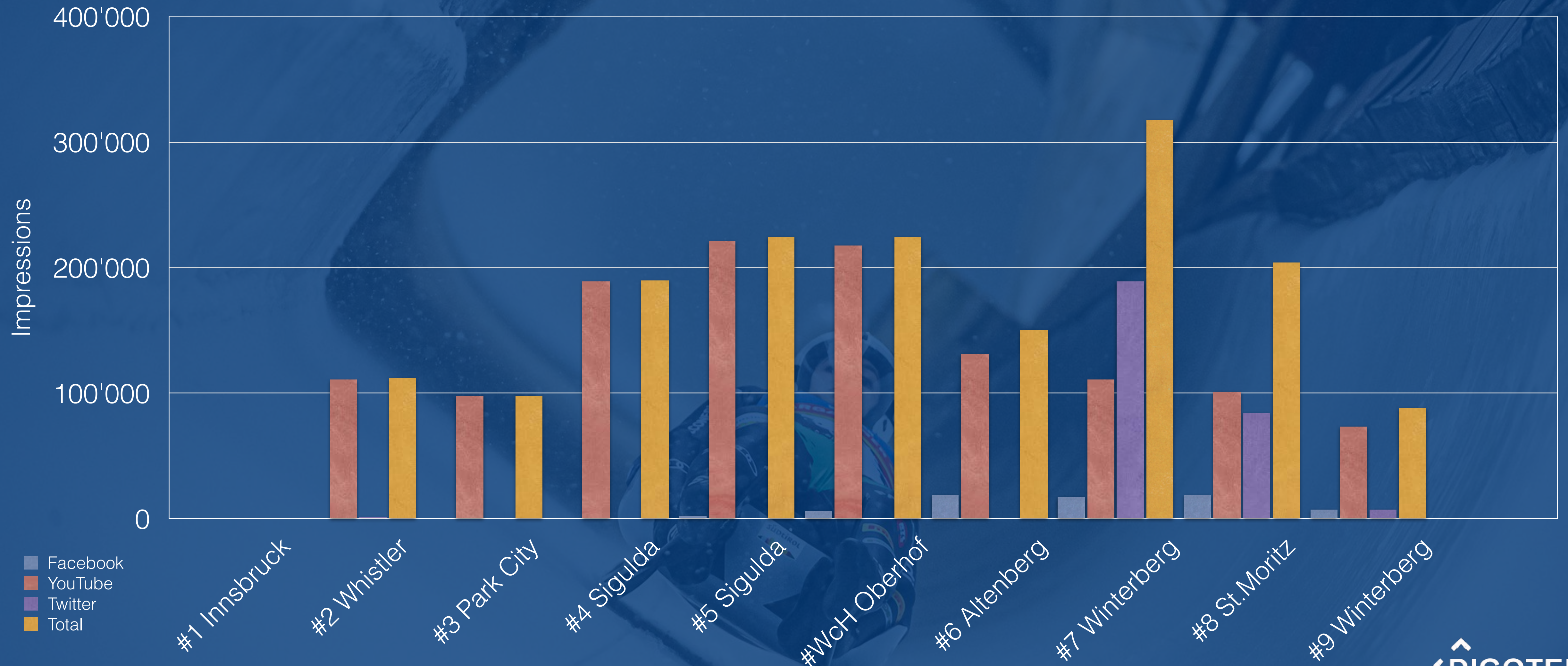
Paid promotion clearly brings benefits at a reasonable spend







# FIL Studio - Video Impressions





# FIL Studio - Promotion

Paid promotion on social networks enables FIL content to be more widely seen.

For a total €1'000 spend across three platforms (YT, Twitter and Facebook)

Platform	Total Spend	Additional Impressions	Cost per 1000 impressions
YouTube	€ 100	179'000	€ 0.56
Facebook	€ 122	39'951	€ 3.054
Twitter	€ 800	253,594	€ 3.154



# FIL Studio - Promotion

Paid promotion clearly generates additional impressions and viewship.

