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## 73rd Ordinary Congress of the FIL

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## **Protokoll / Minutes**

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#### 1. Opening and welcome

**J. Tilvis, President of the Finnish Luge Federation,** welcomes the participants of the 73rd FIL Congress and expresses his delight that the FIL Congress is being held here in Tampere with so many national federations in attendance.

FIL President Einars Fogelis warmly welcomes the participants of the Congress and officially opens the 73rd FIL Congress 2025.

He is delighted to welcome the delegates from the 37 registered national federations in person.

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

He welcomes and congratulates the new and re-elected presidents and secretaries general on their new positions and warmly welcomes them to the FIL family.

Special greetings go to Irina Gladkikh, Associate Director, Winter and Recognized Sports and IF Relations, IOC Sport Department, to the representatives of the OC OWS 2026 Milano-Cortina Normunds Kotans – Sports Manager Luge, Bobsleigh, Skeleton, Giorgia Favero – Sliding Sports Coordinator, Alessandro Genuzio – Deputy Sport Manager for Luge, the Chairman of the Athletes' Commission and Executive Board member Leon Felderer, the representatives of the national federations, the representatives of the agencies RGS, Rudi Größwang jun. and Infront, Hansjörg Jeserznik, the logistics partner DHL with Martina Zerle, all track operators, organizers, and media representatives, as well as all other congress participants.

This is followed by a minute's silence in **memory** of the **luge officials and former athletes who passed away** this past year.

In representation, President E. Fogelis names the following:

#### Vladimir Kumaritashvili/GEO

died on October 8, 2024, President of the Georgian Luge Federation

#### Brigitte Fink/ITA

died on October 17, 2024, at the age of 84, Bronze medalist at the 1957 World Championships in Davos/SUI, FIL Vice President for Youth and Development (member of the Executive Board) from 1989 to 1998, Sports Director in Italy until 1999

#### Martin Smith Ore/NOR

Died at the age of 71, 15th place in the doubles at the 1976 Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, long-time official in the Norwegian Ski Federation

#### Uwe Reindl/GER

Died on April 30, 2025, at the age of 85

former luge racer and referee, as well as long-time good spirit of the FIL as caretaker

#### Minute of silence

**President E. Fogelis** declares that the invitations and agenda were received by the NFs in due time and, as there are no comments, confirms that the 73rd FIL Congress has been convened in accordance with the rules

Information is provided on the further course of the Congress and the supporting program.

#### 2. Confirmation of attendance and voting rights

**Secretary General D. Bell** welcomes the congress participants and checks attendance. At the time of the opening of the congress, **32 members/NFs with voting rights** are present in the meeting room.

The following are participating in the 73rd FIL Congress (first day of the Congress on June 18, 2025):

- 32 National Federations with voting rights
  - 0 Provisional members

Simple majority = 17

2/3 majority = 2

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

#### Congress resolution 01/25

The minutes of the 72nd FIL Congress 2024 in Lake Placid/USA are approved.

-unanimous-

#### 4. Honors

No motions for honors have been received.

#### 5. Admission of new members

**Secretary General D. Bell** informs the Congress that Pakistan was accepted as a provisional member by the Executive Board in January 2025, as the applications submitted fulfilled the formal requirements. However, considerable doubts have since arisen as to the authenticity of the documents submitted,

and the Executive Board therefore decided yesterday to suspend Pakistan's provisional membership until further notice.

A proposal to amend the FIL statutes on the admission of new members will be submitted to the Congress for voting.

#### 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 from the Executive Board members and officials can be found in the Congress dossier. The dossier was made available to all national federations in advance by email/FTP server.

#### 6.1 President

The Congress report by President Einars Fogelis can be found in enclosure 1.

#### 6.2 **Secretary**

The Congress report by Secretary General Dwight Bell can be found in enclosure 2. In addition, a video with highlights from the last season was shown.

**President E. Fogelis** thanks **Secretary General D. Bell** for his report and gives the Executive Board the opportunity to add any comments.

#### 6.3 2026 Olympic qualification process: update

**VP C. DelNegro** reports to the Congress on the Olympic qualification process. *enclosure* 3

**President E. Fogelis** informs that every athlete who qualifies for the Winter Olympics has the opportunity to purchase two tickets for these competitions. This process is handled by the NOCs.

#### 7. <u>Discussion of the work reports</u>

**President E. Fogelis** gives the Executive Board and Congress participants the opportunity to ask questions about the reports.

S. Riewald/USA: Financial challenges facing the sport include television rights and the increasing costs of doing business.

What options does the FIL have and how should we, as National Organizing Committees, ensure the success of these Games? What does the FIL plan to do to make the most of the Games in Cortina and how can we, as NFs, get involved?

GS D. Bell: Many of our contracts are expiring and now need to be reviewed and renegotiated. We need to take stock and clearly define our needs. TV, and the media will play a major role in the

future, as will the content that reaches viewers and what that content is. We need tailor-made content and targeted markets.

S. Riewald/USA: Unfortunately, there is no indication that the quota places will increase, even though we are adding new disciplines to the Winter Olympics with the women's doubles. What options do we have to achieve something at the IOC and make changes? Is there anything we as NOCs can do to support these efforts and increase the number of athlete teams that will participate in the Games in the future?

GS D. Bell: We are in constant contact with our partners at the IOC and have been assured that the first step is to support luge for the 2030 Games. The next step is to maintain the singles and doubles disciplines, as well as the team relay. After the 2026 Winter Olympics, there is the possibility of introducing new events such as mixed singles and mixed doubles. It is a process, but we are optimistic.

R. Esaul/EST: It would help the small nations if the Nations Cups could be shown on television or YouTube

President E. Fogelis: TV costs are getting higher and higher, so we need to discuss how we will produce content in the future. Another issue will be how we make content available on national TV, especially with selected athletes.

T. Farstad/CAN: It's good that we now know where we are in the winter. However, when some tracks are closed for two years, it's very difficult to attract sponsors. We should ensure that there is an even distribution. One option would be to plan so that no track is closed for more than one year. Sports Director M. Böhmer: We are trying to strike a balance between Europe, North America, and Asia, but we must not forget that our core market remains in Europe, which is where we need to focus our efforts. The costs also need to be right and kept low, but we are trying to ensure that all the options available to us are on the table and are being utilized.

The congress participants have no further questions regarding the reports.

#### 15-MINUTE COFFEE BREAK

#### 8. Preliminary discussion of motions

(Immediate vote on motions that do not require further discussion)

Proposal for vote counters: Dr. Christian Krähe & Vlasta Vavruskova Motions are voted on by acclamation.

#### 8.1 Motions on the statutes

**Dr. Ch. Krähe** welcomes the participants and explains the following amendments to the Congress, in part together with **K.F. Schauhoff**.

 Motion 1 (proposed by the FIL Executive Board, Chair of the FIL Legal Committee)

Motion to amend the statutes with the following main points enclosure 4

1. 2.1.3 Sentence 2 new: The NF must be recognized by the National Olympic Committee (delete "or" to "authority").

- 2. 2.1.5 Sentence 1 new: The Congress decides at the request of the Executive Board on the acceptance in the FIL.
- 3. 2.3.6 Sentence 2 new. If ordinary members are in arrears with at least two annual membership fees, they may be expelled by the Congress in accordance with 2.4.2 after two reminders of these fees, if they have been threatened with expulsion in writing at least one month in advance.
- 4. 2.5.3 new: Provisional members must pay annual fees that are identical to those of ordinary members in terms of amount and due date.
- 5. 4.5.7 new: If required, the Executive Board can consult athletes and other internal or external experts during the decision-making process.

The motion to amend the statutes regarding the name change from "Natural Track Luge" to "Alpine Luge" will be dealt with tomorrow, as detailed information will be provided in the afternoon during the presentations on "SLIDE 2026."

A two-thirds majority is required for the following resolution:

#### Congress resolution 02/25

The Congress approves motion 1 on the statutes in its current form (except for natural track luge/alpine luge).

- 32 votes in favor -
  - 0 votes against -
    - 0 abstentions -
- Motion 2 (proposed by the FIL Executive Board, Chairman of the FIL Legal Committee, FIL Ethics Authority, FIL Sport Integrity Manager)
   This mainly concerns the amendment of the FIL Code of Ethics to include the item "Safe Sport" and the associated extension of the Code of Ethics to include Appendices A and B, enclosure 5.

A two-thirds majority is required for the following resolution:

#### **Congress Resolution 03/25**

The Congress approves motion 2 on the statutes in its present form.

- 32 votes in favor -
- 0 votes against -
  - 0 abstentions
- 8.2 <u>Discussion and vote on the resolution adopted at the 72nd FIL Congress in Lake Placid regarding Russia's non-participation in FIL competitions for the 2025-26 season, including discussion on whether Russian athletes may participate as neutral athletes in accordance with the AIN program established by the IOC at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan-Cortina, as well as in FIL competitions and training weeks, as specified in the Olympic qualification system LUGE</u>

a) Confirmation of the Executive Board decision of September 23, 2022, and the corresponding Congress decision of June 14, 2024, regarding Russia (required by the statutes). *enclosure* 6

The situation has not changed since last year's Congress – according to FIL statutes, point 4.5.8, the decision must be confirmed or revoked by the Congress.

An open discussion on this agenda item takes place.

LAT, RUS, UKR, and USA announce their individual and partly conflicting positions.

Dr. Ch. Krähe briefly explains the following two resolutions:

- 1. Resolution Decision on whether to uphold the resolution of September 23, 2022.
- 2. Resolution Decision on whether and under what conditions Russian athletes can participate in the Olympic Games.

A 1/3 majority is required for the decision by secret ballot:

#### Congress Resolution 04/25

The Congress votes on the voting procedure for the following resolution:

- Secret ballot: 24 votes in favor

- Open vote: 6 votes in favor

A simple majority is required for the following resolution:

#### Congress resolution 05/25

The Congress confirms the Executive Board's resolution of September 23, 2022, and the identical Congress resolution of June 14, 2024, regarding Russia.

- 24 votes in favor -

- 7 votes against -
  - 0 abstentions
  - 1 invalid vote -
- b) Discussion on whether the FIL Executive Board should be authorized to develop an AIN program to allow Russian athletes to participate as neutral athletes in the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan-Cortina and in FIL competitions and training weeks, as defined in the Olympic qualification system LUGE. (enclosure 7)

**Dr. Christian Krähe** announces the results of a survey conducted among the organizers. **Athlete Representative L. Felderer** informs the Congress about an anonymous athlete survey in which the opinions of the athletes were very divided. The greatest concerns relate to safety, anti-doping, and athlete quotas. *An open discussion on this agenda item takes place.* 

The delegates from Russia and Ukraine present their views to the Congress.

A two-thirds majority is required for the following resolution:

#### Congress resolution 06/25

The Congress votes on the election procedure for the following resolution:

Secret ballot: 23 votes in favorOpen vote: 7 votes in favor

#### Congress resolution 07/25

The FIL Congress authorizes the FIL Executive Board to create and implement an AIN program to enable Russian neutral athletes and their entourage to participate in the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan-Cortina and in the training weeks and qualifying competitions specified in the Olympic qualification procedure LUGE.

- 8 votes in favor -
- 24 votes against -
  - 0 abstentions -

#### 8.3 Other motions

No further motions were received.

#### 8.4 <u>Urgent resolution (IRO 2024, Olympic rules)</u>

A simple majority is required for the following resolutions.

7 urgent motions from the Executive Board at the request of the Artificial Track Sport Commission / Olympic Rules Working Group / Youth Commission, the Artificial Track Technical Commission, the Natural Track and Public Sledding Commission, and the Executive Board regarding an advertising clause, which would normally have to be submitted as IRO motions in 2026, but cannot be postponed in this case and must be decided by the FIL Congress as the highest authority:

 Motion 1 (proposed by the Sport Commission AT / Youth Commission / Executive Board)
 Continental Championships Youth A

#### Congress resolution 08/25

The Congress approves the IRO urgent motion 1. (enclosure 8)

- 31 votes in favor -
  - 1 vote against -
    - 0 abstentions
- Motion 2 (Sport Commission AT / Executive Board)
   Adjustment for the implementation of the luge ITWs for the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan-Cortina (IRO supplement 4, §1.10a)

#### Congress resolution 09/25

The Congress approves the IRO urgent motion 2. (enclosure 9)

- 32 votes in favor -
  - 0 votes against
    - 0 abstentions
- Motion 3 (Technical Commission AT / Executive Board)
   Kästle standard doubles sled seat shell, runners (IRO supplement 5, 1.3.2 and 1.3.3)

#### Congress resolution 10/25

The Congress approves the IRO urgent motion 3. (enclosure 10)

- 32 votes in favor -
  - 0 votes against -
    - 0 abstentions
- Motion 4 (Technical Commission AT / Executive Board)
   Target mat (IRO §3; 6.7.10)

#### **Congress resolution 11/25**

The Congress approves the IRO urgent motion 4. (enclosure 11)

- 32 votes in favor -
  - 0 votes against
    - 0 abstentions
- Motion 7 (Executive Board)
   Advertising space on helmets, caps, headbands, other headgear (IRO, §7 2.2, 2.4)

Expansion of advertising opportunities for NFs and athletes BEFORE the Olympic season (therefore submitted as an urgent motion). Final approval from UVEX is required.

#### Congress resolution 12/25

The Congress approves the IRO urgent motion 7. (enclosure 12)

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

#### LUNCH

**Secretary General D. Bell** checks attendance. On the afternoon of the first day of the Congress, **31 members/NFs with voting rights** are present in the meeting room.

The following participate in the 73rd FIL Congress (first day of the Congress in the afternoon, June 18, 2025):

- 31 National Federations with voting rights
- 0 <u>Provisional members</u>

Simple majority = 16

2/3 majority = 2

#### 9. Finances

## 9.1 Approval of the annual statement of accounts (April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025)

**Vice President of Finance G. Balme** presents his financial report for the past year 2024/2025 to the Congress. *enclosure 13* 

**VP G. Balme** gives the Congress the opportunity to ask further questions. The Congress participants have no further questions.

Delegates from 32 national federations are now present at the Congress. The new majority requirements for votes are now as follows:

Simple majority = 17 2/3 majority = 22

#### **Congress resolution 13/25**

The 2024/2025 annual statement of accounts is approved as presented.

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

#### 9.2 Approval of the budget estimate (April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026)

**Vice President G. Balme** presents the current draft budget for 2025/2026 to the Congress. *enclosure 14* 

#### Congress resolution 14/25

The 2025/2026 annual budget is approved in its current form.

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

**President E. Fogelis** thanks **Vice President G. Balme** for his prudent management of the finances.

#### 10. Report of the Control Commission and discharge of the Executive Board

The chair of the Control Commission, **V. Vavruskova**, reports on the audit carried out at the FIL office on May 2–3, 2025, and on the audit report.

The accounts were kept correctly in accordance with legal requirements. All receipts and bank statements are available and correspond to the entries in the accounts. The 2024/2025 financial year was a major challenge for the FIL. Costs, particularly for travel, accommodation and TV production, continued to rise, resulting in higher costs than budgeted.

She thanks the FIL office and VP G. Balme for their good cooperation, as well as BDO and ANA for their professional work, and requests that the Congress grant discharge to the Vice President for Finance, the Presidium, the entire Executive Board, and the Control Commission.

#### Congress resolution 15/25

The FIL Executive Board is discharged.

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

#### 11. Determination of membership fees

#### **Congress resolution 16/25**

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

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

#### 12. Reports from the working groups strategy plan "SLIDE 2026"

- Sports Director KB / M. Böhmer
- Technical Director KB / A. Sics (enclosure 15)
- Director of Sports and Technology, Natural Track/Public Sledding / A.
   Castiglioni, and expert in natural sports and public sledding / G. Mühlbacher (enclosure 16)

The motions to be discussed tomorrow under item 15.4 are presented.

- VP Marketing, TV / Thomas Schwab (enclosure 17)
- Mr. Esa Salmiheimo presents the Vesileppis ice cave He talks about the construction of the ice ramp in their ice cave and other sports facilities at their location.
- Athletes' Commission, Athletes' Representative / L. Felderer (enclosure 18)

**President E. Fogelis** thanks the delegates for their important questions and comments and officially closes the first day of the Congress.

#### Thursday, June 19, 2025

9:00 am

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

## Confirmation of attendance and voting rights for the second day of the Congress

Secretary General D. Bell checks attendance.

At the time of the opening of the second day of the congress, **31 members/NFs with voting rights** are present in the meeting room.

The following participate in the 73rd FIL Congress (second day of the Congress on June 19, 2025):

- 31 National Federations with voting rights
- 0 Provisional member

Simple majority = 16 votes

2/3 majority = 21 votes

## Continuation of 12. Reports from the working groups Strategy plan "SLIDE 2026"

- Social media, press / M. Dengler-Paar (enclosure 19)

## 13. <u>Information from the OWS 2026 organizing committee on the preparations</u> for the luge competitions in Milano-Cortina/ITA

A video presentation on the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan-Cortina is shown.

**Normunds Kotans**, **Alessandro Genuzio**, and **Giorgia Favero** present the current status to the Congress and provide information on the further course of events.

#### 14. Presentations by the organizing committees of the 2026 FIL Championships

**J. Morgenstern and R. Mende/GER** will present the 2026 Junior World Championships in Altenberg/GER with a presentation.

There will be no presentations for the European Championships on natural track in Laas/ITA and the Junior World Championships on natural track in Mariazell/AUT.

Delegates from 32 national federations are now present at the congress. The new majority requirements for votes are as follows:

Simple majority = 17 2/3 majority = 22

#### 14. Resolution of motions

#### 14.1 Motions regarding the Statutes

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

#### Congress resolution 17/25

The Congress resolves to approve the motion to amend the statutes to rename the title from Natural Track and Public Sledding to Alpine Luge. (enclosure 4)

- 31 votes in favor -
  - 0 votes against -
    - 0 abstentions
- 14.2 Discussion and vote on the resolution adopted at the 72nd FIL Congress in Lake Placid regarding Russia's non-participation in FIL competitions for the 2025-26 season, including discussion on whether Russian athletes may participate as neutral athletes in accordance with the AIN program established by the IOC at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan-Cortina and in FIL competitions and training weeks, as specified in the Olympic qualification system LUGE

This agenda item has already been addressed under agenda item 8.

#### 14.3 Other motions

There are no further motions.

#### 14.4 <u>Urgent decision (IRO 2024, Olympic Rules)</u>

A simple majority is required for the following resolutions:

Motion 5 (Natural Track and Public Sledding Commission / Executive Board)
 Renaming of the natural track racing series

#### Congress resolution 18/25

The Congress approves the IRO urgent motion 5. (enclosure 20)

- 32 votes in favor -
  - 0 votes against
    - 0 abstentions
- Motion 6 (Natural Track and Public Sledding / Executive Board)
   Proposal for a road map for alpine luge from 04/2026 to 2030/31

#### Congress resolution 19/25

The Congress approves the IRO urgent motion 6. (enclosure 21)

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

#### 30 MINUTE COFFEE BREAK

#### 15. Awarding of FIL championships through 2029 at the latest

#### 15.1 Presentation of candidates

Candidates for hosting FIL championships through 2029 are:

#### **Artificial track:**

2029 World Championships on artificial track:

- Sigulda/LAT
- Lillehammer/NOR
- Lake Placid/USA

2028 Junior World Championships on artificial track:

- Bludenz/AUT
- Oberhof/GER
- Lillehammer/NOR

2029 Junior World Championships, artificial track: Bludenz/AUT (if Bludenz does not host the 2028 event)

- **D. Fogelis and K. Maurins/LAT** give their presentation, including a short video, for the 2029 World Championships in Sigulda/LAT.
- **S. Riewald/USA and A. Walden/ORDA** present their presentation for the 2029 World Championships in Lake Placid/USA to the Congress.