Cost effective and targeted approach

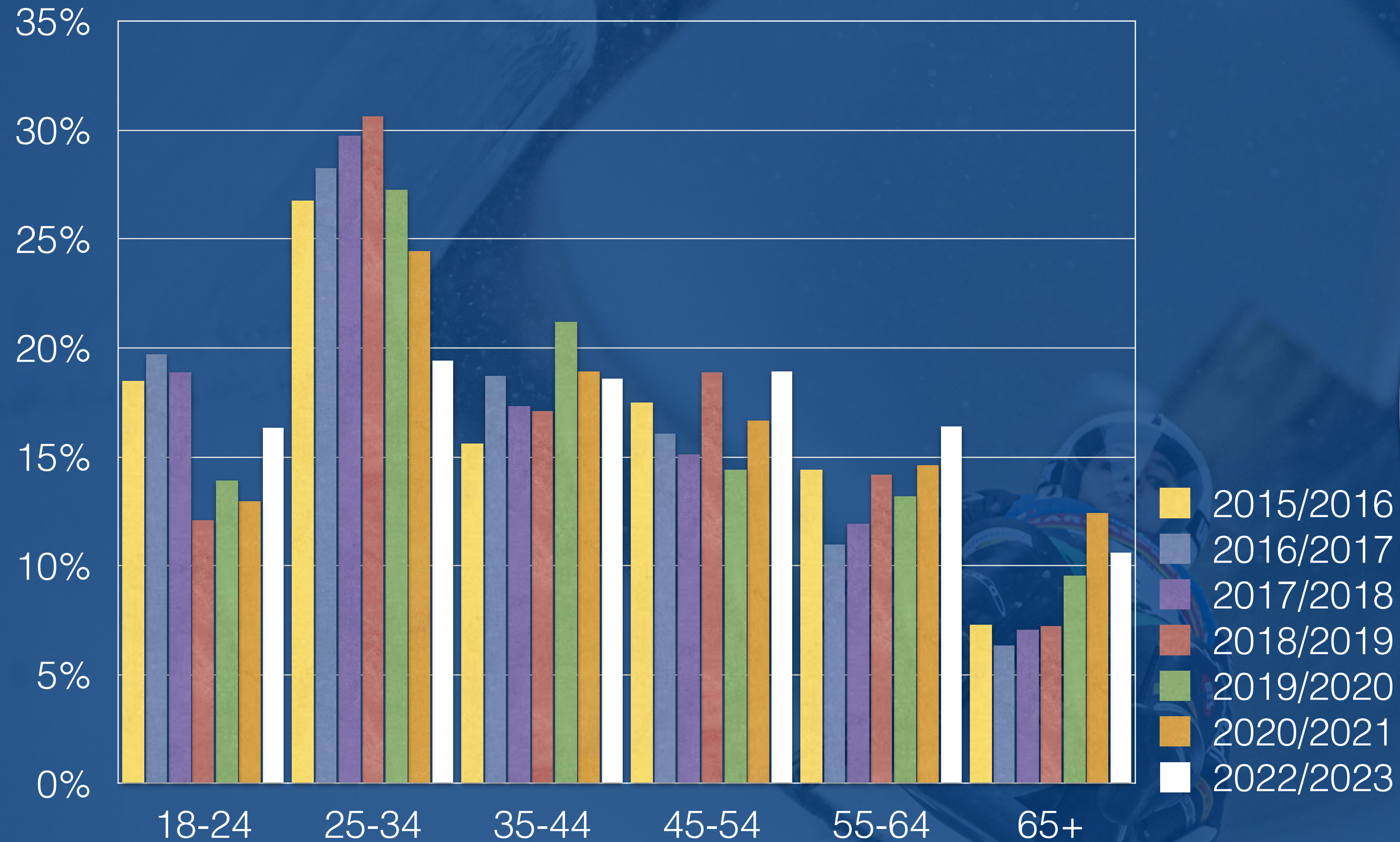
Would recommend a spend on € 750 - € 1'000 per race weekend for the 2024 season.

Pre-season planning to ensure the most effective platform spend and creative types

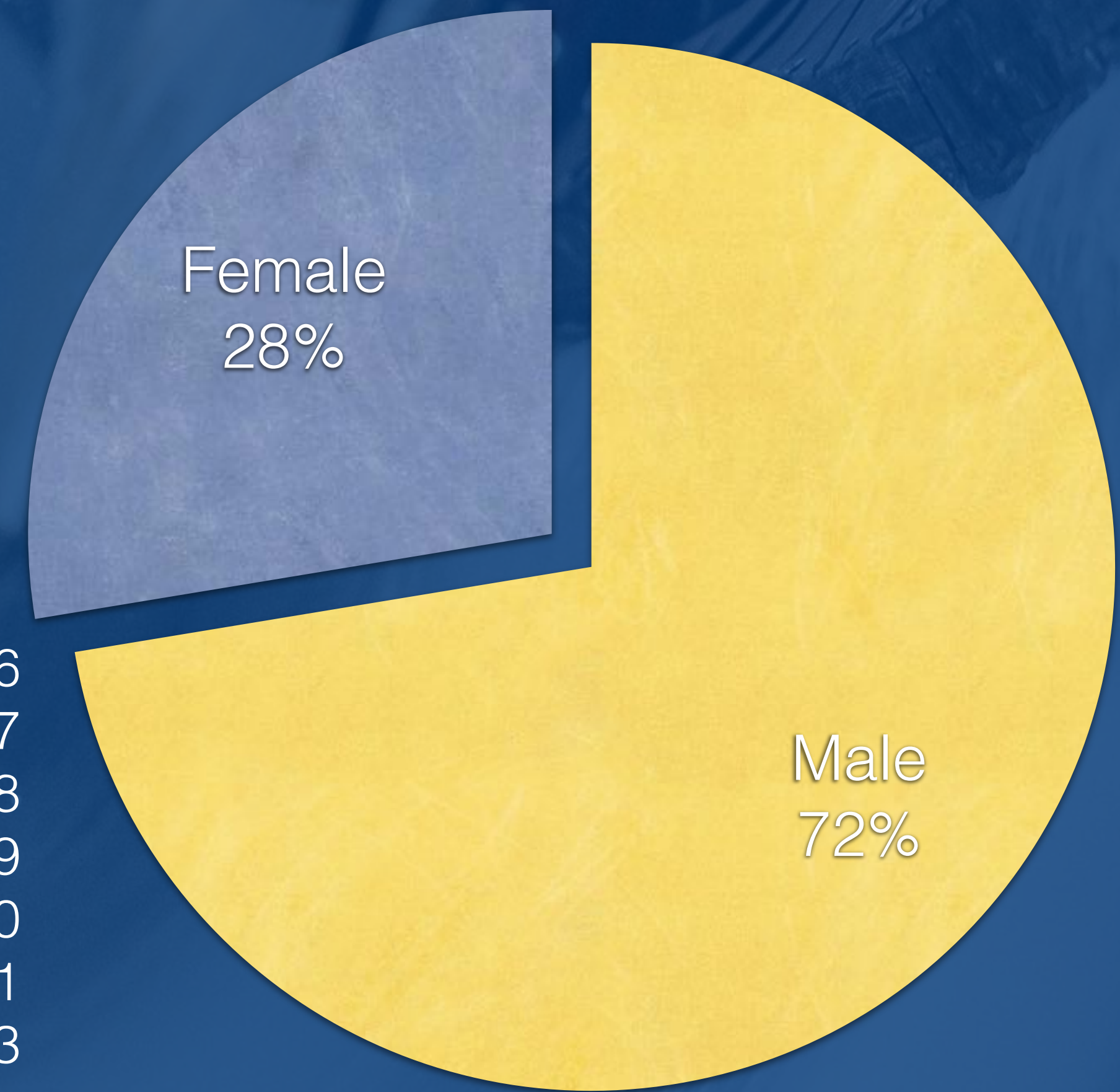


# Fan Demographics

Age Group



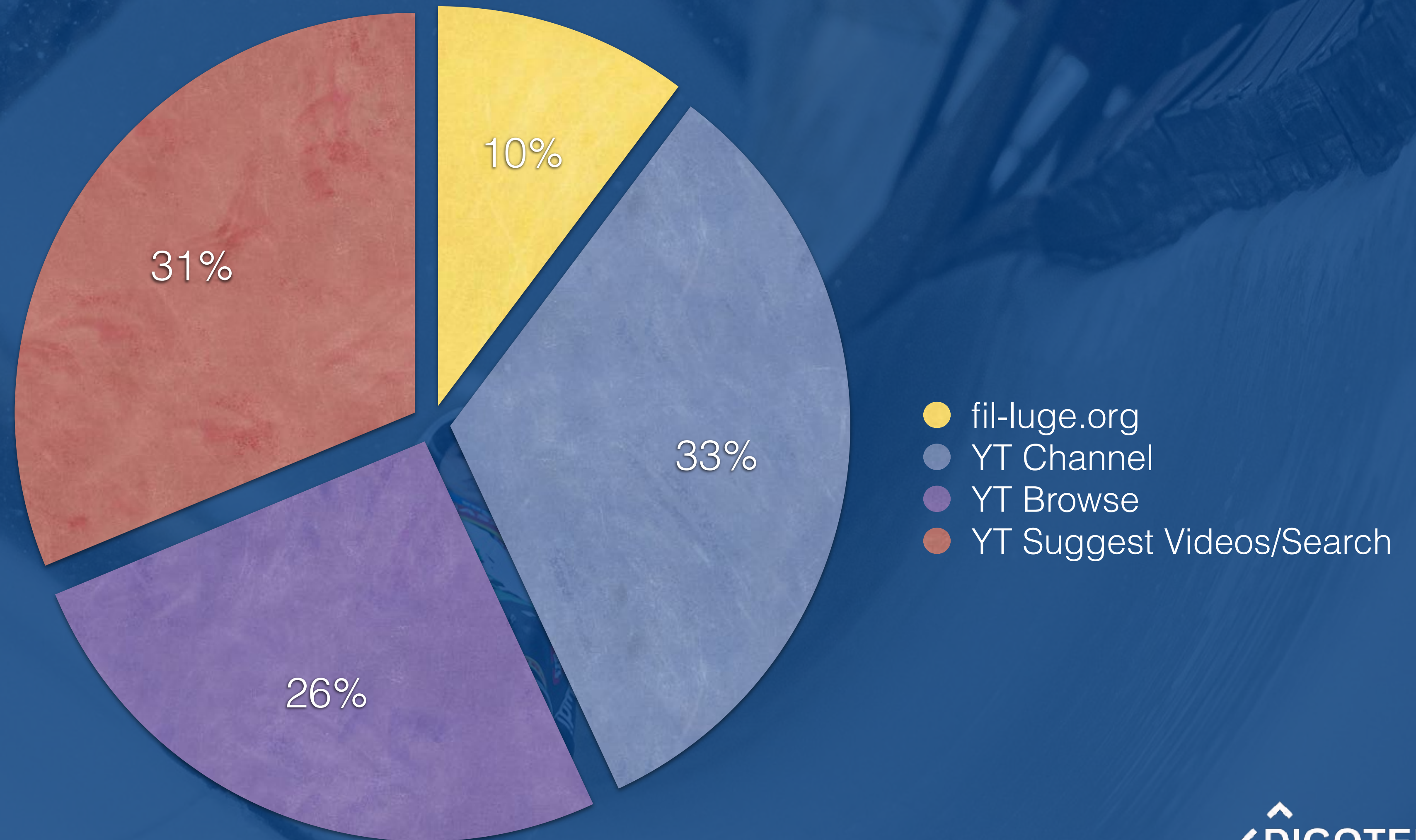
Gender 2022/2023





# From where did fans access the FIL live streaming ?

- Most viewers accessed directly from YouTube
- 14% of views came from YouTube “suggested” videos. I.e. ‘new’ People interested in Winter sliding sports but not a subscriber to FIL Luge





# Summary

- Total season viewing time up 241% compared to last season. Far wider distribution on YouTube than the previous season Olympic Channel. However, we started the season with a low YouTube audience which grew as the season progressed. This viewership (subscribers) are retained for next season.
- Media Rights restrictions block live WF viewership in three key Luge markets, Germany, Latvia and Austria.
- More Fans turing to use YT app on TV's for a greater immersive experience.
- Short and high impact video clips provide viral content for social networks
- FIL Studio proved a success both in terms of viewerships and content with 1.6 million impressions this season. Paid promotion beneficial and cost effective to gain viewership and voice across a crowed media landscape
- Gender viewing parity across Luge disciplines



## **FIL Strategic Plan Report on Sustainability, Good Governance/Sport Integrity**

Dear Colleagues, it is my pleasure to give you a report on the progress being made in several key areas of our strategic plan-**Slide 2026**.

The first topic is-**Sustainability**: Currently, the FIL has a broad approach to this important area. There are three initiatives underway right now.

1. The FIL has created a high-impact rapid action working group Chaired by Julian von Schleinitz to identify and implement immediate steps to address the FIL's carbon output and develop a way to identify, track and reduce our energy output during our season working with our track operators-VP of Marketing and Member of this Working Group-Thomas, it would be great if you can present the work of your Sustainability Working Group and the working model that has been created to assist us with understanding our carbon footprint and ways to reduce it. Thomas...please...