Å. Høva Sporsheim/NOR and V. Øien Karlsen/Event Manager Lillehammer present their presentation for the 2028 Junior World Championships in Lillehammer/NOR to the Congress.

#### Alpine luge:

European Championships Alpine Luge 2026: Laas/ITA

Alpine Luge World Championships 2027: Innsbruck/AUT

Alpine Luge World Championships 2029: Jaufental/ITA

**H. Ruetz/AUT** gives his presentation for the Alpine Luge World Championships in Innsbruck in 2027 to the congress.

#### 15.2 <u>Vote</u>

#### **Artificial Track World Championships 2029**

#### Congress resolution 20/25

The Congress awards the FIL World Championships Artificial Track 2029 to Lake Placid/USA.

Sigulda/LAT: 10 votesLake Placid/USA: 22 votes

Delegates from 31 national federations are currently attending the Congress. The new majority requirements for votes are now as follows:

Simple majority = 16 2/3 majority = 2

#### **JWM Artificial Track 2028**

H. Ruetz/AUT withdraws its bid for the 2028 Junior World Championships in Bludenz/AUT.

A. Resch/GER withdraws its bid for the 2028 Junior World Championships in Oberhof/GER.

#### **Congress resolution 21/25**

The Congress awards the FIL Junior World Championships Artificial Track 2028 to Lillehammer/NOR.

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

#### **JWC Artificial Track 2029**

#### Congress resolution 22/25

The Congress awards the FIL Junior World Championships Artificial Track 2029 to Bludenz/AUT.

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

#### 2026 European Alpine Luge Championships

#### Congress resolution 23/25

The Congress awards the FIL Alpine Luge European Championships 2026 to Laas/ITA.

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

#### **2027 Alpine Luge World Championships**

#### **Congress resolution 24/25**

The Congress awards the FIL Alpine Luge World Championships 2027 to Innsbruck/AUT.

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

#### **2029 Alpine Luge World Championships**

#### Congress resolution 25/25

The Congress awards the FIL Alpine Luge World Championships 2029 to Jaufental/ITA.

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

#### 16. <u>Determination of the Congress venue for 2027</u>

75th FIL Congress 2027

There is one application to host the 75th FIL Congress in 2027: Grado/ITA

**Massimo Rinaldi/ITA** gives a presentation and provides some information to the Congress.

**President E. Fogelis** gives the congress participants the opportunity to share their objections to today's vote.

As there are no objections, the Congress venue for 2027 is voted on today.

#### **Congress resolution 26/25**

The 75th FIL Congress in 2027 will take place in Grado, Italy.

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

#### 17. Miscellaneous

- **Martina Zehrle/DHL** presents her presentations to the Congress, reports on the past season, and provides information for the upcoming season.
- Hannah Campbell-Pegg/AUS reports on the past activities and future goals
  of the Sustainability Working Group.

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

Special thanks go to the organizers, the Finnish federation, and the FIL office for the flawless organization.

He thanks interpreters A. Berning and J. Klinghammer for their excellent work and presents them with a gift.

J. Tilvis from the Finnish Luge Federation also receives a gift.

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

**President E. Fogelis** officially closes the 73rd FIL Congress in Tampere, Finland.

#### We look forward to seeing you at the 74th FIL Congress in 2026!

Minutes taken by: Diana Springl / FIL Office

For the content of the minutes:

Christoph Schweiger Executive Director

Einars Fogelis President

21 enclosures

Dear friends, colleagues, and Congress delegates,

It is an honor to address you for the first time at our Federation's Congress, taking place this year in Finland—a country with deep and proud traditions in winter sports.

Thanks to the hard work of our colleague Jani Tilvi and his team, I am confident we are about to experience two well-organized and productive days. We will set new goals and agree on the work that lies ahead, especially as we approach an important Olympic year.

The past year has been full of significant events and major decisions.

Let me first highlight the most impactful among them.

During the Paris Olympic Games, the International Olympic Committee Session presented and approved two host cities for the next Winter Olympic Games at the same time: the French Alps in 2030, with the well-known Olympic track in La Plagne, and Salt Lake City in 2034. These decisions offer a clear path forward—not just for luge, but for all Olympic winter sports.

Another key decision, especially relevant to us, followed soon after. The Winter Youth Olympic Games in 2028 will take place in Italy. Luge, along with skeleton and bobsleigh, will compete on the future Olympic track in Cortina.

I am pleased to have had the opportunity to work as a member of the IOC Future Host Commission, representing all winter Olympic federations, and contribute to the preparation of these important decisions.

What do these developments mean for our Federation?

First, they offer us direction and clarity as we plan for the future—particularly in relation to our sport's biggest stage: the Olympic Games.

They also outline specific tasks we must address within our Slide 2026 Strategy and its continuation in Slide 2034.

This includes advancing our efforts in sports programming, technical innovation, athlete quotas and participation, marketing, television and social media outreach, safety, and ensuring equal opportunities.

Last year, our Federation officially joined the Sports for Climate Action Framework. This marks an important step, making us a recognized partner in sustainability—most notably in cooperation with the IOC.

We are continuing the work we began earlier, building on a solid foundation. We're embracing modern technologies, aligning with global sustainability trends, and have already built a significant database under the leadership of Julian von Schleinitz. The working group has developed software that helps us plan and optimize our event calendar. This reduces our carbon footprint around the world.

When we speak about the future, we must recognize that the Olympic Games—and the events organized by our Federation—will evolve in both form and scale.

Today, we must rely on the tracks and organizers we already have. That means using our existing resources wisely, and managing them with efficiency and care.

In this context, I am pleased to reflect on a successful season—on both artificial and natural tracks. Across three continents, we saw high-quality event organization, exciting and competitive performances from our athletes, improved television production, and continued growth across social media platforms. All of this was made possible through effective teamwork.

I am especially pleased that we returned to Olympic tracks in Asia, with events held in PyeongChang, Korea, and in Beijing-Yanqing, China.

From a sport perspective, our World Championships in Whistler and Kühtai were great successes. I would particularly like to highlight the innovations in television production and the side programs in Kühtai, which offered a glimpse into the future of our sport and showcased its accessibility—especially for young people.

A big thank you to all our event organizers and track operators for their highly professional contribution to our shared work, as we look back on the past season.

All I have mentioned so far is all part of the serious groundwork for the upcoming season—the Olympic season.

It must be said that the most critical point in this regard was, and still is, the construction of the track in Cortina.

What the Milano-Cortina Organizing Committee and the construction company Simico have accomplished—thanks to the support of the Italian government—is unprecedented in Olympic preparation history. They made a swift transition from a potential Plan B to actual track construction. The goal was met, and the pre-homologation was completed exactly on schedule, with a full group of athletes testing the Olympic track under their considerable responsibility.

We are proud of and grateful to the entire pre-homologation team, who worked precisely as a single mechanism together with the IOC, MiCo, and SiMiCo teams. We are also thankful to the ice masters, who, despite the challenges, ensured the ice quality was both safe and of the highest standard.

That being said, we cannot yet say with a say with full confidence that everything is in perfect order. Half of the necessary work has been completed, but the remaining tasks are just as crucial. I sincerely hope that the same level of commitment and excellence demonstrated so far will carry through to the final stages.

This is vital in ensuring that the planned international training week and test events will be held at the highest possible level, as scheduled in the calendar.

The Cortina track, the renewed Königssee track, and the completed reconstruction of Igls will undoubtedly provide an even stronger foundation for the future development of our sport.

In line with our strategy, I would also like to highlight the creation of regional and continental training centers, combining the resources of FIL, national federations, and the IOC.

A great example of this cooperation is our ongoing partnership with the Korean national federation and the Foundation. Thanks to this collaboration, joint development programs focused on the Asian region have been successfully running for several years at the Olympic track.

After my visit to Salt Lake City last year with the IOC Future Host Commission, and after seeing firsthand the progress made and hearing the organizers' presentations I see great potential in this direction —especially as we prepare for the 2034 Games. Given the consistently positive cooperation with USA Luge, I am confident we will soon reach an agreement on establishing a joint support center in North America.

In Europe, this dialogue must continue in Bludenz, Igls, Oberhof, and Sigulda, working closely with the national federations and track operators in Germany, Austria, and Latvia.

It is absolutely vital to expand training opportunities for young athletes as much as possible.

At this point, I want to shift focus to a new area for us—**Alpine Luge**. This initiative will play a key role in engaging more young people in our sport, particularly in countries without their own artificial tracks.

Thank you to our Natural Track colleagues who have already done outstanding work in developing and testing potential competition formats and sports equipment.

The development of Alpine Luge is crucial for the future of our sport. It could also open doors for participation in the World University Games, Continental Youth Olympic Festivals, and the World School Games.

This presents a significant opportunity to increase the number of athletes in our sport and expand our geographic reach.

To ensure the success of our sport, we must also engage in discussions here at this Congress. The Executive Board has already begun talks about securing high-quality TV broadcasts and, of course, securing adequate funding.

Until now, part of the responsibility has fallen on the event organizers, with a significant portion covered by the FIL budget. We are seeing that managing this process is becoming increasingly difficult as the costs for TV production and broadcasting continue to rise.

In Europe, we currently have a fixed agreement for broadcasting rights, which provides us with a steady income base through our partnership with the company Sport A.

However, the situation remains open and undefined in the Americas, Asia, Australia, and New Zealand.

Work in this area has already started under the leadership of our Secretary General, Dwight Bell, and in combination with the marketing activities led by Vice President Thomas Schwab.

I am hopeful that very soon we will be able to report concrete results and new opportunities. Securing this will bring in additional funding and advertising possibilities, which is crucial as we enter the Olympic season and begin the next Olympic cycle.

Although small, some changes have already been made, creating more opportunities for athlete sponsors and National Federations. For example, advertising space on helmets has been increased.

We are also actively working on a unified media strategy. This will be one of the key areas in our new strategy plan, SLIDE 2034. Work on this plan will begin in September, with small working groups focusing on each section.

The strategy will continue to evolve in close alignment with the needs of our sport, the goals and tasks set by all of you, and your valuable recommendations. It will also reflect the IOC's strategic documents, especially AGENDA 2020+5, with a strong emphasis on engaging young audiences.

This plan will clearly define the development of artificial tracks, the work of National Teams in the classic format, and the precise and clear financial support for both. It will also include support for the new Alpine Luge discipline.

This is the only way we can attract the largest possible audience to our sport, while expanding our network of supporters—both globally and within the Olympic movement.

We work closely with the other seven Winter Olympic federations and maintain ongoing contact with the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations.

There are many common areas of focus, and often the best solutions come from combining our efforts—sharing experiences and learning from the most advanced ideas and practices from our colleagues. We also share our own expertise, especially on topics such as:

- Athlete rights and safety
- The future of the Olympic Games
- The Olympic qualification system and athlete quotas
- The use of digital tools
- And the use of ChatGPT and modern technologies into daily training.

We can only achieve our goals and fulfill our mission in today's complex and challenging world if we respect the importance of teamwork and the shared Olympic and human values.

Thank you, colleagues, for your daily contributions to the continued development of our Federation.

A special thank you to our family members, whose support makes it possible for us to do this important work for the good of the sport.

Thank you to our sponsors, supporters, and partners—without your involvement, the growth and success of luge would not be possible.

I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to my colleagues at the FIL office, especially Executive Director Christoph Schweiger, for ensuring the high quality of our office work. My sincere gratitude goes to my closest colleagues—Secretary General Dwight Bell and Vice President for Finance Geoff Balm. This past year has been particularly challenging, especially with the restructuring of our Federation's funding system.

Thank you to my colleagues on the Executive Board for your productive proposals and creative discussions, and to the Athletes' Commission for providing valuable insights and accurately reflecting the opinions of our athletes.

I wish each of you success in achieving your goals, particularly in this Olympic year.

Our strength lies in our unity!

Yours sincerely, Einars Fogelis



## 73<sup>rd</sup> FIL Congress Tampere, FIN Report of the General Secretary

Dear Colleagues, I would also like to offer a warm welcome from my side to all of you as delegates to the 73rd FIL Congress here in beautiful Tampere, Finland. As mentioned by the President, this is the first time the FIL has had its Congress in Finland, so we are most grateful and honored to be here for our important work. I would also like to thank our gracious hosts-Jani Tilvi and his team for the excellent preparations for this Congress.

This past season was very productive busy and spanned three continents-Asia, Europe and North America, with Senior and Junior World Cups, World Championships along with Continental Cups taking place around the world. I want to add my thanks to the race organizers as well as the host national federations and volunteer officials for helping us execute these important events throughout the season at a high level.

Last year at the 72<sup>nd</sup> FIL Congress in Lake Placid, we reported how ambitious it was going to be for **Milano-Cortina 2026** along with their infrastructure partners, **SiMiCo** to meet our deadline for pre-homologation in late March 2025. Pre-homologation is a key milestone as it allows us to test the track for safety and ensure that the design of the track will offer a safe, fair and exciting venue for our Olympic Luge competition. It was certainly one of the highlights of this past season that the organizers were in fact able to hit this deadline and we now know our athletes will be racing in Cortina for Olympic medals. I would like to commend our partners at

Milano-Cortina and SiMiCo for this achievement. Markus Aschauer and Robert Manzenreiter from our Track Building Commission and our partners at the IOC also played key roles in managing the process very carefully.

I would also like to offer a big thank you to ORDA, the State of New York, our friends in Lake Placid and the USOPC, for being in place as Plan B. It was nice to know that no matter what, they were ready, so our athletes would be racing for Olympic medals in 2026.

Preparations for the Luge competition at the 2026 Olympic Winter Games is in full swing. The FIL is in contact with every department with the IOC and the Milano-Cortina Organizing Committee. The venue still has a lot of work to be completed before our International Training Weeks and Test event this coming Autumn. Markus and Robert continue to oversee this important work.

The Sport Manager for Luge for the Milano-Cortina Games is our experienced and trusted friend-Normunds Kotans. He is with us here at the Congress and will give you a more detailed update on the status of the Cortina track along with all other planning activities during tomorrow's session.

This past season the FIL continued to build on its commitment to offer a premium product to our traditional television audience and our internet-based programming, (which is a combination of Live Streaming and pushing out interesting stories and clips out on the various popular social media platforms). While we strive to get the best quality we can from our broadcasts, we are also mindful of the rising costs. We must find the most efficient methods and technologies to keep our productions costs manageable. We know that we need more revenue to cover these rising costs to lighten the burden on the FIL and our race organizer partners.

We will focus on four areas to address our rising costs including TV production cost: 1) contain and reduce cost where possible; 2) Increase revenue from our distribution partners in Europe with Sport A, as well as in other regions such as North America, Asia and Oceania; 3) Increase revenue overall through our sponsorship programs, and; 4) most importantly increase revenue from our biggest stakeholder the IOC.

Beginning with this upcoming Olympic season, it will also be important to integrate all our media efforts into a well-coordinated plan. Accordingly, we are working on a media plan that will be driven on growing our distribution in Europe and in key markets around the world. Given it is the Olympic season for 2025-26, it is an ideal time to take advantage of the heightened interest in our sport and capitalize on it by shaping the content we are producing, so it will be well received through our traditional live feed, internet-based programming and social media platforms. In addition to working with our long-term traditional partner in Europe-Sport A, for the first time, we are in direct dialogue with distribution partners in the US, Canada, Australia and Asia. Collectively, they, and hopefully others will become long term distribution partners to help offset the cost of TV production. We aim to provide content shaped for the viewers in those markets to produce a "win-win" scenario for all of us to maximize the exposure for the sport of Luge and highlight our amazing athletes.

Speaking of Media, I have a short video that I would like to share with you showcasing some highlights from last year's season as well as the quality of work being produced by our Team. PLAY VIDEO

As President Fogelis has already announced, the FIL is going to build on the success of the Slide 2026 Strategic Plan by updating this strategy plan through 2034. Since the IOC has taken the bold step to award the next Olympic Winter Games in 2030 to the French Alps and the 2034 edition to Salt Lake City USA, we now have certainty and focus for our future planning. We have already met with both organizing committees to forge a strong cooperative partnership to grow the sport of luge and lay a solid

foundation for the future as we approach both of those exciting games. We already have proven venues for each of these Games, and they are already planning for modernization and upgrades which will include making them more sustainable by lower operating costs and increased efficiency. This will ensure these tracks will be able to be maintained and available for sliding well beyond the games themselves.

We are entering an unprecedented era for our sport in terms of available tracks. This coming season, in addition to our tracks already in service, we will add the spectacular new Cortina track, the Koenigssee track will be back on line this season. The new renovations to the Igls track will bring it to the highest level. ORDA is in the process of substantial renovations and upgrades to their track in Lake Placid. And I just mentioned, the tracks in La Plagne, France, and Park City, USA are in the planning process for major renovations and upgrades. In every case, these tracks will be more efficient and sustainable for the long term.

As you already know, every part of the Slide 2026 Strategic plan has already been implemented or is now in progress. Tomorrow, you will receive updates from the Chairs of the various Working Groups charged with carrying out this important work. I wanted to highlight one of those updates related to our Natural Track/Alpine Luge and Public Sledding plans for this upcoming season. We are very pleased that the FIL will continue to implement and build on a strategic effort for a versatile, accessible, and affordable form of luge that connects with the public. This includes offering a luge sled that can operate on snow and ice, is not expensive, and is widely available. The FIL is excited to see this program to continue after the roll out this past season. Many thanks to the Natural Track/Public Sliding team for your leadership and innovations. You will hear more details about our progress tomorrow.

It continues to be our goal for the FIL to be a leading International Olympic Sports Federation, operating at the highest level for the sport of luge, and meeting the high standards of good governance. With the implementation

of Slide 2026, we have made significant progress, and now we start developing the next leg of the journey with Slide 2034.

Since our last Congress, the FIL along with the other Winter IFs have been working closely with the IOC to develop a strategy to sustain the Olympic Winter Games in the face of global warming and increased costs and risks of staging the Games. This collaborative effort has resulted in the IOC and now Milano-Cortina, as well as future Games hosts, aligning standards outlined in the FIL Playbook, to reduce unnecessary expenses at the Olympics. Further, the IOC and the Winter IFs have agreed on a strategy to identify and select future host cities with existing venues, experience in carrying out major sporting events, and favorable/sustainable climate conditions.

Most all the Winter IFs including the FIL have signed on to the UN Climate Initiative. Hannah Campbell-Pegg who is leading that effort for the FIL, will give you an update on our sustainability efforts at this Congress. She and Julian Von Schleinitz and done a great job, bringing their unique skills to this effort.

As the President and I have already mentioned, the awarding of the 2030 and 2034 Olympic Winter Games to the Alps of France and Salt Lake City USA will ensure safe, reliable, experienced, cost effective and sustainable Games into the future. In addition, the IOC and the Winter IFs will continue to work closely together on other important goals, such as more funding and increasing the athlete quota which will allow the best athletes, from more countries, to compete in Olympic Winter sports, and to be 100% gender equal by 2030. Although much work remains, we have never been as well positioned as we are now for the future.