2. The second initiative is to develop and long-term approach to Sustainability in terms of reducing our carbon footprint and impact on the environment but also addressing and creating a long-term plan to make sure the sport of Luge is sustainably into the future. To accomplish this task, a Working Group has been created Chaired by Me. We have been collecting a wide range of inputs from the various members of this group and framing the outline of an action plan.
3. Also, the newly formed Sport Integrity Unit will liaise with our sustainability working groups to ensure Sustainability transcends our entire organization.

The Second topic I want to touch on is Good Governance- the FIL will never be the biggest International Federation, but it doesn't mean that we can't be the best. Instituting Good Governance is no longer optional, it is a necessity in today's Sports Business world. Transparency and Accountability are central themes for Good Governance. The FIL is working with Rowland Jack who is an expert consultant in this area, and he routinely evaluates all Winter IFs. This has helped guide us to improve in many areas. The implementation of the new Sport Integrity Unit is a huge step in this direction. Steve and Hannah will give you more details in their presentation coming up right after me. So, I would like to call on them to present this new sweeping addition to our good governance.





**SLIDE 2026**

**FIL Sport Integrity  
Updates & Action Items**



# FIL Sport Integrity Introduction

## Stephen Harris

- Alpine Canada - Manager of Safety & Risk
- Certified IOC Safeguarding Officer in Sport
- Detective Child Abuse (Retired)
- Former Luge Athlete, Coach, Luge Canada President

## Hannah Campbell-Pegg

- Masters Sports Ethics & Integrity & PhD Candidate Sustainability
- IOC Scholarship holder
- WOA Grant Recipient Sustainability Education Program
- Former Luge Athlete
- Current Luge Australia Inc. President



# What is Sport Integrity?

Sport Integrity means that athletes, supporters and fans can participate and celebrate sport, confident in the knowledge that they are part of a safe, ethical and inclusive environment.



# FIL Sport Integrity

~ Agenda ~

- **FIL Sport Integrity Framework**
- **Areas of Sport Integrity**
- **FIL Safe Sport**
- **Slide Safe Policy**

# **FIL Sport Integrity Framework**

# Vision

Protecting the integrity of the sport of Luge to ensure a clean and trusted sport.

To earn the **confidence, respect and support** of the Luge family through the effective **promotion and enforcement** of all areas of Sport Integrity, and by consistently delivering sport integrity **education, investigation and monitoring** at the highest level.

# Mission

# FIL SPORT INTEGRITY FRAMEWORK

1

## SAFEGUARDING

Involves protecting all FIL participants, adults and minors, from all forms of maltreatment, including harassment, bullying, abuse, neglect, by providing a safe space to participate in the sport of Luge.

2

## INJURY PREVENTION

Involving the prevention of injury of athletes in Luge, including; prevention of head injuries, ensuring safe equipment and apparel, safe training and competition environment.

3

## COMPETITION MANIPULATION

Prevention of any attempt to control Luge competition event outcomes.

4

## EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Changing the culture of Luge removing barriers so a more diverse group can be involved in the sport.

5

## ANTI-DOPING

Prevention of the use of performance enhancing drugs for athletic gain.

6

## SUSTAINABILITY

Focusing on sustaining the sport of Luge through reducing the sports impact on the environment.