In closing, I would like to thank President Fogelis and our Executive Board for their leadership this past year, along with our dedicated, hard-working staff and volunteers. Also, thanks to the IOC for all the support, and all our sponsors and stakeholders. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve this past year as the FIL's Secretary General. **Thank you!** 



## **Qualification System & Late Athlete Replacement**

FIL Congress 2025, Tampere



## **Qualification Timelines**

16 January 2026

FIL confirms in writing to the NOC's the quota places obtained

19 January 2026

The NOC's to confirm to the FIL the use of all allocated quota places

20 January 2026

FIL to reallocate all unused quota places

26 January 2026

**MILANO CORTINA 2026 Sport Entries deadline** 

**02 February 2026** 

1<sup>st</sup> Team Captains Meeting

## **Quotas and Participats**



#### 1. Women's & Men's Singles

3 Nations with 3 Sleds

4 Nations with 2 Sleds

8 Nations with 1 Sled

15 NF / 25 Sleds

#### 2. Men's Doubles

3 Nations with 2 Sleds

11 Nations with 1 Sled

14 NF / 17 Sleds

#### 3. Women's Doubles

11 Nations with 1 Sled

11 NF / 11 Sleds

## 4. **Team Relay**

11 Team Relays

**Overall: 106 Athletes Quotas** 



## **How to qualify for the Games? - PART I**

Athetes participating in the 2026 OWG must be born before 1 July 2010 [C.1]

 Taking part in minimum 5 WCs, JWC or NC during the 2024/2025 Season and Olympic Season (until 12 January 2026) combined and have earned a combined minimum of 5 point from the mentioned races. [C.2.1]

Or

• Athletes must have earned the following combined minimum WC points by participating in 2 WC's (General Class) within the Olympic Season:

Men's & Women's Singles – 26 Points Men's Doubles – 44 Points Women's Doubles – 50 Points





- Mandatory participation ITP on the Olympic Track (Fall 2025)
  - If out of Top 30 (Singles) or Top 18 (Doubles) of the 2024/2025
    Over World Cup Ranking [C.2.2]
  - Athletes must complete a minimum of 10 timed runs on the 2026

    Olympic Track from the official Olympic race start heights [C.2.2.2]
- Athletes must start in 2 World Cup / Nations Cup races between 1-12 January 2026 or mandatory\* participation in one (1) World Cup race between 1-12 January 2026 and FIL approved training of a minimum of twenty (20) runs between 1-12January 2026. [C.2.2.2]



## Allocation of NOC quota places

 Each NOC who has qualified athletes in each event (men's and women's singles and men's and women's doubles) will receive priority in ranking and will be allocated a minimum of one quota place for each event.

 For nomination, the Olympic Season World Cup Ranking List (General Class) up to January 12<sup>th</sup> will be used.

### Season Calendar 2025/2026





## FIL Sports Calendar - 2025 / 2026



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\*TR/MX TBC

### Qualification System on fil-luge.org







#### QUALIFICATION SYSTEM - XXV OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES - MILANO CORTINA 2026

#### INTERNATIONAL LUGE FEDERATION (FIL)

#### LUGE

#### A. EVENTS(5)

Men's events (2)	Women's events (2)	Mixed events (1)
Men's Singles	Women's Singles	Team Relay
Men's Doubles	Women's Doubles	

#### B. QUOTA PLACES

1. Total quota places for discipline:

	Quota places	Host country quota places	Total
Men	56	3	59
Women	44	3	47
Total	100	6	106

2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC) (per sport/discipline and/or per event):

	Maximum quota places per NOC
Men's Singles	3
Women's	3
Singles	
Men's Doubles	4 (2 Teams)
Women's	4 (2 Teams)
Doubles	
Team Relay	1 Team Relay
	(one (1) man, one (1) woman, one (1) men's double
	(two (2) athletes), one (1) women's double (two (2)
	athletes) who are qualified and entered in their
	individual events
Total	14

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#### F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

#### REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline 19 January 2026, or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated according to D.2.

#### REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Unused Host Country Place(s) will be reallocated according to D.2.

#### G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone					
01 November 2025 – 11 January 2026	Event name and location*					
16 January 2026	The FIL confirms in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained.					
19 January 2026	The NOCs to confirm to the FIL the use of the allocated quota					
19 Sandary 2020	places.					
20 January 2026	FIL to reallocate all unused quota places.					
26 January 2026	Milano Cortina 2026 Sport Entries deadline					
6 - 22 February 2026	Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026					

<sup>\*</sup> To Be Determined

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# Late Athlete Replacement Policy (LAR)

- 1. The NOC has only one quota allocation in the particular event where the athlete/ or athlete team (doubles) is being replaced;
- 2. LAR must be completed and fully approved by the IF and the IOC prior to the last official training session of the respective event;
- 3. The replacement athlete/ or athlete team (doubles) must complete a minimum of two timed runs from their respective race start height. Every effort will be made to offer the maximum of six official training runs, but a minimum of two will be offered to allow for qualification into the race;
- 4. Of the two required timed training runs, the 7% minimum rule (IRO Section 3.9c) must be reached within the scheduled training group for the replacing athlete/ or athlete team (doubles) by in that event;



# **Late Athlete Replacement Policy (LAR)**

• All replacements must be submitted through e-LAR by the authorized NOC representative;



## **Contact**

If you have any questions, you can contact us anytime!

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Constance, 07.05.2025

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Subject: FIL Congress 2025

Dear Mr. Executive Director, dear Christoph,

In accordance with the meeting on April 9, 2025, I propose the following changes and additions to the FIL statutes:

- 1. 2.1.3 New sentence 2: The NF must be recognized by the National Olympic Committee (delete "or" to "state").
- 2. 2.1.5 New sentence 1: The Congress shall decide **at the request of the Executive Board** on admission to the FIL.
- 3. 2.3.6 Sentence 2 new: If ordinary members are in arrears with at least two annual membership fees, they may be expelled by the Congress in accordance with 2.4.2 after two reminders of these fees, if they have been threatened with expulsion in writing at least one month in advance.
- 4. 2.5.3 new: Provisional members must pay annual contributions that are identical to those of ordinary members in terms of amount and due date.
- 5. 4.5.7 new: The executive board may consult athletes and **internal or external** experts in the context of decision-making if necessary.

Furthermore, the term "Naturbahnsport" is to be replaced in all association regulations by the German term "Alpin-Rodeln" or the English term "Alpine Luge".

This change is to be made in the following provisions of the statutes:

- 1. 1.4.1 Sentence 3,
- 2. 4.1.4
- 3. 4.1.13
- 4. 4.2.8 Sentence 1
- 5. 4.2.9 Sentence 1
- 6. 4.5.1 to Vice President Natural track
- 7. 4.7.1 Sentence 1 on the commission for natural track and public sledding
- 8. 4.7.1 Set 2 for IRO natural track
- 9. 4.7.4 multiple times
- 10. 4.12.1 Sentence 1
- 11. 4.12.1 Sentence 3
- 12. 4.12.6 Sentence 2
- 13. 4.12.6 Set 5
- 14. 4.13.2 Heading
- 15. 4.13.2 Sentence 1, instead of "natural track" now "alpine luge tracks"
- 16. 4.13.2 Sentence 3
- 17. 7.1.3
- 18. 9.2.1

Furthermore, the term natural track is used repeatedly in the **IRO Natural Track.** 

The term natural track sport does not appear in other association regulations.

With best wishes and best wishes for Easter

Dr. Christian Krähe, Chairman of the Legal Committee



# FIL ETHICS CODE

**2022**2025 Edition

Approved at the  $70^{th}$  73<sup>rd</sup> FIL Congress in Hall in Tirol / AUT Tampere /FIN

www.fil-luge.org

#### **FIL Ethics Code**

#### **I FIL Ethical Principles**

The FIL is the highest authority in all matters concerning the sport of luge. It is the only representative of the international sport of luge and represents the interests of the sport of luge worldwide, so far as the luge sports are recognized. The FIL recognizes the Artificial Track sport and the Natural Track sport.

The FIL allows no discrimination against its members or other persons or institutions associated with the FIL for political, racial, religious, or any other reasons protects the personal rights of all parties.

The FIL, whose activity is not for profit, haves the following aims:

- to develop, oversee, promote, and direct the sport of luge worldwide;
- to lead the sport of luge within the framework and spirit of the Olympic Sports Movement and the Olympic Charter;
- to support the objectives of the National Federations in the form of help in theory and practice;
- collaboration with other international sport and sports science organizations;
- the organization and promotion of the sports movement;
- the organization of World Championships, Continental Championships, World and Continental Cups, as well as others from Congress or from Executive Board approved competitions;
- the establishment and maintenance of a highest court of appeal for protests and other legal issues from international competitions, as well as all matters concerning the FIL Statutes and FIL Regulations;
- the promotion of the exchange of experience and insight for the development of the sport of luge on an international level;
- the implementation of binding rules for all luge disciplines;
- the recognition that international luge competitions will be executed in accordance with the FIL Statutes and Regulations;
- the implementation of necessary measures to ensure that the current Statutes and Regulations will be observed at FIL recognized competitions;
- the implementation, if possible, of effective measures for accident prevention and sufficient medical treatment;
- the consideration of the environment;

- the guarantee of "Fair Play" principles as well as rules and law abidance;
- to maintain a Safe Sport environment, that is to ensure that all athletes, staff, officials and volunteers can participate and develop in sport in a safe and inclusive environment, free from all forms of discrimination, abuse, violence, neglect and exploitation;
- the transparency of the federation's leadership, and the awarding and execution of sporting events;
- the comprehensive documentation of the sport of luge, in particular through the retention and protection of film, photographic, and audio material;
- the advertising for and with the sport of luge.

#### II Specification of the Guidelines for Action

#### 1. Addressed audience of the FIL Ethics Code

The FIL Ethics Code is aimed at all Members of the FIL (NFs), bodies of the FIL including their members and representatives (for example coaches and judges), all athletes and other parties involved in FIL competitions and training events as well as all other persons who are under the membership of or are contractually under the control of the Statutes, resolutions or orders of the FIL, including all persons who establish and support artificial and natural tracks for the sport of luge, as well as those who deliver or install equipment or facilities for these tracks.

#### 2. The Concrete Guidelines for Action

All actions carried out by the FIL, or in the interest of the FIL, including those carried out by associated federations, clubs, institutions, and athletes must satisfy the ethical principles laid out in Section I as well as the following ethically required guidelines for action:

- **2.1** Equal opportunities for athletes in training and competitions (sporting events) must be maintained.
- **2.2** The sanitary integrity of all parties at a sporting competition must be maintained.
- **2.3** The privacy, as well as the personal and sexual integrity, of all parties at a sporting competition must be maintained, including in the execution of doping tests and in the provision of changing room facilities and toilets.
- **2.4** The personal dignity and honor, mutual respect, and appreciation of personal rights must be guaranteed.

- **2.5** The Safe Sport environment must be provided through raising awareness, improving reporting mechanisms and establishing ways and means to prevent Forbidden Conduct.
- 2.52.6 Help and protection must be given to the disabled and incident victims, also with regard to the media and public opinion.
- 2.62.7 The physical integrity and safety of the athletes and all other parties at a sporting event must be protected by means of the equipment, sleds, and sports facilities.
- 2.72.8 The integrity of the sporting competitions must be guaranteed in every respect, in particular:
- **2.8.1** Transparency of the bidding procedure and the awarding procedure as well as the uniformity of the invitation to bid for all competitions,
- 2.7.32.8.2 The independence of awarding decisions from unfair influence through financial or other measures,
- **2.7.3**2.8.3 The guarantee of uniform training opportunities in the spirit of "Fair Play",
- 2.7.42.8.4 The guarantee of the neutrality and rule compliance of all official parties at a sporting competition, including the Jury and judges,
- **2.7.52.8.5** The regular execution of doping controls both within and outside of the sporting competitions on the basis of the FIL Anti-Doping Codes,
- **2.7.62.8.6** Transparency of the inspections of athletes' equipment and their sleds in accordance with the rules of the IRO,
- **2.7.72.8.7** The fight against the manipulation of sporting competitions and their results and the execution of all sporting competitions according to the principle of "Fair Play".
- **2.7.82.8.8** The monitoring and enforcement of prohibitions in Article 1 and Article 2 and the rules of Article 6 of the "Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions" (supplement enclosed).
- 2.82.9 The principles of environmental protection and sustainability are observed when constructing and operating sports venues.
- **2.92.10** The right of all member federations (NFs) to equal treatment within sporting competitions is observed.
- **2.10**2.11 Conflicts of interest must be disclosed and, where possible, strictly avoided.
- 2.112.12 The leadership of federations and all administrative bodies is neutral in respect of religious, racial, and sexual aspects and carried out without any discrimination.

- **2.122.13** The sporting performance of all athletes in sporting competitions is encouraged, also accordingly through the FIL development program.
- **2.132.14** With regards to hiring decisions; the transparency and neutrality of choices is ensured and internationality is guaranteed.
- **2.142.15** The combination of private interests with the FIL's interests and / or the interests of the National Federations is to be strictly avoided and can at best be accepted after the disclosure of which through the responsible body.
- **2.15**2.16 The acceptance and / or promise of financial or non-material benefits in connection with the planning, handling, or closing of business for the FIL or National Federations is forbidden.
- **2.16**2.17 All financial transactions for the benefit of or at the expense of the FIL must be made transparent to and disclosed to the Congress as a FIL institution and to the relevant auditing bodies.
- **2.172.18** The transparency of all payments to members of FIL bodies, FIL representatives and business partners is guaranteed.
- 2.182.19 Suspected corruption must be disclosed to the responsible FIL bodies with concrete, substantiated facts.
- **2.19**2.20 All actions which could risk the loss of non-profit status and tax integrity must be avoided.
- 2.202.21 If any noticeable competition is present on the relevant purchasing market, applicable to the purchase of goods or services in the value of at least €50,000, there is an obligation to obtain at least three competing offers. If according to any mandatory, statutory regulations there exists an obligation to tender, these regulations must be observed.
- 2.202.22 The management of the Federation budget must satisfy the principles of the economy.
- **2.21**2.23 The management of the Federation should, if possible, affordable, and practical, endeavor to implement reasonable insurance cover to protect the risks from sporting competitions, and the activity of institutions and representatives of the FIL.

#### III Procedure for suspicion of violations of the FIL Ethics Code

#### 1. Responsible Investigative Bodies

**1.1** The responsible investigative bodies of the FIL are the FIL Ethics Authority and the three member FIL Ethics Commission. Both bodies are to be elected through Congress. At the request of the Executive Board, all members of the Legal Committee can also be members of the FIL Ethics Commission.

- **1.2** The FIL Ethics Authority and the FIL Ethics Commission will each be elected at the Congress that is held in the same year as the next Winter Olympic Games.
- 1.3 The FIL Ethics Authority and the FIL Ethics Commission are independent and neutral and are not subject to instructions. The FIL Ethics Authority is not a member of the Executive Board and may not belong to any other body of the FIL. The FIL Ethics Commission are not members of the Executive Board and also may not belong to any other body of the FIL, with the exception of the Legal Committee.

# 2. Notification of violations against the FIL Ethics Code and Initial Investigation

A notification of a violation of the FIL Ethics Code can be submitted by any FIL body, any national Federation, any athlete or any third party who feels that they have been affected by the alleged violation. A notification can also be made anonymously. Notifications of violations of the FIL Ethics Code must be submitted to the FIL Ethics Authority, either directly or via the Safe Sport Integrity Reporting Platform on the FIL website.

The FIL Ethics Authority will conduct the Initial Investigation. When the FIL Ethics Authority believes there could be a violation of the FIL Ethics Code, in the case of a minor violation they will speak with the parties concerned to request that they voluntarily cease the prohibited behavior. If the request is refused, or in the case of a more serious violation, the FIL Ethics Authority will request that the FIL Ethics Commission conduct further begin investigation proceedings, unless the court of arbitration are deemed to be the responsible body. If the FIL Ethics Authority believes that the initial suspicion is unfounded they can discontinue the proceedings.

In Safe Sport matters, the FIL Ethics Authority or the FIL Ethics Commission may delegate the Initial Investigation or further investigation proceedings all or in part to a Delegated Third Party, which can be a FIL appointed Safe Sport Officer, an independent knowledgeable Safe Sport professional or a Safe Sport Institution. However, the Delegated Third Party shall be required to conduct its investigation in accordance with the provisions of the FIL Ethics Code. If the Delegated Third Party comes to the conclusion that a Forbidden Conduct, as defined in **Appendix A** hereto, has occurred, it will submit a written report on its findings to the FIL Ethics Authority or the FIL Ethics Commission, as the case may be.

#### 3. Conduct of Investigations

At the request of the FIL Ethics Authority, the Chairman of the FIL Ethics Commission leads the preliminary proceedings and carries out a hearing from of the parties concerned and a clarification of the violation of the FIL Ethics Code. If required, the Chairman of the FIL Ethics Commission can consult with the other members of the FIL Ethics Commission. The FIL Ethics Commission can also call in or question third parties in connection with the investigation.

In Safe Sport matters, the FIL Ethics Authority, the FIL Ethics Commission or its Chairman, as the case may be, or any Delegated Third Party shall conduct any

investigation in accordance with the Rules on Investigation in Safe Sport Matters as set forth in **Appendix B** hereto.

#### 4. Conclusion by the FIL Ethics Commission

If after the assessment the FIL Ethics Commission have a sufficient suspicion regarding a violation of the FIL Ethics Code, they can at their discretion, according to the seriousness of the offence, impose suitable provisional sanctions, without anticipating the outcome of the overall investigation. In particular, the FIL 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 FIL Ethics Code, athletes can be provisionally banned for a maximum period of 90 days.

In addition, the FIL Ethics Commission appl<del>y</del>ies for the execution of proceedings by the court of arbitration.

The FIL Ethics Commission end the proceedings if as a result of their investigation no sufficient suspicion is found, if the violation is classified as minor, or if the matter can be settled with the payment of a fine.

#### 5. Sanctioning of Violations of the FIL Ethics Code

The court of arbitration haves to punish proven violations of the FIL Ethics Code with the sanctions that are specified for this purpose in the FIL Statutes. The court of arbitration also decides upon the costs of the investigations and the arbitration proceedings. In the case of a termination of proceedings, the court of arbitration can, upon application to the FIL Ethics Commission, impose the cost of the investigation either in full or in part onto the complainant whose claim is considered an abuse of law.

#### **6. Conduct of Proceedings**

The arbitration process is led under the exclusion of the public. The results of these arbitration proceedings may be published by the FIL Ethics Commission in an appropriate manner and with the protection of the personal rights of the parties involved.

#### 7. Other Applicable Rules and Commencement

In addition, the Statutes, Legal Order, Rules of Procedure of the FIL as well as the IOC Code of Ethics are applied.

The "Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions" applies to the following versions of Article 1 and Article 2, and Article 6:

#### **Article 1 - Definitions**

1.1 "Benefit" means the direct or indirect receipt or provision of money or the equivalent such as, but not limited to, bribes, gains, gifts and other advantages including, without limitation, winnings and/or potential winnings

as a result of a wager; the foregoing shall not include official prize money, appearance fees or payments to be made under sponsorship or other contracts;

- 1.2 "Competition" means any sports competition, tournament, match or event, organized in accordance with the rules of a Sports Organization or its affiliated organizations, or, where appropriate, in accordance with the rules of any other competent sports organization;
- 1.3 "Inside Information" means information relating to any competition that a person possesses by virtue of his or her position in relation to a sport or competition, excluding any information already published or common knowledge, easily accessible to interested members of the public or disclosed in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the relevant Competition;
- 1.4 "Participant" means any natural or legal person belonging to one of the following categories:
  - a. "athlete" means any person or group of persons, participating in sports competitions;
  - b. "athlete support personnel" means any coach, trainer, manager, agent, team staff, team official, medical or paramedical personnel working with or treating athletes participating in or preparing for sports competitions, and all other persons working with the athletes;
  - c. "official" means any person who is the owner of, a shareholder in, an executive or a staff member of the entities which organize and/or promote sports competitions, as well as referees, jury members and any other accredited or engaged persons. The term also covers the executives and staff of the sports organization, or where appropriate, other competent sports organization or club that recognizes the competition.
- 1.5 "Sports Betting, Bet or Betting" means any wager of a stake of monetary value in the expectation of a prize of monetary value, subject to a future and uncertain occurrence related to a sports competition

#### **Article 2 - Violations**

The following conduct as defined in this Article constitutes a violation of this Code:

#### 2.1 **Betting**

Betting in relation either: transactions in every respect relating to the Participant's sport.

#### 2.2 Manipulation of sports competitions

An intentional arrangement, act or omission aimed at an improper alteration of the result or the course of a sports competition in order to remove all or part of the unpredictable nature of the sports competition with a view to obtaining an undue Benefit for oneself or for others.

#### 2.3 **Corrupt conduct**

Providing, requesting, receiving, seeking, or accepting a Benefit related to the manipulation of a competition or any other form of corruption.

#### 2.4 Inside information

- 2.4.1. Using Inside Information for the purposes of Betting, any form of manipulation of sports competitions or any other corrupt purposes whether by the Participant or via another person and/or entity.
- 2.4.2. Disclosing Inside Information to any person and/or entity, with or without Benefit, where the Participant knew or should have known that such disclosure might lead to the information being used for the purposes of Betting, any form of manipulation of competitions or any other corrupt purposes.
- 2.4.3 Giving and/or receiving a Benefit for the provision of Inside Information regardless of whether any Inside Information is actually provided.

#### 2.5 Failure to report

- 2.5.1 Failing to report to the **FIL** concerned or a relevant disclosure/reporting mechanism or authority, at the first available opportunity, full details of any approaches or invitations received by the Participant to engage in conduct or incidents that could amount to a violation of this Code.
- 2.5.2 Failing to report to the **FIL** concerned or a relevant disclosure/reporting mechanism or authority, at the first available opportunity, full details of any incident, fact or matter that comes to the attention of the Participant (or of which they ought to have been reasonably aware) including approaches or invitations that have been received by another Participant to engage in conduct that could amount to a violation of this Code.

#### 2.6 **Failure to cooperate**

- 2.6.1 Failing to cooperate with any investigation carried out by the FIL in relation to a possible breach of this Code, including, without limitation, failing to provide accurately, completely and without undue delay any information and/or documentation and/or access or assistance requested by the FIL as part of such investigation.
- 2.6.2 Obstructing or delaying any investigation that may be carried out by the **FIL** in relation to a possible violation of this Code, including without limitation concealing, tampering with or destroying any documentation or other information that may be relevant to the investigation.

#### 2.7 Application of Articles 2.1 to 2.6

- 2.7.1 For the determination of whether a violation has been committed, the following are not relevant:
  - a. Whether or not the Participant is participating in the Competition concerned;
  - b. Whether or not the outcome of the Competition on which the Bet was made or intended to be made;
  - c. Whether or not any Benefit or other consideration was actually given or received;
  - d. The nature or outcome of the Bet;

- e. Whether or not the Participant's effort or performance in the Competition concerned were (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omission in question;
- f. Whether or not the result of the Competition concerned was (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omission in question;
- g. Whether or not the manipulation included a violation of a technical rule of the **FIL**;
- h. Whether or not the competition was attended by the competent national or international representative of the **FIL**.
- 2.7.2 Any form of aid, abetment or attempt by a Participant that could culminate in a violation of this Code shall be treated as if a violation had been committed, whether or not such an act in fact resulted in a violation and/or whether that violation was committed deliberately or negligently.

#### **Article 6 – Mutual recognition**

- 6.1 Subject to the right of appeal, any decision in compliance with this Code by a Sporting Organizations must be recognized and respected by all other Sporting Organizations.
- 6.2 All Sporting Organizations must recognize and respect the decision(s) made by any other sporting body or court of competent jurisdiction which is not Sporting Organization as defined under this Code.

Otherwise, the rules of procedure and sanctions of FIL Statutes, the FIL Law and Procedure Regulations, and the FIL Ethics Code apply.

The This FIL Ethics Code comes into force with the passing of a resolution during the 70<sup>th</sup> 73<sup>rd</sup> FIL Congress 2022 2025

Amended on <del>June 18, 2022</del> June 19, 2025

### Appendix A to the FIL Ethics Code

The FIL is committed to the inalienable principles of Safe Sport in the sport of luge. These principles are binding for the Presidium, the Executive Board and all bodies of the FIL and its national federations as well as all institutions and persons affiliated to the FIL by membership or contract (Covered Persons).

The following principles define - not exhaustively - Forbidden Conduct for which zero tolerance applies:

#### a) Aiding and Abbetting:

occurs when someone aides, facilitates, promotes or encourages the commission of Forbidden Conduct;

#### b) Boundary Transgressions:

an act or communication which, taking into account all the circumstances, is to be qualified as inappropriate, e.g. disregarding red flags and first signs of grooming, whereby the view of a reasonable observer is decisive. This can happen, for example, if a Covered Person establishes communication through atypical channels, when choosing inappropriate travel or means of transportation, by giving private gifts, through private conversations with a minor on social media or with text messages, when presenting private photos or by encounters in secluded surroundings;

#### c) Bullying:

Bullying is unwanted, repeated, intentional and aggressive behavior among peers and can lead to a perceived power imbalance. This can include actions such as threats, spreading rumors or falsehoods, attacking someone physically or verbally or deliberately excluding someone;

#### d) Failing to report:

if an adult fails to report actual or suspected sexual abuse behavior to the FIL or law enforcement agencies, which may also give rise to disciplinary proceedings by the FIL Ethics Committee or local authorities;

#### e) False reporting:

Making a false allegation, which may also violate local law and civil law prohibiting defamation;

#### f) Hazing:

any intentional conduct that provokes harassment, embarrassment, mockery or ridicule and may cause emotional, physical, psychological or sexual harm to an affected person, regardless of the person's willingness to participate. This includes any organized or unorganized form of harassment or demotion of new team members by older team members;

#### g) Neglect:

any act or omission that proves to be a breach of duty of care towards another person and thereby directly or indirectly causes harm or the risk of harm, including the failure of parents, coaches, officials and other Covered Persons to meet the physical, emotional, psychological needs and provide the necessary protection, especially when children are exposed to danger;

#### h) Carelessness:

any act or omission that adversely affects the safety and health of an individual, including incorrect training methods, failure to observe an athlete's diet and/or recovery periods, failure to provide a physically safe training environment, and failure to provide qualitatively appropriate and standardized equipment;

#### i) Online Cyber Abuse:

the use of images, rumors or false statements to damage the reputation of someone by means of electronic communication, social media or other technologies for the purpose of harassment, intimidation, frightening, humiliation with the aim of excluding a person or inciting other persons to commit such acts;

#### j) Psychological abuse:

includes any unwanted act including confinement, isolation, verbal assault, humiliation, intimidation, infantilization or any other treatment that diminishes a person's sense of identity, dignity or selfworth;

#### k) Physical abuse:

includes any intentional and unwanted act, including punching, beating, kicking, biting, and burning, that causes discomfort or injury. This action may also consist of forced or inappropriate activities or training (e.g. age or physically inappropriate training methods when injured or in pain, forced alcohol consumption or forced doping practices;

#### I) Sexual abuse:

any conduct of a sexual nature, with or without contact or penetration, where consent is coerced or manipulated or where consent is not or cannot be given.

#### m) Sexual harassment:

any unwanted conduct of a sexual nature, whether verbal, non-verbal or physical. Sexual harassment can take the form of sexual abuse. Some people engage in sports activities specifically to gain access to athletes. Grooming may occur for several months or years before someone resorts to sexual harassment or even abuse.

#### n) Willful Tolerance:

Persons are in breach of their duty if they knowingly witness or tolerate any form of Forbidden Conduct where there is a power imbalance between a Covered Person and another person who is subjected to Forbidden Conduct.

Forbidden Conduct must be refrained from at all times and in all places. It will be sanctioned by applying the provisions of the FIL Ethics Code.

#### **Appendix B** to the **FIL Ethics Code**

## Rules on Investigation in Safe Sport Matters

#### 1. Receiving & Recording of a Report

- 1.1 Reporting of any violation of safeguarding principles may be made anonymously. Anonymity means that the FIL or the person, receiving the complaint, will not know the personal identifying information of the complainant. IMPORTANT: It has to be understood that an anonymous report may limit the FIL or other authorities in their ability to investigate and respond to a report. The concern or complaint can be freely made by any means, however, for FIL related complaints, the FIL strongly recommends that the complainant submit any safe sport or sport integrity complaint utilizing the FIL Sport Integrity Reporting platform on the FIL website (<a href="https://www.fil-luge.org/sport-integrity">www.fil-luge.org/sport-integrity</a>) providing the required base information so that the FIL or any authorized third party can properly respond and investigate the complaint.
- 1.2 The FIL encourages complainants to provide their name and contact information when reporting. The identity of any complainant may only be disclosed if such disclosure is necessary for the purposes of any investigation into an alleged violation of the FIL Ethics Code or, if it is required to be disclosed by any governmental and/or judicial authorities, and the consent in writing of the complainant and any person whose identity is to be disclosed has been obtained..
- 1.3 Any complaint or report regarding a safeguarding concern or an incident which constitutes a potential Forbidden Conduct or which is in violation of the safeguarding principles contained in the FIL Ethics Code, shall be received by the FIL Ethics Authority, as set forth in Part III, Section 2 of the FIL Ethics Code.
- 1.4 If the alleged Forbidden Conduct has been observed or noticed by another Covered Person, such person should take steps at the earliest to inform and/or report what was witnessed to the FIL Ethics Authority or through the Safe Sport reporting platform
- 1.5 It is the responsibility of the FIL Ethics Authority, the FIL Ethics Commission, or any Delegated Third Party or the Covered Person who is in receipt of the information regarding the safeguarding violation, to
  - 1.5.1 maintain the confidentiality of the information being shared and also to impose on anyone with whom the information needs to be shared with, the obligation to maintain confidentiality;
  - 1.5.2 share any information or report only on a 'need to know' basis, and no information shall be shared with the media, other staff members, athletes, entourage, or any other third party;
  - 1.5.3 report directly to local statutory authorities/police, if the incident

- involves any form of child abuse or has been identified as a criminal offense within the said jurisdiction, or if the safety of the victim(s) is in immediate danger, depending on the local laws and regulations and the nature of the violation:
- 1.5.4 at first opportunity, inform the parent(s) or guardian(s) in any case involving a minor, unless such action may put the victim(s) at further risk.
- 1.6 It is recognized and understandable that some safeguarding violations can lead to outburst of strong emotions, particularly in cases where sexual harassment or sexual abuse is suspected. It is important to understand these feelings, and it is recommended that both the person(s) making or receiving the report/complaint ensure that such emotions do not interfere with the ability to make decisions in such situations and the prescribed process under the FIL Ethics Code and the local/national regulations is duly followed.
- 1.7 Upon receipt of a complaint or report, the FIL Ethics Authority, the FIL Ethics Commission or any Delegated Third Party shall ensure that all available information is accurately recorded, either immediately or as soon as practicable, which will be critical for taking the appropriate steps and for any concerned authorities that may become involved. The information recorded should ideally include
  - 1.7.1 details of the victim (name, address, gender, date of birth, home telephone);
  - 1.7.2 details of the parent(s) or guardian(s) (name, address, telephone number);
  - 1.7.3 whether the parent(s)/guardian(s) have been informed in the case of a minor;
  - 1.7.4 details of the person expressing their concern or making the complaint (unless made anonymously) and if made under request of confidentiality, then such information should be noted accordingly too;
  - 1.7.5 details of the nature of the allegation, along with important details like date, time, location, event/activity when the alleged Forbidden Conduct took place. It is important to ensure that no leading questions are asked, but that the complainant or witness describes everything in their own words. If follow-up questions are needed, they shall be kept open. Child interviews shall only be conducted by persons who have special training in interviewing children. Any interviews should be audio or video recorded to ensure accuracy and transparency;
  - 1.7.6 description of any visible bruising or any other injuries;
  - 1.7.7 details of the Covered Person alleged to have engaged in the Forbidden Conduct or to have caused the incident or injury (name, address, date of birth/approximate age, telephone number);
  - 1.7.8 details regarding evidence in possession of the complainant or the

victim;

- 1.7.9 witnesses to the incident and their contact details;
- 1.7.10 times, dates and other relevant information;
- 1.7.11 provisions of the FIL Ethics Code which seem to have been breached;
- 1.7.12 signatures of the FIL Ethics Authority, the FIL Ethics Commission or any Delegated Third Party for proper documentation and also of the complainant(s)/victim(s) if they are willing to disclose their names or personal identifying information;
- 1.7.13 date and time of the intake and recording of all reports, statements, evidence gathering, etc.

#### 2. Responding and Communications with Complainant(s) or Victim(s)

- 2.1 For the FIL Ethics Authority, the FIL Ethics Commission, or any Delegated Third Party or any Covered Person who received the complaint, concern, or report about any Forbidden Conduct, it is necessary for such person receiving such information, witness information, disclosure or an allegation to:
  - 2.1.1 react calmly, with an open mind, without showing any signs of anger, disgust or disbelief of any manner,
  - 2.1.2 ensure that the disclosing person is safe and feels safe, more so, when the information involves a child,
  - 2.1.3 be honest and clear that other person(s) or authorities may be involved to provide better help, support, or solution, especially with criminal offenses,
  - 2.1.4 listen carefully, and show that the disclosing person(s) is/are being taken seriously and listened to,
  - 2.1.5 keep questions to a minimum, only if necessary to clarify what is being said and follow-up questions only to obtain accurate and clear accounting of the information being provided,
  - 2.1.6 avoid asking leading questions and ensure that the person disclosing the information is not suggested any words or ideas, which can affect the account, facts and overall case moving forward,
  - 2.1.7 assure the disclosing person that they will be kept included to the extent necessary and in a due manner and at due times be informed about their complaint, about next steps and the overall process,
  - 2.1.8 immediately contact concerned authorities/police/hospital if the allegations involve a criminal offense, or if there is any immediate need of medical assistance or such help for the victim and inform them about the potential safeguarding issue,
  - 2.1.9 maintain confidentiality,
  - 2.1.10 not make assumptions or judgments or add any information of your own,
  - 2.1.11 not approach the alleged offender to discuss the safeguarding

concern,

2.1.12 not take any actions to address the safeguarding issue on your own but let the competent persons and/or authorities handle the complaint.

# 3. Protection of Complainant or Person giving Information in a Safeguarding Matter

- 3.1 In furtherance of the FIL's commitment to providing a safe, positive, and trusted sport environment across all levels of Luge for all athletes, coaches, entourage, staff, board, officials, volunteers and every other member of the Luge family, it is necessary to protect the safety, integrity and well-being of the person(s) making disclosures about any safeguarding or sport integrity matter in violation of the FIL Ethics Code. Accordingly,
  - 3.1.1 any person who in good faith or having reasons to believe it to be true, discloses information relating to a safeguarding concern or a complaint or report shall not be dismissed, penalized, disciplined, retaliated against or discriminated against in any manner;
  - 3.1.2 appropriate disciplinary action (under the FIL Statutes and Regulations) shall be taken against any official or staff or such Covered Person who violates the preceding Sub-section 3.1.1, irrespective of whether the information proves to be true or not, or even if unsubstantiated, in order to remove any deterrence whatsoever to concerned persons from making such disclosures;
  - 3.1.3 absolute confidentiality shall be maintained of the information and the identity of the disclosing person, as required under the Fil Ethics Code or any applicable laws.

#### 4. Procedures for investigating complaints

- 4.1 The objective for each investigation will be to gather complete and accurate information necessary to determine whether the alleged offender has a case to answer for violation of the FIL Ethics Code. This will include gathering and recording of all relevant information, developing that information into reliable and admissible evidence, and identifying and pursuing further lines of enquiry that may lead to the discovery of such evidence.
- 4.2 The FIL Ethics Authority, the FIL Ethics Commission or any Delegated Third Party will conduct each investigation fairly, objectively, and impartially. It will be open to and consider all possible outcomes at each key stage of the investigation, and will seek to gather not only any available evidence of a violation but also any available evidence indicating that there is no case to answer. It will fully document its conduct of investigations, the evaluation of information and evidence identified in the course of investigations, and the outcome of investigations.
- 4.3 Where it deems to be appropriate and applicable given the authorities and/or judiciary involved, the FIL Ethics Authority, the FIL Ethics Commission or any Delegated Third Party may coordinate, stay, or pause its

own investigation pending the outcome of investigations and/or prosecutions by other competent bodies, including law enforcement and/or other regulatory or disciplinary bodies.

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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 Congress Agenda Item #8.2- "AIN" Neutral Athlete Supplemental Information

June 10, 2025

#### **Current Situation**

Currently, based on the resolution approved at the 72<sup>nd</sup> FIL Congress held in Lake Placid USA, Russian athletes and their entourages are not allowed to participate in FIL competitions. For the 73<sup>rd</sup> FIL Congress to be held in Tampere FIN June 18-19, the agenda includes item 8.2 whereby the Congress delegates will once again discuss and consider a resolution to maintain the same status not allowing Russian athletes and their entourages to participate in FIL competitions for the 2025-26 season to include the 2026 Olympic Winter Games in Milano-Cortina.

If the FIL Congress decides to maintain this position, which is supported by the IOC, the IOC has asked all 7 of the participating Olympic Winter Federations in the 2026 OWG, along with 1 provisionary member (Ski Mountaineering) to consider an alternative by allowing Russian and Belarussian (Belarus is not a member of the FIL), athletes and entourages to participate in the 2026 Milano-Cortina 2026 OWG as neutral participants under the IOC AIN Guidelines utilized for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

# <u>Factors for Consideration for the AIN (Individual Neutral Athlete)</u> <u>Program</u>

#### **Background checks**

To implement the AIN Neutral program, the FIL would need the assistance of a professional third-party company to assist with providing thorough background checks on all prospective Russian athletes, coaches, trainers, technical assistants, as well as any other prospective persons that would be proposed as members of the Russian luge entourage. These background checks need to be in accordance with screening standards established by the IOC for disqualifying circumstances.

The FIL would contact one or more of the third-party firms that provide this service to determine scope, timing and cost, should the FIL Congress approve instituting the AIN

program for the 2026 OWG. In any case, the FIL will have the final decision on proposed AIN athletes, not third parties.

All costs related to the background checks and all other costs related in this context with AIN must be paid by the Russian Luge Federation.