# Safeguarding



**Background**



**Framework**



**Policy Overview**

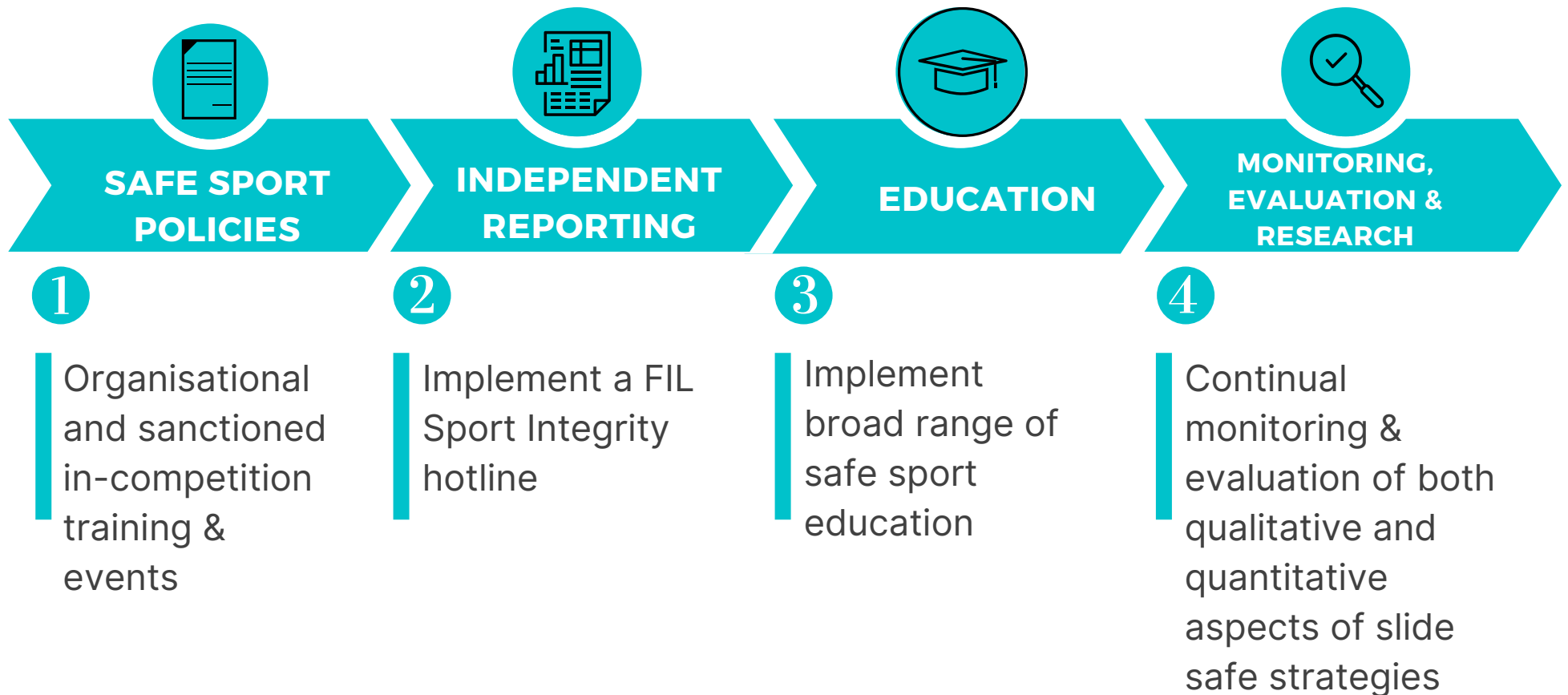
# Safe Sport Vision

The FIL believes that all participants in the sport of Luge have the right to develop and participate in a safe and inclusive environment free from all forms of bullying, abuse, harassment, discrimination, neglect or exploitation.