#### **Sport Considerations**

- The quota of 106 overall luge athletes will not be increased if AIN athletes are allowed to compete at the 2026 OWG.
- If approved by the FIL Congress, there is a pathway for AIN athletes regarding
  the Olympic Qualifying Process for the 2026 OWG. As AIN athletes would have
  no previous season overall World ranking, they will need to comply with the
  necessary and applicable provisions as spelled out in the published FIL Olympic
  Qualifying Process as approved by the IOC, as well as the FIL IRO.
- Anti-Doping- the FIL contacted its WADA representative who confirmed that the
  best information could be obtained by the ITA. Since the FIL uses ITA for all its
  Anti-Doping activities, the FIL reached out to our contact to learn more if Russian
  luge athletes were being tested currently and could Russian luge athletes enter
  the testing pool if the FIL allowed AIN athletes and be tested on par with luge
  athletes already in the pool. The ITA confirmed as per the chart below the exact
  number of Russian luge athletes that have been tested since January 7, 2024,
  and that athletes not currently in the pool as well as athletes already in could be
  successfully tested this coming season.
- 4 (four) Luge athletes from Russia are now already considered in the RTP (Registered Testing Pool), proposed to FIL by ITA.

**From ITA:** A total of **26 different Russian Luge athletes** were tested at least once from 01.07.2024 and here is a short summary:

Test Type	Count of collected Tests	
In Competition		14
Out Of Competition		39
Grand Total		53

Testing Authority	Count of collected Tests	
FIL		9
RIISADA		ΔΔ

The FIL must be assured that all potential Russian athletes eligible for the AIN program have been tested and will continue to be tested in an equal manner as all other Luge athletes in the current testing pool to maintain fair competitions for all athletes.

#### Race Organizer/National Federation considerations

- Provisions for Security and Safety Luge is a sport where athletes are racing at a high-speed event with spectators in close proximity while they are competing. Any interference from a spectator wishing to do harm could cause serious injury. The security and safety of AIN athletes must be addressed for the events where AIN athletes are competing, and the race organizer is currently the one who organizes this and covers the cost. Note that should AIN athletes and their entourages be permitted, the Milano-Cortina 2026 Organizing Committee should also be willing to provide secure and safe conditions for AIN athletes both during training periods prior to the Games and the Games themselves. The presence of Russian athletes, coaches, trainers and other officials of the Russian Luge Federation during the organization of FIL-sanctioned sporting 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 severely endangered.
- Event Funding It will be critical for race organizers that government or private event funding should not be put at risk if AIN athletes are allowed to compete.
- Sponsor/suppliers It will also be important that there is no risk of losing sponsors or suppliers as well as FIL, National Federation's, and Race Organizer's stakeholders, if AIN athletes are allowed to compete.
- Government funding There is a risk for lost funding from government authorities to National Federations who have athletes participating in events with AIN athletes, which could jeopardize the opportunity for those athletes to participate in FIL events and risk Olympic qualifications.
- Travel considerations Proposed AIN athletes and their entourages will need to obtain visas for entry into certain countries as required. Ultimate approval and issuance of such visas is in the purview of each host country. There is risk to AIN athletes and their entourages that one or more visas may be denied by certain countries. Importantly, given the advance planning required to stage World Cup races, the FIL will not be able to offer alternative qualification races for AIN athletes should visa requests be denied for them and their entourages. AIN athletes would need to rely on the Olympic Qualification process for Luge as approved and published by the IOC/FIL.

**NOTE:** The FIL has sent a survey to the NFs/Race Organizers that will be hosting events for the Olympic Qualifying process this season prior to the Olympics. The purpose of the survey is to ascertain any concerns or risks from their side if the FIL were to implement the AIN Neutral athlete program for Russian athletes and their entourages. The results of the survey will be made available at the Congress.

#### Framework for Implementing the AIN Program

If the FIL Congress wishes to implement the AIN Program, IOC has made recommendations to help provide guidance on how the IFs can find a return to sport competition but that it is fully up to each IF to determine this. In terms of steps in the FIL Olympic Qualifying process as approved by the IOC, AIN athletes should follow the usual registration process for qualifying events for the 2025-26 season with no special provisions for AIN athletes.

Pursuant to the IOC, each IF has their own exact process for determining eligibility but there are some consistent elements as follows:

- IFs establish a review panel ranging from 3-7 members, generally of the Executive Board members of an IF and other commissions such as Athletes and Ethics.
- The process is initiated through a submission of names of athletes and proposed personnel/entourages, or the use of forms or declarations to initiate the process which is usually done through the RUS / BLR NF to ensure athlete's level and safety.
- External review by a sport-data specialist company (Kudelski/Nagra, Sportradar) and others. Note there will be a fee for these firms to do this background work.
- Usually, the main element that is being verified is contracting and social media accounts
- Some IFs are doing it internally from a cost perspective, but the validation would sit with the IF Executive Board
- As already mentioned, consideration of Anti-Doping requirements done in collaboration with ITA to ensure the AIN athletes are clean
- After the external review, the report is submitted and reviewed on a person-byperson basis, by the panel and people are proposed for approval, or not, to the Executive Board for a final decision to participate as AIN for the 2025-26 season including the 2026 Olympic Winter Games in Milano-Cortina.

**For your further reference:** Various links relative to Russian athletes competing in the 2026 OWG and the AIN program:

https://www.olympics.com/ioc/media/q-a-on-solidarity-with-ukraine-sanctions-against-russia-and-belarus-and-the-status-of-athletes-from-these-countries

https://www.olympics.com/ioc/news/ioc-issues-recommendations-for-international-federations-and-international-sports-event-organisers

Please keep in mind that some summer IFs have made their requirements more flexible since the Paris 2024 games. Please see below the examples from World Aquatics.

https://swimswam.com/world-aquatics-approves-new-guidelines-for-athlete-participation-during-periods-of-conflict/

https://swimswam.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/World-Aquatics-Guidelinesfor-Athlete-Participation-in-World-Aquatics-Competitions-During-Periods-of-Conflicts\_1.pdf

#### Qualification

The FIL reserves the right to make the final decision on accepting AIN Russian athletes and members of their entourages.

#### **Conclusion**

Does the FIL Congress wish to entertain a resolution to approve the FIL Executive Board creating and implementing an IOC AIN Program to allow Russian athletes and related personnel/entourages to participate at the 2026 Milano-Cortina OWG?



Applicant:	§2 1.2.5	Motion No.: 1
Sports Commission / Youth and Development		
Commission / Executive Board	✓ Artificial	Trock D Notural Trock

#### Old text:

None

#### **New Text:**

§2

1.2.5

Continental Championships Youth A (Youth European Championships (YECh) / Youth America Pacific Championships (YAPCH) / Youth Asian Championships (YACh)

• In every sports's year as race in race / Continental Cup (Youth A)

#### Reason:

We have received feedback from many nations emphasizing the need to invest more in youth development. Currently, for Youth A athletes, there is no true seasonal highlight apart from the Youth Olympic Games. For many national federations, championships represent a unique opportunity to access governmental funding, which would otherwise not be available.

The introduction of Continental Championships is therefore of the utmost importance to increase participation in the Youth A category—especially as the next Youth Olympic Games in Cortina 2028 are already on the horizon. We must begin laying the foundation now. This is even more relevant considering that, in an Olympic year, the majority of attention and resources tend to be allocated exclusively to the Olympic team.

We expect this initiative to significantly elevate the status of Youth A competitions and boost participation numbers in the Continental Cups.

#### What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:

#### §2 1.2.6

Applicant:

Sports Commission / Executive Board

§: Motion No.: 2

Supplement 4.1.10 a

#### Old text:

The event organizers of the Olympic luge competitions are obligated to offer in the pre Olympics and the Olympics season altogether two International Training Weeks for all NFs

#### **New Text:**

(none) adaptation for 2026 Milano-Cortina Olympic Games

#### Reason:

Because the newly reconstructed track in Cortina was pre-homologated in late March, and there was no possibility for the required International Training Week and Test Event within the pre-Olympic season, these two requirements should be moved into the beginning of the Olympic season this fall.

What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:

#### **None**



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Technical Commission / Executive Board

§: Suppl. 5 Motion No.: 3

1.3.2, 1.3.3

#### Old text:

#### 1.3.2 Standard doubles pod

- a) The original pod must be used.
- b) Pod form may not be changed with the exception of repairs and cutouts.
- c) The pod construction may not be changed.
- d) The raised seat, from the upper edge of the bridge, including the leg support shell of the front woman/man, may be individually adapted in compliance with the dimensions valid in the 2022 IRO § 5 Pt. 1.3.2

#### 1.3.3 Standard doubles runner

- a) The original runners must be used.
- b) The runner form may not be changed on the outside with the exception of repairs and evening out the radius of the bow by adding material. No material may be removed from the original form of the runners.
- c) The runner horns may be individually adapted starting no closer than 350 mm from the middle of the front runner bridge box to the front of the runner, in compliance with the dimensions valid in the 2024 IRO § 5 Pt. 1.3.3. interface section "insertion groove for runner horns"



Schnittstelle Einsetznut für Kufen-Hörnchen"

- d) The runner construction may not be changed.
- e) steel screws/bolts M 8
- f) No additional drilling in the runner is permitted.

#### **New Text:**

#### 1.3.2 Standard doubles pod

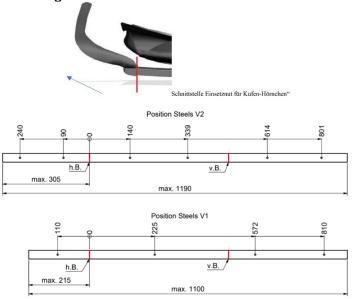
- a) The original pod must be used.
- b) Pod form may not be changed with the exception of repairs, painting, and cutouts.
- c) Adhering tape/foil to the cutouts is allowed.
- e) d) The pod construction may not be changed.

d) e) The raised seat, from the upper edge of the bridge, including the leg support shell of the front woman/man, may be individually adapted in compliance with the dimensions valid in the 2022 IRO § 5 Pt. 1.3.2

#### 1.3.3 Standard doubles runner

- a) The original runners must be used.
- b) The runner form may not be changed on the outside with the exception of repairs, painting, evening out the radius of the bow by adding material, and the work required, therefore.
- c) Adjustments to the runners resulting from the length of the steels are permitted.
- d) The steels must not protrude to the rear beyond the end of the runner.
- e) e) The runner horns may be individually adapted starting no closer than 350 mm from the middle of the front runner bridge box to the front of the runner, in compliance with the dimensions valid in the 2024 IRO § 5 Pt. 1.3.3.

interface section "insertion groove for runner horns"



- f) Shorter steels are permitted while maintaining the designated threads.
- g) The tolerance for threaded holes is +/- 2 mm.
- d) h) The runner construction may not be changed.
- e) i) Steel screws/bolts M 8
- f) i) No additional drilling in the runner is permitted.

#### Reason:

No dimensional tolerances were specified in the previous regulations, which left room for different interpretations. These changes are necessary to avoid such interpretations and to maintain the concept of the standard sled

What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:



Applicant:	§:3; 6.7.10	Motion No.: 4
Technical Commission / Executive Board		
	⊠ Artificial Tra	ack □ Natural Track

#### Old text:

Measurements Finish touch pad:

- Diameter width: 38.5 cm (measured horizontally),
- Diameter height: 60 cm (measured vertically)
- Distance between track and touch pad: 100 cm +/- 2cm, measured vertically from the ice Surface to the bottom edge of the touch pad.
- Distance from the start handles to the start gate: within 30 50 cm

#### New Text:

Measurements Finish touch pad:

- Diameter width: 38.5 cm ±5mm (measured horizontally),
- Diameter height: 60 cm ± 5mm (measured vertically)
- Distance between track and touch pad: 100 cm +/- 2cm, measured vertically from the ice Surface to the bottom edge of the touch pad.
- Distance from the start handles to the start gate: within 30 50 cm
- -Tension of the release spring of the finish touchpad: 4 kg ±1 kg

#### Reason:

To ensure athlete safety by preventing the finish touchpad from being triggered by wind, which could otherwise open the start gate.

What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:

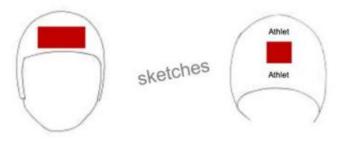


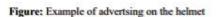
Applicant:	§7 2.2, 2.4 Motion No.: 7
Executive Board	

#### Old text:

#### "2.2 Safety Helmet

- a) The safety helmet may display two (2) trademarks of the manufacturer with a maximum size of 15 sq cm, one each side, placed over the ears.
- b) The advertising surface on the front of helmets may only be used by the FIL 70 sq cm).
- c) If the FIL transfers this advertising surface to the National Federations, the branch exclusivity of the FIL main sponsors has to be respected.
- d) In addition, a national emblem or an emblem of an institution (military, police, etc.) to which the athlete belongs (max. 30 cm<sup>2</sup> on the back or lower side area of the helmet) as well as the athlete's name (max. max. font height of 15 mm) are permitted in the rear helmet area without obstructing the official FIL advertising."







National emblem or institution(max.30cm<sup>2</sup>) Name of athlete (letters max. 15mm high)



Manufacturer trademark (15cm<sup>2</sup>) on each side

"2.4 Caps, Headbands, and other Headgear - Caps, headbands, and other headgear may each have one trademark of max. 60 sq cm in the middle of the frontside and on both sides one trademark of the manufacturer (max. 15 sq cm per side) and one trademark of another sponsor (max. 15 sq cm per side). The maximum number of markings is 5. - The distance between the two trademarks on each side must be at least 5 mm."

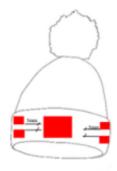
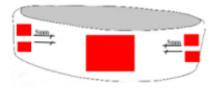


Figure: example advertising on hat and headgear

1 trademark at the front (max. 60 cm²)

1 manufacturer trademark and

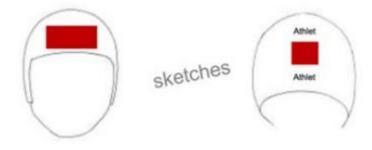
1 sponsor on each side (max. 15 cm² each)



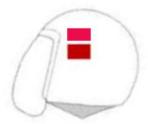
#### **New Text:**

#### 2.2 Safety helmets

- a) The safety helmet may display two (2) trademarks of the manufacturer with a maximum size of 15 sq cm, one each side, placed over the ears and two sponsor's trademarks with a maximum size of 25 sq cm on each side above or next to the manufacturer's trademark. The sponsor's trademark must be at least 1 cm away from the manufacturer's trademark.
- b) The advertising surface on the front of helmets may only be used by the FIL 70 sq cm). The advertising space for sponsors on the sides of the helmet is freely available to the NFs. However, the branch exclusivity of FIL main sponsors must be guaranteed.
- c) If the FIL transfers this advertising surface to the National Federations, the branch exclusivity of the FIL main sponsors has to be respected.







d) In addition, a national emblem or an emblem of an institution (military, police, etc.) to which the athlete belongs (max. 30 cm<sup>2</sup> on the back or lower side area of the helmet) as well as the athlete's name (max. max. font height of 15 mm) are permitted in the rear helmet area without obstructing the official FIL advertising.

"2.4 Caps, Headbands, and other Headgear - Caps, headbands, and other headgear may each have one trademark of max. 60 sq cm in the middle of the frontside and on both sides one trademark of the manufacturer (max. 15 sq cm per side) and one trademark of another sponsor (max. 15 25 sq cm per side). The maximum number of markings is 5. - The distance between the two trademarks on each side must be at least 5 mm."

#### Reason:

The contributions of sponsors are essential for the NF's to cover the costs of running the sport. Therefore, the available advertising space should be used in the best possible way. Helmets and headgear are very good advertising spaces. Compared to other sports, there is still room for sponsor logos in the FIL regulations

#### What other paragraphs/points would need to be changed accordingly?:

The application to extend the advertising space on the safety helmet is subject to the approval of UVEX.

#### VP Finance Report to 2025 Congress in Tampere/FIN

Warm greetings to Congress delegates, guests and my Executive Board colleagues. It is again an honor to present my financial report to you.

Let me start with some opening remarks.

The past financial year was again financially challenging for the FIL. Costs, especially travel, accommodation and television production, continued to increase the FIL's operating costs beyond what was budgeted. Continuing successful initiatives to enhance the image of our sport have not resulted in financial benefits due to the current economic environment.

After the bookkeeping challenges during the 2023/24 year, the FIL's financial management was much more settled during the past financial year. There is a strong working relationship between the FIL Office, myself, BDO Salzburg and ANA Vienna for the FIL's bookkeeping, accounting and tax matters.

We continue to review the FIL's banking, investment, bookkeeping and accounting processes to ensure they are efficient, cost effective and that the return on FIL's investments are being maximized within the parameters we believe are appropriate. The FIL's transactional banking is now primarily with Salzburger Sparkasse and a shift of the FIL's investment portfolio from LGT Lichenstein to LGT Austria is being considered. ANA Vienna will undertake an audit of the financial statements prepared by BDO Salzburg during August 2025.

Taking onboard a comment from last year that a graphical representation of the current and the upcoming financial year would be better, I'll now speak about the past financial year, our current financial position, the budget for 2026, make some observations on revenue and expenditure and look ahead at what is required to remain financially sustainable.

First let's look at the 2025 financial year and compare actual revenue and expenditure with the budget.

Income at €1.9m was on budget and while TV & Advertising revenue was down, primarily through not securing a bib sponsor, investment income was above budget. Revenue was down from €2.4m in 2024 when we had significant one-off revenue from the IOC and WOF.

Expenditure at €7.4m was €500k over the budget of €6.9m which resulted in €5.5m being drawn down from reserves rather than the budgeted €5.0m. Of note is that we spent 20% of our budget on Governance & Management, 24% on TV & Marketing and 56% on Sport.

This next slide shows our top 10 items of expenditure, some of these are single line items from the financial statements while others are a combination of similar expenditure types. These top 10 items made up 87% of our total expenditure. TV Production incl. Director AT at €1.2m is top of the chart making up 17% of the 87%. If we wanted to look at reducing expenditure then we'd need to dig into the €6.4m that makes up the 87% of expenditure. Sounds easy but when we start looking at the individual items we can justify each of them.

Now I'll look at the significant individual line item variances from budget in 2025. These are included in the financial report in your dossier.

- TV & Sponsorship Revenue €155k Unfav. We were unable to secure bib advertising sponsor, there was the cancelled Igls WC Team Relay & no expected increase from Infront.
- Return on Investments, Dividends, Interest €157k Fav. We received a higher return than budgeted.
- Tax Advisory, Audit, Legal & Consulting, Bookkeeping, Accounting €45k Unfav. Cost for tax matters, contractual matters and outsourcing bookkeeping were, offset by no audit for FIL. However, outsourcing of accounting results in lower personnel costs at the FIL Office Berchtesgaden.

- Executive Board travel & meetings, Officials travel, Congress €37k Unfav. Increased travel, accommodation & meeting costs plus MC2026 planning requirements.
- Marketing/Public Relations Work AT €81k Unfav. Increased travel & accommodation costs, higher ChyronHego costs for graphics than anticipated, no expected savings from ST Sport.
- Doping Tests €40k Fav. Timing of ITA program and payments.
- Subsidies for Event Organisers AT €53k Unfav. Additional WC due to no MC2026 WC Test Event.
- Expenses for Directors, Permanent TDs etc. €53k Unfav. Increased travel & accommodation costs plus MC2026 planning requirements.
- Program Natural Track Lump Sum €100k Unfav. Increased travel and accommodation costs, costs from the previous season (€55k), and the Sport Director's increased workload. Additional TV expenses could not be offset by revenue.
- Strategy Plan Alpine Luge €59k Fav. Timing of work program.
- Director/Agent Responsible for TV AT & TV Production AT €359k Unfav. Increased travel & accommodation costs, new concepts, higher production costs, greater share of costs (WCh Whistler & WC Lillehammer) and settlement payment to former TV coordinator.

Looking at our statement of assets, our net assets at 31 March 2025 totalled €11.9m as compared to €17.3m a year ago, the decrease being due to the drawdown of reserves to fund net expenditure for the year. Our total assets include our Iron Reserve of €7.1m and make up a substantial part of the €11m of financial assets we have.

I'm an accountant. I compile things, analyze things and compare things. So now I'd like to show you two slides that look at the finances in 2025, 2021 and 2017 being the last three pre-Olympic seasons.

In 2017, pre-Pyeongchang, we had an international training week and test event. Total expenditure that year was €6.7m. In 2025 we went back to Asia, to both Korea and China and total expenditure for the year was €7.4m, up 10% on 2017. Given that EU inflation between 2015 and 2025 was around 33% I think that the €7.4m this year compares well with the €6.7m.

In 2021, pre-Yanqing/Beijing, Covid-19 meant there was no international training week or test event. A favorable consequence of that was total expenditure amounted to €5.5m that year, so not a useful comparison for 2025.

You can also see that between 2017 and 2025 Governance & Management costs have increased from 13% to 20% of total representing the increasing move away from being largely a volunteer organisation.

Now let's look at the bigger picture from 2017 to 2025. Simply put, with the OWG being our largest source of revenue, the FIL's fiscal strategy is to take what the IOC pays us after each OWG, invest it with LGT and then draw it down over the next four years to fund our net expenditure. On this basis, over the past 9 years since Pyeongchang we've averaged €6.6m of expenditure each year and net expenditure €4.7m. We've then drawn that down from reserves when ideally we should have only been drawing down €4.3m. Putting aside the fact that we've been earning some interest on our invested funds, arguably we've been overspending, on average, by €400k per year. That's a total of €3.6m over the nine years.

On that sobering note I'll conclude the first part of my report by thanking you all, and especially the FIL Office, my Presidium and Executive Board colleagues, for your support during the past year.

I now move that the Congress approve the Annual Statement of Accounts for the year from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 and would be happy to take your questions. Thank you.

#### VP Finance 2025-26 Budget Presentation to 2025 Congress in Tampere/FIN

It was again a challenge to put together the draft budget for 2025-26. While inflation seems to be easing, we've already seen that it continued to be significant during the past financial year. Given that it remains difficult to increase revenue in the short term we hope we may see some plateau in expenditure and we must all work hard to make every Euro count.

You will recall that in May you received the first Draft of the budget which was approved by the Executive Board at our May meeting on the proviso that further work was undertaken on some items of expenditure. This work was completed, and the revised draft budget is included in your dossier long with an explanation of the changes made.

The 2026 draft budget proposed revenue of €1.6m which is down from the actual income of €1.9m in 2025. Expenditure of €7.3m, down from actual expenditure of €7.4m in 2025. The proposed drawdown from reserves is €5.7m, up from €5.5m in 2025.

Looking again at our top 10 items of expenditure they make up 83% of total expenditure and if a new item this year, Milano Cortina 2026 participation costs are included, that increases to 87%, consistent with last year. At €6.1m the top 10 items are up €100k on the 2025 budget and down €372k on 2025 actual expenditure.

Material changes between the 2025 draft budget and the 2024 budget are:

- TV & Sponsorship Revenue down, €320k no World Championships and the inability to secure a bib sponsor.
- TV Production incl. Director AT up, €105k as we found during the past season, everything to do with TV production is increasing in cost and at a time when production quality must increase to stay relevant.
- Prize Money & Medals AT down, €103k no World Championships.
- Natural Track incl. Alpine Luge up, €67k additional planned budget for Alpine Luge.
- Marketing, Public Relations & Social Media AT up, €60k ongoing costs associated with using graphic services from Chyron and ST Sportservice.
- Doping tests down, €40k an expectation we can negotiate down the frequency and number of tests undertaken given our past record.

#### Not on the top 10 slide are:

- Expenses for FIL Commissions/Working Groups down, €59k due to less work expected from the Track commission/2026 OWG experts and reduction in the budget for the Integrity Unit.
- FIL Congress Up €30k to reflect the increase in travel and accommodation costs, location and a higher number of NF's registering to attend as compared to recent years.
- Special Costs Strategy Plan Slide 2026 up €226k to continue to support the standardised sled project with €50k, Alpine Luge project with €242k, Sustainability initiatives with €30k and development of the Strategic Plan 2034 with €20k.
- OWG 2026 we have budgeted €250k for the ITWs, test event and accommodation, travel, food & beverages etc. during the Games.

In order to fund the draft budget for 2025, after using our current financial assets, excluding the Iron Reserve, we will need to either use approximately €1.8m of the funds we receive from the IOC for MC2026, the 1<sup>st</sup> instalment expected in November of December this year, or drawdown funds from the Iron Reserve.

My final slide is looking forward to the next four years. How much we receive from the IOC for MC2026 will have a significant bearing on the level of expenditure we can sustain over the following four years. Assuming a small increase from the IOC, we understand that the summer IFs received an 8% increase following Paris 2024, to enable us to maintain our current level of expenditure we are either going to have to grow our other income by €1m to €1.5m or

reduce our expenditure to avoid having to use our Iron Reserve. Again a sobering thought and something that will be very much in our mind as we develop our Strategy Plan Slide 2034.

I now move that the Congress approve the Budget for the year from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 and would be happy to take your questions. Thank you.

#### **Closing remarks**

For some years now the FIL has been enhancing its governance including developing a strategic plan and ensuring we are fully compliant with all legal and tax matters.

Since the Congress in 2022 we have been implementing a strategy to enhance the FIL's financial management and financial reporting. This has included establishing the finance function in the FIL Office, preparing a full set of financial statements, a full audit and reviewing our banking and investment arrangements. To assist with this we have engaged BDO Salzburg and ANA Vienna who have provided bookkeeping, accounting, tax and audit advice and guidance. During this process it has been discovered that for many years the FIL has not met its Austrian tax obligations on our investment income. We are now working with ANA and BDO to resolve this matter. In the meantime, we are complying with our tax obligations for the 2024 year. At this time we are unable to advise the potential impact and consequences of this matter.

We will update you on this matter as appropriate.

Thank you for your attention and patience.

I'm happy to take any final questions or comments.

Geoff Balme FIL Vice President for Finance



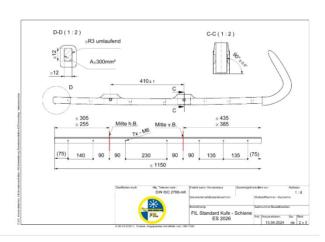


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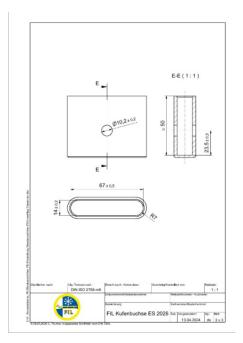
#### SEASON 2026-2027 General Class/ 2030-2031 Youth A, Junior Class

- Bridge width, height, angle
- Bridge legs thickness, hole position, radius

- Steels hole positions
- Runners box distance and position
- Safety runners back ends

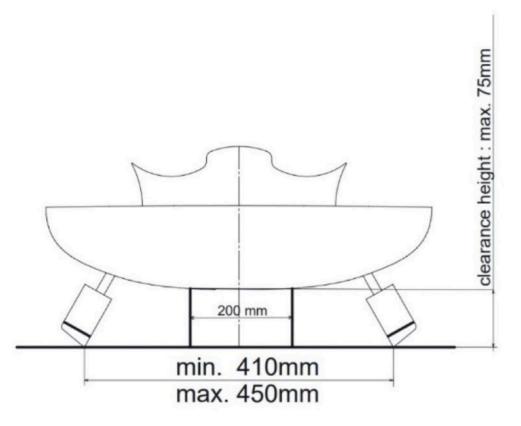


#### • Runners Box measurements





#### Additional regulation for doubles bridges



TEGS26, in cooperation with the
Technical Commission, is currently
in the development process of future
standard sled parts regulations for men's
and women's doubles sleds, following the
same concept as for singles sleds.
Prototype sled parts are planned
to be created next season, with the goal
that these parts will also be compatible
with singles sled components such as steels,
bridge boxes.



- New training shoes starting from season 2024-2025
- New Race/Training shoes season 2026-2027

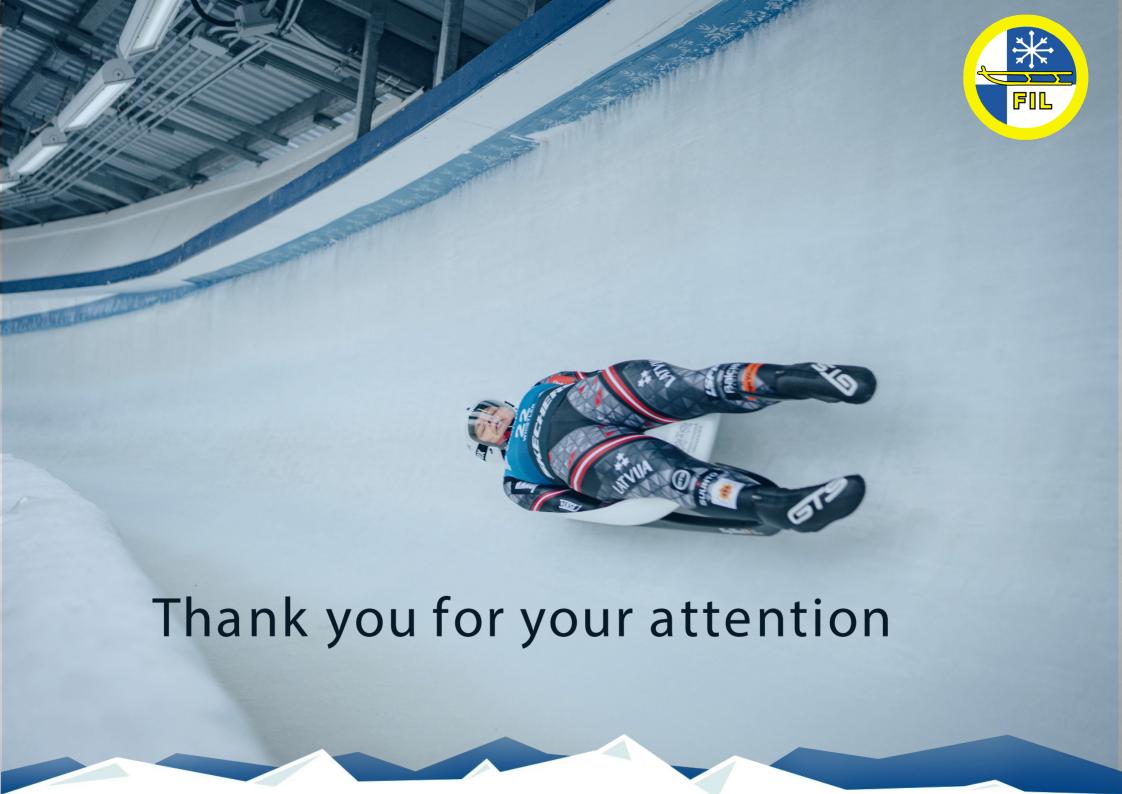






## Workshop for Doubles Sled Discipline (ITW Sigulda)







FIL Congress Tampere

18.6.2025

Andreas Castiglioni, Gerhard Muehlbacher

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Natural Track
- 2. Future Workshop Alpine Luge What Happened 2024/25
- 3. Milestones 2025/26
- 4. Motions to the Congress

# **NATURAL TRACK**

#### **SHORT REVIEW**

- Congress 2022 in Austria (Hall in Tirol)
   Public Sledding becomes part of the Natural Track Group
- At the beginning, we didn't really know what to do with it
- But some ideas later ...
   .... the product Future Workshop Natural Track & Public Sledding was born
- A product that is changing also the traditional Natural Track Luge

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#### NATURAL TRACK LUGE IN CHANGE

- Since that it's very important to continue to promote the current natural track sport and prepare it for the planned changeover (timeline proposal)
- Reorganization of the development program and work out a new strategy to ensure sustainability for the future in Luge
- Next winter 6 World Cup races, 4 Junior World Cups and 2 Championships are planned again
  - At min. 2 of them we will bring public sledding as a side event for everyone
- At the next World Championships 2027 we plan a huge luge festival together:
   Artifical Track and Alpine Luge

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2.
FUTURE WORKSHOP
ALPINE LUGE
WHAT HAPPENED 2024/25



1 YEAR - Future Workshop - Alpine Luge

**MILESTONES 2025/26** 10 strategies in 10 minutes

#### 1 SLED SPORTS EQUIPMENT

# The next generation of sledding – innovation meets fun

Milestones 2025/26



- Final adaptations of Alpine Luge prototypes
- Development of steels
- Roller set for Alpine Luge
- Draft of official IRO regulations to be completed by March 2026
- Launch of new public sledding shoe
- Launch of new public sledding pants
- Launch of new public sledding helmet

Alpine Luge to buy @ Bachmann, Torggler, Lindauer













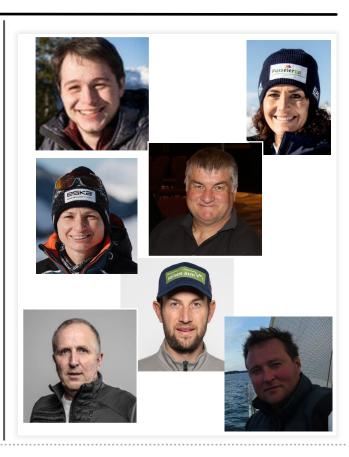
#### **2 RACE FORMATS**

#### New race formats for new locations

**Milestones** 2025/26



- Test team to make new race formats IRO-ready (different conditions, slopes, surfaces, gate distances...)
- Framework for new rules and regulations
- One test event under world cup conditions – combined with Alpine Luge Park as side event



#### 3 SLED GUIDE

### **High quality education for Sled Guides**

#### **Milestones** 2025/26



- Update German education material
- Translation of international education in English
- Development of online training modules for the theoretical part
- Train Sled Guides in different nations as multipliers for the sport







#### **4 ROLLER LUGE**

### **Promote winter sport in the summer**

# Milestones 2025/26



- Roller Luge experience at the World Championships Grindelwald August 2025
- Summer Side Event Austrian Roller Luge
   Cup in Aschau / Tyrol
- Scouting of young athletes in Davos
- Regulation to support countries to hold their own Roller Luge competitions

Summer feeling or Urban Luge as potential slogans









#### **5 E-SPORTS**

### **Bringing Luge into the Virtual World**

# Milestones 2025/26



- Interreg funding application in preparation -> 0€ budget needed by FIL
  - Develop improved and more realistic steering controls
  - Transfer more luge tracks into the virtual world
  - Develop a market-ready game version
- Use the simulator to promote safe luge practices
- Encourage more people to try luge in the real world (trade-fares, schools, etc)





#### 6 SOCIAL MEDIA

#### We share moments and information

#### **Milestones** 2025/26



- Align social media activities with VP Marketing
- Create/rename social media channels to Alpine Luge
- Create strategy to integrate public sledding
- Create content
  - New concept -> serial posts
  - Milestone posts
- Connection with other organizations









# MyMedia



#### 7 MARKETING

# We bring our vision to the public: "Make luge the No. 1 winter sport"

# Milestones 2025/26



- Branding Alpine Luge aligned in CI for the entire FIL
- Marketing concept with agency facts for strategy development (communication, target groups, etc.)
- Create advertising material incl. videos
- Create showcases (examples for future)
- World Luge Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> edition January 18<sup>th</sup> 2026 Further expand and improve

It's about **YOUR** participation!









#### **8 SIDE EVENTS**

# Present Alpine Luge at events of all kinds in winter & summer

# Milestones 2025/26



- Develop product **Pop-Up Luge Park**
- Sale of product Pop-Up Luge Park
- Side Events to be fixed
  - Jenner / Berchtesgaden DE
  - FIL "Alpine Luge World Cups"
  - others like FIL Artificial Track,
    ISSU races

Want to have a side event?



















#### TRACKS CORE REGIONS

# We define and develop the core regions for Alpine Luge

# Milestones 2025/26



- Software to visualize core region
- Definition of criteria for core region (global warming impact University Innsbruck)
- Definition of core region
- Touristic concept for core regions incl. business case
- Contact first pilot areas in core region
- Consult and roll out of developed concept in pilot region

Want to be a pilot region?







#### 10 ROLLOUT OTHER REGIONS

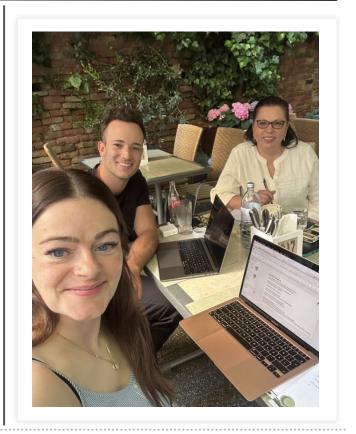
### We build new core regions together with <u>you</u>

#### Milestones 2025/26



- Define rollout criteria for future regions
- Evaluation and ranking of potential candidates
- Start first pilot project

Want to become part of the core region?



**MOTIONS TO THE CONGRESS** 

#### MOTION TO THE CONGRESS TO THE STATUTES

Old text: Natural track, natural track & public sledding (EN) or Naturbahn, Naturbahn & Breitensport (DE)

New text: Alpine Luge (EN) or Alpin Rodeln (DE)

#### Justification:

The 'road map' adopted by the Commission at the proposal of the Future Workshop Natural Track & Public Sledding provides for the renaming of the World Cup as follows for the 2025/26 season:

- FIL Alpine Luge World Cup / FIL Alpin Rodel Weltcup
- FIL Alpine Luge Junior World Cup / FIL Alpin Rodel Junioren Weltcup We also need the name changes in the IRO. The wording Naturbahn and Naturbahn & Breitensport should be changed to Alpine Luge (EN) and Alpin Rodeln (DE) in the IRO.

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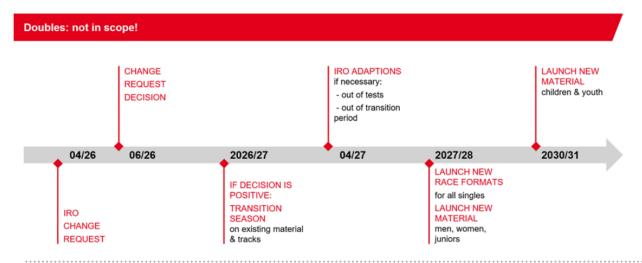
### **IRO Urgent Motion 2025**

Applicant:Motion No.: 6Commission Natural Luge and Public Sledding /<br/>Executive Board□ Artificial Track ⋈ Natural Track

#### Proposal Road Map Alpine Luge

Transition phase

ROADMAP - PROPOSAL NEW MATERIAL (SLEDS) & NEW RACE FORMATS



- Commission meeting in 2026: major IRO changes, regulation of equipment, and new race formats in the IRO
- 2026/2027 transition year (preparation year for luge manufacturers and nations)
- IRO adjustments at the 2027 commission meeting
- No sled or race formats will be developed for the doubles, with an end date planned for 2027
- 2027/28 introduction of new sled and race formats
- 2030/31 season Introduction of new luge and formats for youth The road map was unanimously approved by the commission and now requires the approval of the executive board and congress.