# Safe Sport Mission

Upholding the IOC Consensus Statement and UN Convention on the Rights of Children, the FIL will strive to **develop a comprehensive ‘best in class’ Safe Sport Strategy, safeguarding all FIL participants.**

# FIL Safe Sport Framework





# Slide Safe Policy

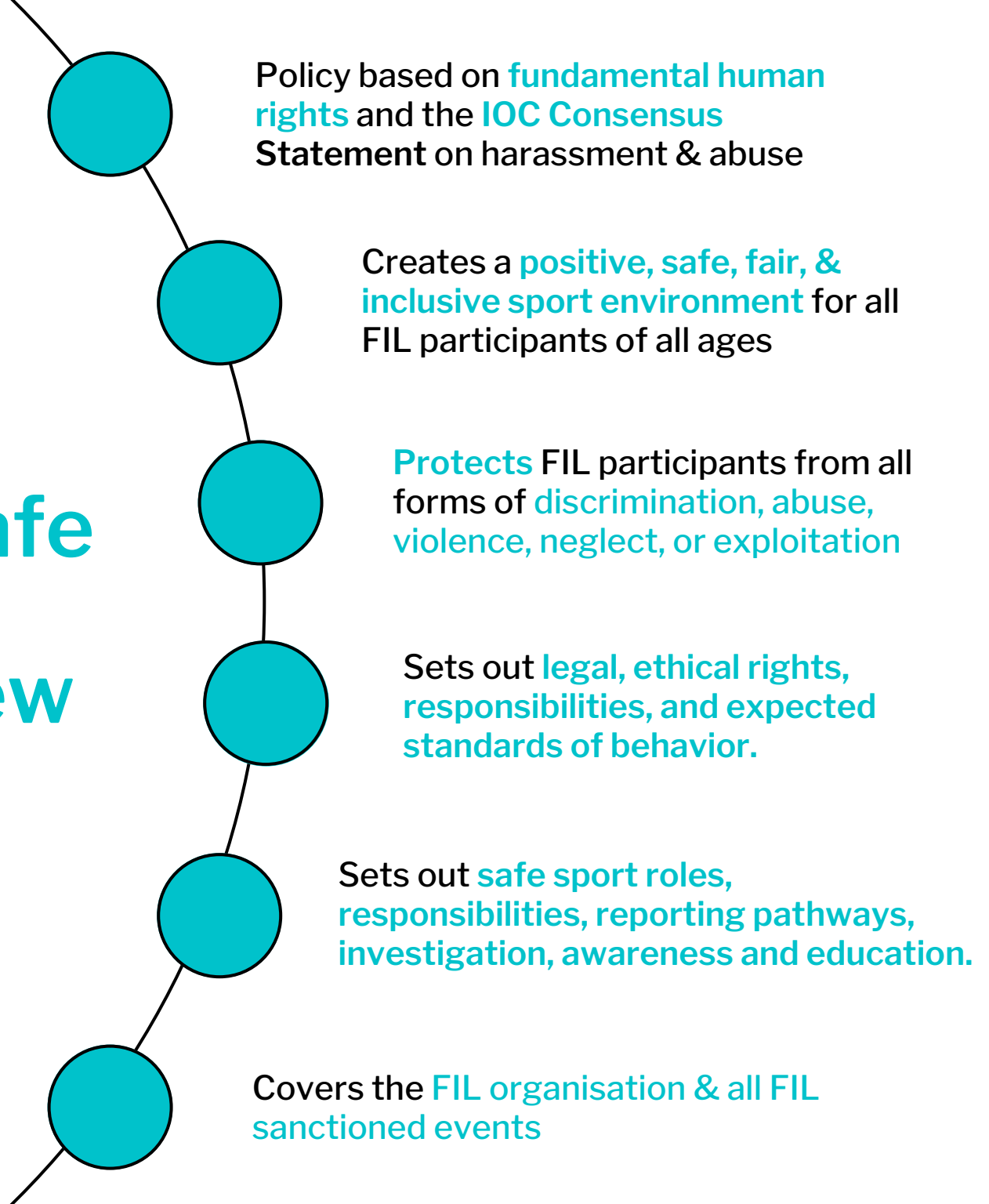
**United Nations UN)  
Convention on the  
Rights of Children**