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#### **FUTURE WORKSHOP ALPINE LUGE**

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### **BACKUP DATA**



#### THE STEERING MODEL



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## STEERING MODEL 2035 NATURAL TRACK & PUBLIC SLEDDING

# Vision statement:

Sledding becomes the number 1 winter sport

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## STEERING MODEL 2035 NATURAL TRACK & PUBLIC SLEDDING

# Vision:

In 2035 everyone in the core region of sledding will be able to actively enjoy sledding within a half-hour radius.

He will find both a track and professional support from a trainer, supervisor or sledding guide.

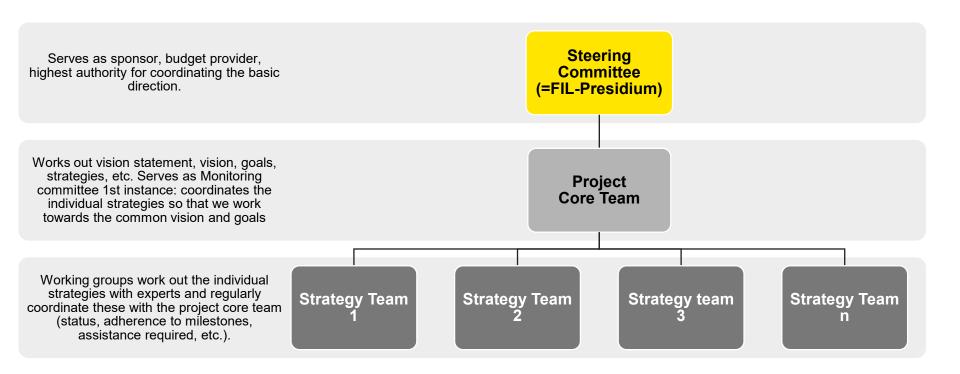
There is a structure of races, clubs and federations with which we create the link between mass sport and racing.

The core region serves as a role-model for other countries and regions.

Sledding becomes benchmark in terms of sustainability for other winter sports.

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### **ORGANISATION**



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# **OVERVIEW STRATEGY TEAMS**

Nr.	Strategy	Team Leader	Progress	Status	Comment
1	Sled Sports Equipment	Gerald Kammerlander			Additional subgroup established for other equipment (except sleds)
2	Raceformats	Jerome Almer			
3	Sled Guide	Rene Friedl	$\bigcirc$		Restart after replacement of Teamlead Sandra Mariner
4	Roller Luge	Michael Scheikl			
5	E-Sports	Gerald Kammerlander			
6	Social Media	Andreas Castiglioni			
7	Marketing	Thomas Schwab			
8	Side Events	Björn Kierspel	$\bigcirc$		New
9	Tracks core region	Thomas Hörburger	$\bigcirc$		New
10	Rollout other regions	Christina Götschl	$\bigcirc$		New
11	Sustainability		0	•••	Kick Off Call Hannah Campbell-Pegg, Dwight Bell done, next steps discussed Tampere June 2025 -> start in cooperation with current sustainability team
n	more to follow				

## DECISIONS MADE IN RECENT YEARS "AGAINST" THE DOUBLE



### Double banned into the frame program

- No more double decision on the "main day" (previously alternating with singles)
- Hardly any TV broadcasts on the double decision days

### Number of training and scoring runs reduced

- One training run and one scoring run mainly
- If the track conditions are poor, the double will be questioned, shortened or moved somewhere else

### Reduction in prize money

- Prize money reduced to half of the single
- 100€ abolished for all starters

### Banned from the team competition

- Formerly the main discipline in the team competition (larger point gaps, doubles as final runners)
- No longer represented today -> one less chance for medals

### Olympic application without doubles

The same decision that we are proposing today was already taken back then - in effect, the phasing out of the double

## **DOUBLE CRITERIA - TODO FUTURE WORKSHOP**



Find additional employees for Strategy Team Doubles

Find number of sled manufacturers analogue to single (prototypes and interest in series production)

Build sleds: Prototypes, further developments, final version for IRO changes ready 31.3.2026 analogous to the criteria single

Test team double 2025/26 for IRO changes 2026: Extensive testing of sleds and race formats as well as track conditions (preparation)

Organize additional budget (sleds, test team, etc.)

Concept for new formats is analogous to the single (e.g. slalom without training - reschedule? different slope? etc.)

Roadmap remains: we are creating singles and doubles at the same time

# **DOUBLE CRITERIA - TODO CLUBS, FEDERATIONS, COMMISSION**



AUT, ITA, GER, SVK provide 2 doubles at all WC and JWC from 2025/26 or the number of doubles = number of men's singles/2 (rounded down) but at least 1 double

AUT, ITA, GER, SVK provide first women's doubles in the 2025/26 season (racing not mandatory but possible)

Doubles in races removed from the supporting program will take place from the 2025/26 season:

- TV broadcast of the doubles competition
- 2 training runs and 2 scoring runs (unless weather conditions prevent single-seater <u>and</u> doubles)

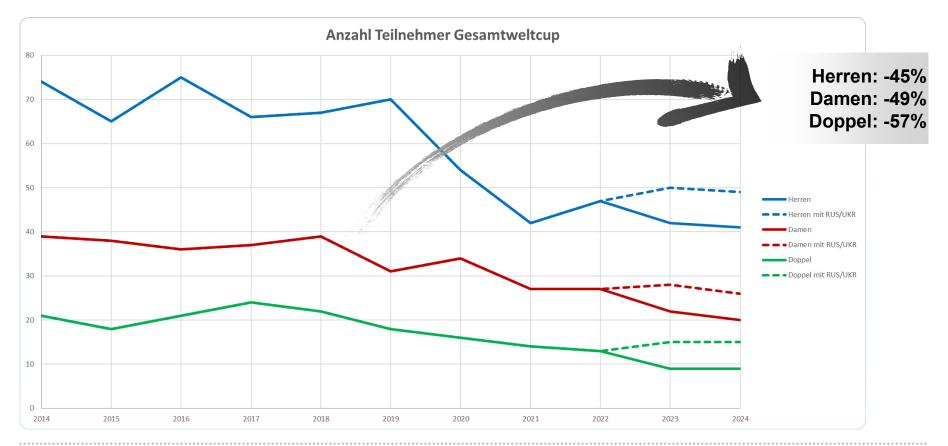
Fairly equalize prize money per athlete (doubles/singles) - Decision March 2026 - Application from 2026/27 By reducing the individual or organizer subsidy

Inclusion in team competition from World Cup 2027

Establish doubles as an equal discipline and make a clear commitment to doubles

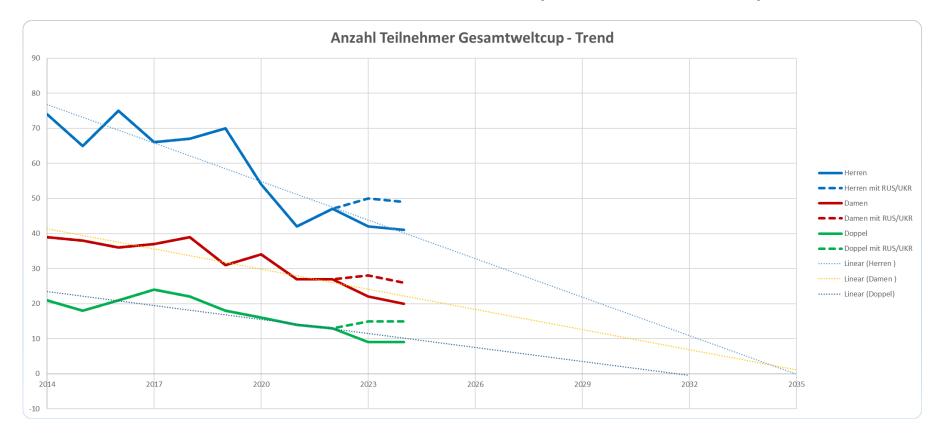
- Do not leave out when the tracks becomes soft
- Shorten runs due to time constraints
- if Olympic then also doubles

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# MATHEMATISCH ERRECHNETE TRENDLINE (EXCEL-FUNKTION)



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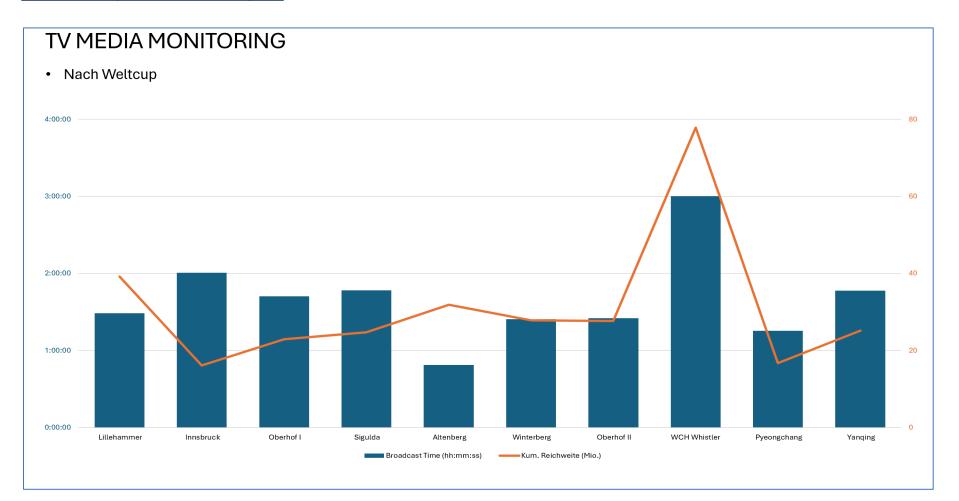
# <u>Agenda</u>

- 1. TV and Sponsor Analysis
- 2. Current situation regarding contracts
- 3. Strategie FIL Alpin Luge
- 4. Corporate design / FIL-Logos
- 3. Website
- 4. Streaming
- 5. TV-Production





# TV and Sponsor Analysis



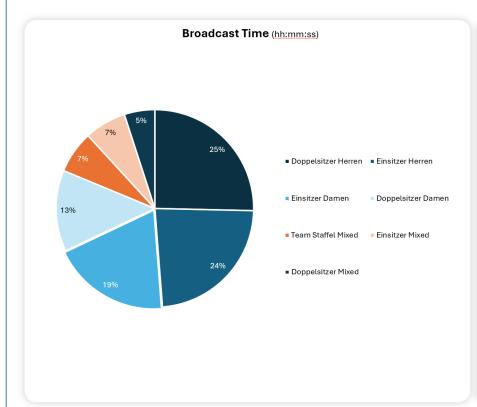


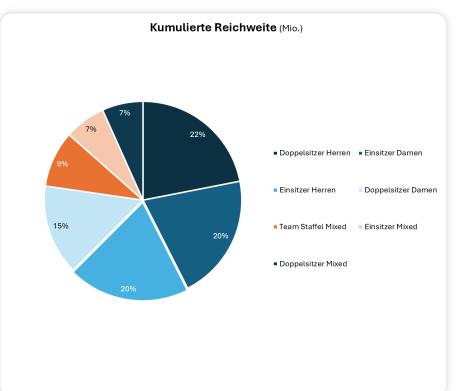


# TV and Sponsor Analysis

# TV MEDIA MONITORING

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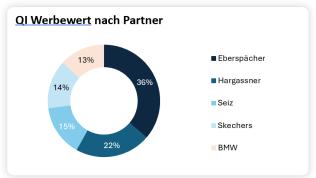


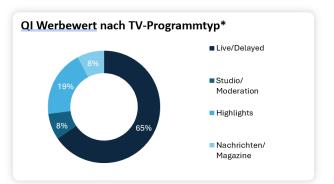
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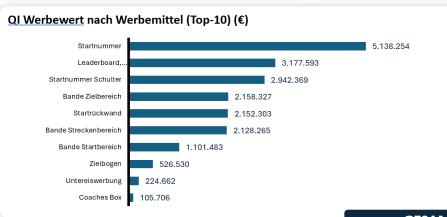
# TV SPONSORENANALYSE

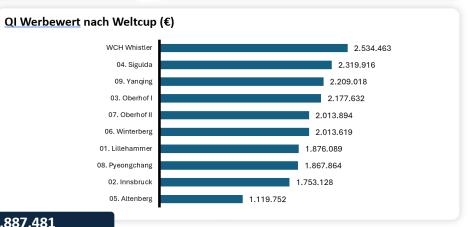
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**Eberspächer** 



# TV and Sponsor Analysis

# TV SPONSORENANALYSE

• Überblick Eberspächer

Top-5 Tools <u>nach</u> QI <u>Werbewert</u>	Sichtbarkeit (hh:mm:ss)	Sponsoring- kontakte (M)	100% <u>Werbewert</u> (€)	QI <u>Werbewert</u> (€)
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Bande Streckenbereich	11:11:00	290,77	3.686.300	853.705
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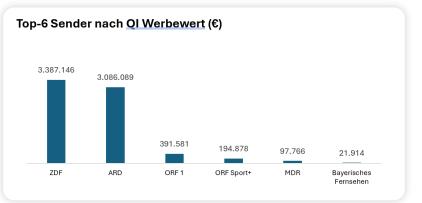
28.270.209€ 100% Werbewert



**7.217.188€** Ol Werbewert









# **Current Situation regarding contracts**

FIL Sponsoring Overview 2025

Partner	Amount/Value	Benefit in material	Laufzeit	Rights (extension)	to	Share of total sponsoring volume	Coments
Eberspächer			E. of. Season 25/26	first meeting	End of Sept.	42,95%	RGS
Hargassner			E. of. Season 25/26	first meeting	End of Sept.	0,00%	RGS
BMW			E. of. Season 25/26	first meeting	End of Sept.	22,82%	BMW will move out after season 2026
Skechers			E. of. Season 25/26	first meeting	End of Sept.	0,00%	Based on contract extension Infront
SportA			E. of. Season 26/27	first meeting	End of Sept.	26,51%	
Uvex		150.000,00 €	E. of. S 2029/2030			1,01%	Helmet manufactuer
Техро		150.000,00 €	E. of. Season 25/26			10,07%	No payments, about risk of insolvency
SEIZ		30.000,00 €	E. of. Season 25/26			1,68%	Gloves and hats
Chyron		40.000,00 €	E. of. Season 25/26			0,00%	TV grafic
DHL							Logistic
Netto	1.490.000,00 €	220.000,00€	1.710.000,00 €				

We will start with first meetings and all future negotiations together with our agency The RiA





# FIL marketing strategy Alpine luge

# 1. Alpin Luge

- Alpine Luge is a campaign that will spread our sport worldwide under the new name.
- We will implement the new name of our Sport "Alpine Luge" in this congress
- We create in the moment a separate World Cup Logo for Alpine Luge
- We work together with the agency "facts", to bring the concept for alpine Luge to the ski resorts and touristic regions
- At the end of the day, we want to generate income with a finished concept with homologated tracks, with our sports equipment and with detailed concepts for cable car operators as a return of investment

FIL Logo corporate design Redesign in the works together with infront







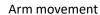






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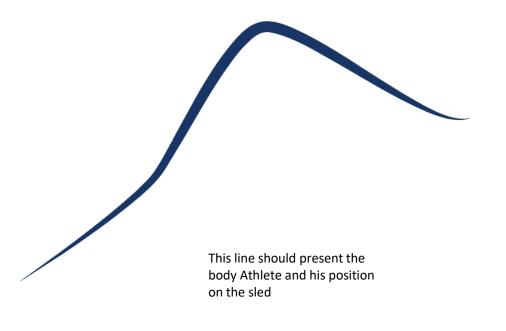




Circle – symbolizes the Earth
Open Circle – stands for grassroots sports and openness



Symbolizing the athlete's head







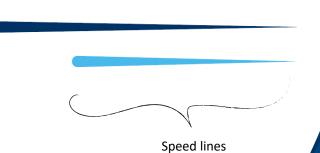
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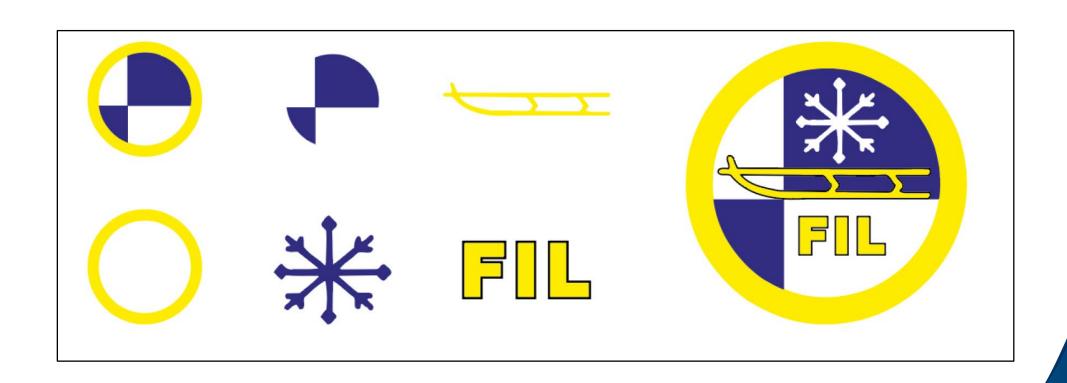




Both logos reflects the same design language, but they stands also as a separate brand.



FIL Logo corporate design Redesign in the works together with infront









































# FIL-Website

The FIL website has to be relaunched

It should be compatible with our software DokuMe and with the design of our new Logos.

The most clicked sections are search athletes and search results This sections should be clearly visible

The rebuild of the website is very expensive. It will probably not be implemented until after the Olympic Games





# **Streaming**

The current streaming offer is not well frequented. Problem: Geo-blocking in the most interested countries in our sport (Germany, Austria).

The better way could be for us to produce country-specific highlight shows. In best case we could sell this productions to the different countries out of our contract with SportA

Eurosport could be a good backup solution to reach more audience. At the moment we are in connection with Eurosport to explore the framework for a new contract.

All other media like YouTube, Instagram, Facebook have grown last season again, but there is a separate report in congress with Margit.





# **TV Production**

- Last winter we started with a new TV production
- The production team around Vera Bichler was supported by a fixed core team of 4 people (first cameraman, floor manager, image mixer, EVS operator)
- This 5 people were on all venues and productions and organized a stable production standard for our races
- Our tv-pictures made with this development another big step forward
- Thanks at this point for the good work from Vera and her team!





# THE CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE ARE GREAT. LET'S GET TO WORK!

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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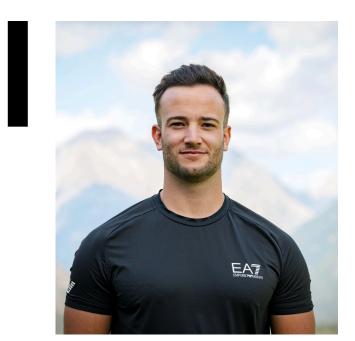
**THOMAS SCHWAB** 



# Athletes' Commission Strategy

# Meet the Commission





**Chair** Leon Felderer



Technical (AT)
Anna Berreiter



Sport (AT)
Summer Britcher



Natural Track Stefan Federer



Natural Track
Daniela
Mittermair

# What We Do?



# Represent the Athlete Voice

We represent the concerns and interests of luge athletes within the FIL, and in dialogue with the IOC, WADA, ITA, and beyond.

# Advocate for Athlete Welfare

We advocate for athlete well-being, fairness, and long-term development—both on and off the track.

# Bridge Athletes and Leadership

We connect athletes with decision-makers, resources, and opportunities that shape the future of our sport.