**IOC Consensus  
Statement on  
Harassment and  
Abuse in sport**

**IOC Code of  
Ethics**



# Slide Safe Policy Overview



**FIL**  
**Sport Integrity**  
**Strategic Planning**  
**2023-2026**

# 1

## Safeguarding



**1. Slide Safe Policy to be approved 2023**



**2. Stakeholder survey to be conducted**



**3. Education program to be developed and implemented**



**4. Implementation of FIL Sport Integrity Hotline/Case management**



# 2

## Injury Prevention



**1. Policy to be drafted 2023 for approval 2024**



**2. Consultation with medical and sport science professionals**



**3. Stakeholder survey to be conducted**



**4. Education program to be developed and implemented**

# 3

## Competition Manipulation



**1. Policy to be drafted 2023 for approval 2024**



**2. Stakeholder evaluation of current landscape to be conducted**



**3. Education program to be developed and implemented**

# 4

## Equity, Diversity & Inclusion



**1. Policy to be drafted 2024  
for approval 2024**



**2. Continued evaluation of  
data from EDI previous survey**



**3. Education program to be  
developed and implemented**

# 5

## Anti Doping



**1. Continue review of current policy**



**2. Review current education program**



**3. Evaluate and develop new strategies as required**

# 6

## Sustainability



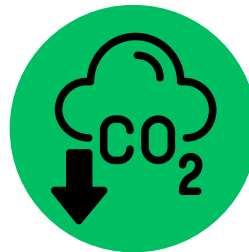
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**2. Stakeholder survey to be conducted**



**3. Education program to be developed and implemented**



**4. Implement carbon data collection at all World Cup events for 2023-2024 season**



# Sport Ethics & Integrity for Sport Stakeholders

**Academy of Leadership Sciences Switzerland**

**Dates: July 3- 24th - Weekly 2hr online sessions**

- Sustainability, Integrity and the Future of Sports
- Technical Doping, Risk and Impact of AI and New Technology in Sport
- Sex, Power and Corruption Prevention and Safeguarding Response
- Human Trafficking in Sport



# Questions?



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