# 2026 Strategy

# Vision & Mission & Mission



# **Mission Statement**

To represent and advocate for luge athletes within the FIL by improving communication, enhancing welfare, supporting personal development, and promoting a transparent, inclusive sporting culture.

# **Vision Statement**

To empower luge athletes across all nations by ensuring their voices are heard, their rights are protected, and they are supported both on and off the track.

# Our Values



# Integrity

We act with honesty, fairness, and transparency.

# **Trust**

We foster confidence by being consistent, accountable, and athlete-driven.

# **Openness**

We listen actively and are accessible to all athletes.

# **Innovation**

We explore new ideas to improve our sport and community.

# Support

We prioritize well-being, safety, and long-term growth.

# Respect

We value diversity, equality, and collaboration across all levels of sport.

## Strategic Objectives



#

"Enhance athlete communication and representation"

#2

"Promote athlete education and dual careers"

#3

"Increase access to financial and structural support"

#4

"Equip athletes with tools for personal and professional growth"

#5

"Foster integrity, sustainability, and innovation within the sport"



## Objective #1 Amplify

Empowering athlete voices and enhancing feedback systems



Action Point	Performance Measure	Status	
Establish an effective way of communication	Launch Whatsapp Community	✓ Completed ~	
Inform the WhatsApp Community with regular updates	≥75% of athletes report feeling informed (end of season survey)	▼ Planned ~	
Conduct athlete polls to gather opinions	≥2 athlete polls conducted annually	✓ Completed ~	
Possibility to express concerns in Person	Hold one in-person athlete meeting per season	✓ Completed ~	
Launch anonymous digital contact platform	Anonymous platform active and accessible by Q4 2025	Planned ~	
Submit feedback report to FIL Board	Formal athlete feedback report submitted to the FIL Board annually	▼ Planned ~	

## Objective #2 Elevate

Lifting athletes through academic and career opportunities



Action Point	Performance Measure	Status	
Promote a list of flexible academic programs	Education resource shared and promoted by Q2 2026	Planned ~	
Promote IOC/NOC education tools and scholarships via AC channels			
Identify and publish dual-career case studies from current athletes	≥3 success stories published	✓ Completed ~	

## Objective #3 Unlock

Opening doors to funding, representation, and support



Action Point	Performance Measure	Status	
Identify athletes whose NFs lack NOC access	≥2 athlete–NOC introductions facilitated by Q4 2025	In progress ~	
Help athletes contact their NOCs and bridge communication gaps	≥2 successful connections reported		
Publish a guidance note to help athletes navigate funding processes	Guidance document distributed to ≥10 athletes	▼ Planned →	
Collaborate with FIL to streamline support mechanisms	≥1 administrative process improved/documented	▼ Planned ~	

## Objective #4 Thrive

Equipping athletes to grow, lead, and succeed beyond sport



Action Point	Performance Measure	Status	
Build and distribute Athlete Sponsorship Toolkit	Toolkit delivered to athletes by Q4 2025		
Secure 1–2 exclusive sponsor offers or discounts for athletes	≥2 sponsor benefits confirmed and announced ☐ Planned ✓		
Hold Social Media/branding for athletes webinars	≥1 dedicated session held	▼ Planned ~	

# Objective #5 Integrity

Promoting fairness, innovation, and ethical excellence



Action Point	Performance Measure	Status
Promote awareness of the new whistleblower system	≥50% increase in system awareness (based on athlete feedback/survey)	▼ Planned ~
Document and promote innovative ideas (race formats, TV graphics, etc.)	≥1 concept tested or piloted by 2026	✓ Completed ~



# Thank You!





#### **OVERVIEW (Last 12 months\*)**

- 6 million total views on Facebook
- 4,9 million total views on Instagram
- 1k tweets and 3,1k followers on X
- +2,5k subscribers on YouTube
- 108k new viewers on Tik Tok

<sup>\*</sup>Status as of 8 March 2025





Beiträge Info Reels Fotos Videos

Intro Welcome on the official Facebook Page of the International Luge Federation. For Athletes, Fam & Fans Seite · Sportliga Nonntal 10, Berchtesgaden, Germany **6** 08652 975770 press@fil-luge.org (il\_luge https://weibo.com/filluge

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International Women's Day 2025: A Historic Step for Women's

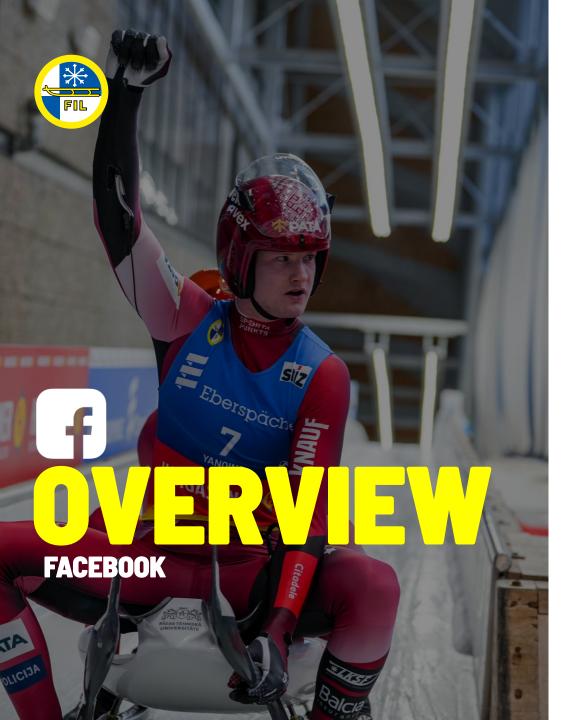
On March 8, we celebrate International Women's Day under the motto: "For ALL women and girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment."

Match the best moments from the Women's Doubles World Cup Final 2025 in Yanqing, China! A thrilling showcase of speed, skill, and determination - proof that women's luge is ready to make history at Milan-Cortina 2026! 🤌 👌

The introduction of women's doubles luge at the upcoming Wi... Mehr anzeigen







#### **NEW FOLLOWERS (Last 12 months\*)**

**15.487** ↑ 1.100,5 %



<sup>\*</sup>Status as of 8 March 2025



## TOTAL REACH OF ALL POSTINGS (Last 12 Monaths\*)

12,5 Mio. ↑ 262 %

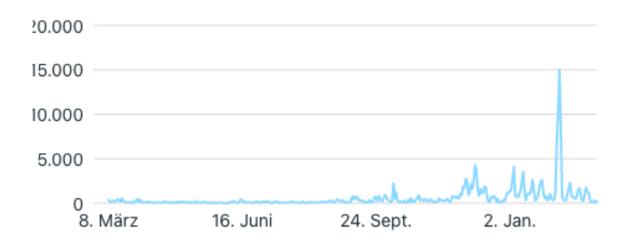


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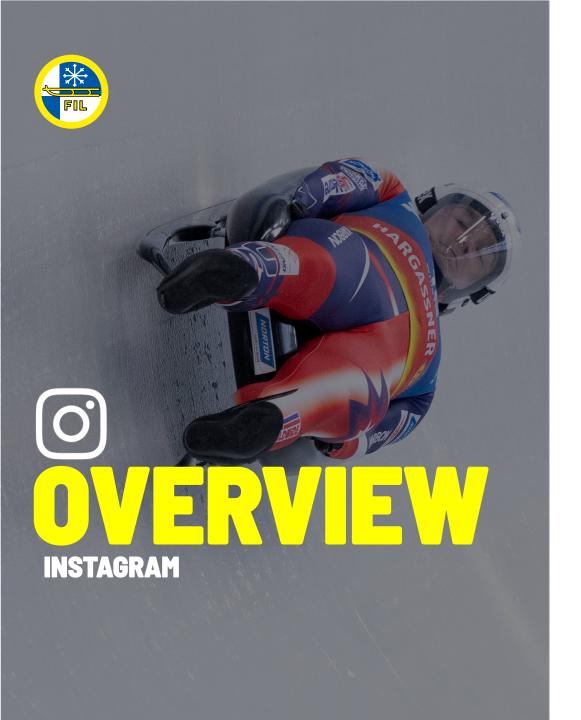


#### **TOTAL INTERACTIONS (Last 12 months\*)**

204.499 1 87,5 %



<sup>\*</sup>Status as of 8 March 2025





Gefolgt ∨

Nachricht senden



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3.266 Beiträge

10.000 Follower

5.748 Gefolgt

#### FIL Luge



Sportliga

OFFICIAL account of International #FILuge Federation! #LugeLove 
Heart, follow, regram! Watch our races LIVE on... mehr
Nonntal 10, Berchtesgaden 83471

svuc, flo\_gr\_ + 2 weitere Personen sind Follower





Olympics





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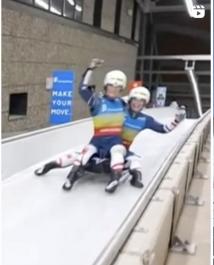
Athletes

World Cup 2...

**⊞ BEITRÄGE** 

REELS



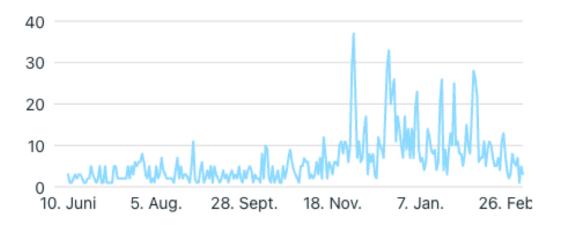






#### **NEW FOLLOWERs (Last 12 months\*)**

#### 1.683

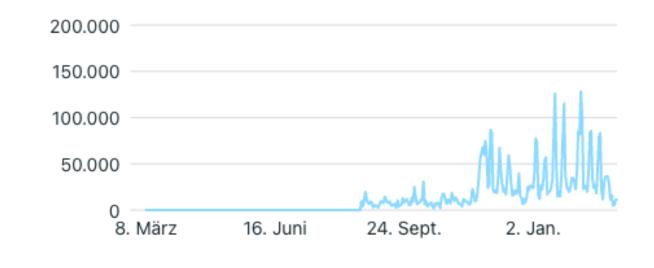


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#### TOTAL VIEWS (Last 12 months\*)

4,9 Mio.

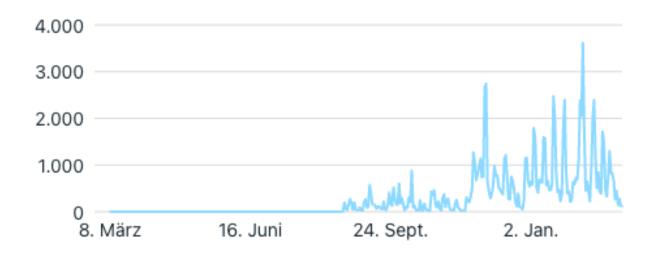


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#### **TOTAL INTERACTIONS (Last 12 months\*)**

105.038 100%



<sup>\*</sup>Status as of 8 March 2025





3,024 Following 3,128 Followers

Replies Highlights Articles Media Likes Posts



FIL Luge @FIL\_Luge · Mar 16 Today we had the Nordic Cup competition in bobsleigh, luge and skeleton. We also had Norwegian Championship and Swedish Championship. Happy participants in another fantastic day here at Nordic Cup in Lillehammer! #LugeLove

Complete results at swesports.org/nordiccup



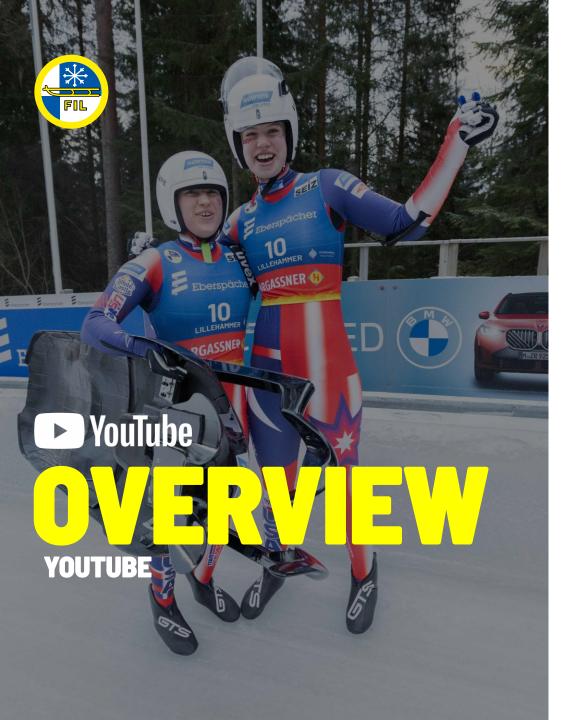




#### **OVERVIEW (Last 12 months\*)**

- Number of Tweets: about 1000 on FIL-Channel
- Stagnating number of follower
- There was no increase in the numbers of follwers or reach
- No more statistics without payment
- Prices for Verification and for Premium Subscription increased extremely
- There was a loss of users and customers.
   Some of our followers, especially media and institutions have left the platform X
- Not sure about the future of X. IOC and the other Winter IFs are still on X









#### **FIL Luge**

@FILLuge\_Channel · 8210 Abonnenten · 687 Videos EBERSPÄCHER LUGE WORLD CUP 2024 / 2025 ...mehr

fil-luge.org/en/home und 3 weitere Links

Live

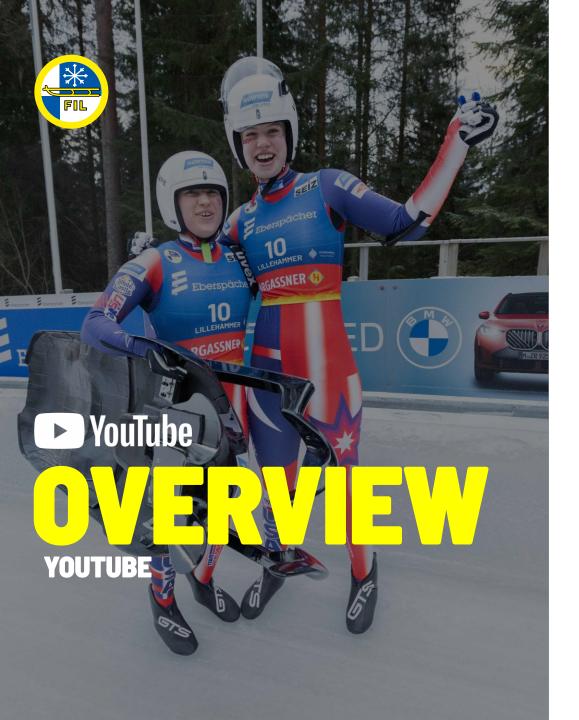
Playlists Beiträge Q



2024 /25 Season Teaser Clip

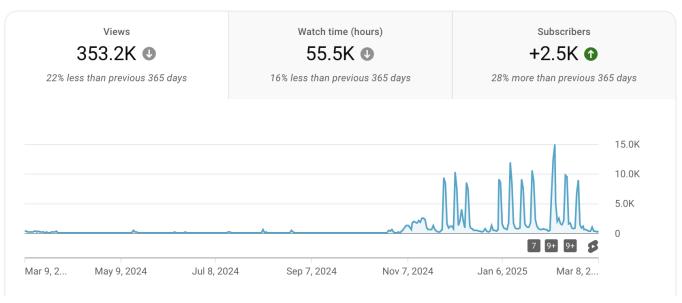
3.300 Aufrufe • vor 3 Monaten

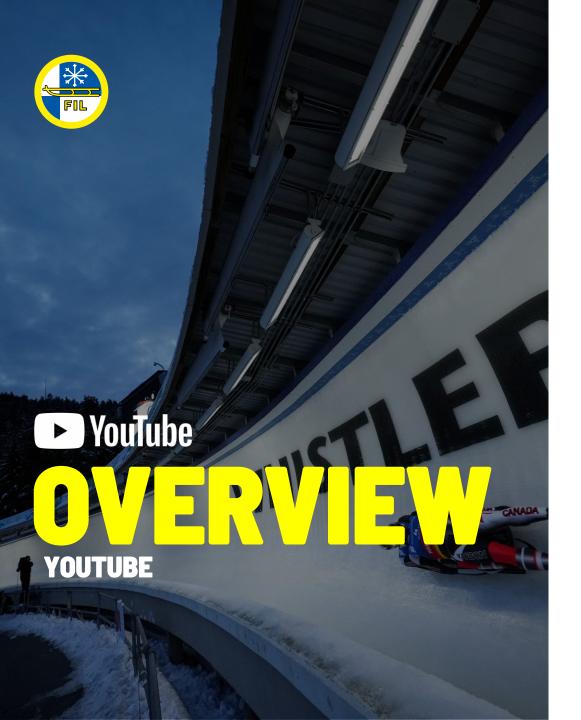
This is the EBERSPÄCHER Luge World Cup... The fastest Sport on Ice 😃 🧀



#### **OVERVIEW (Last 12 months\*)**

#### Your channel got 353,212 views in the last 365 days

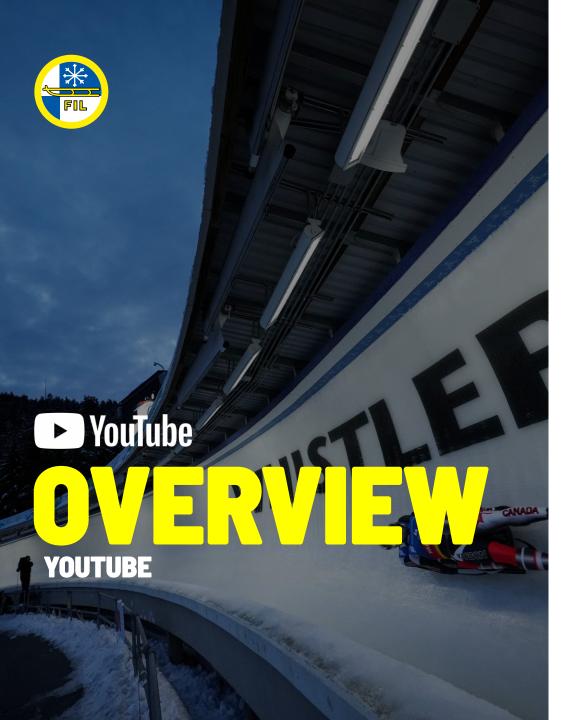




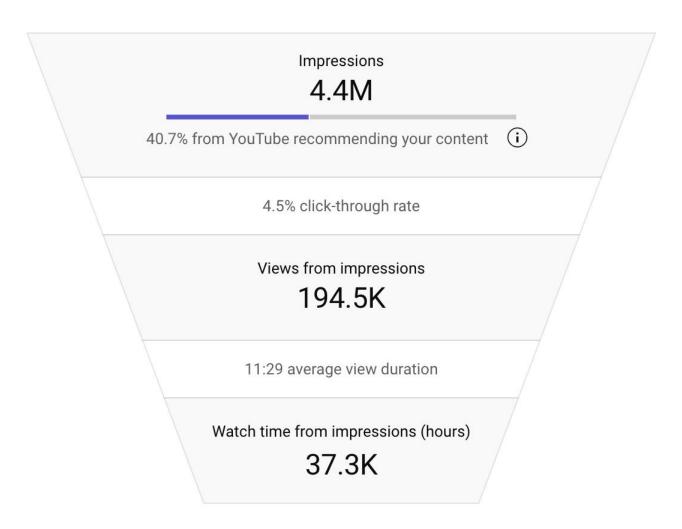
#### VIEWS (Last 12 months\*)



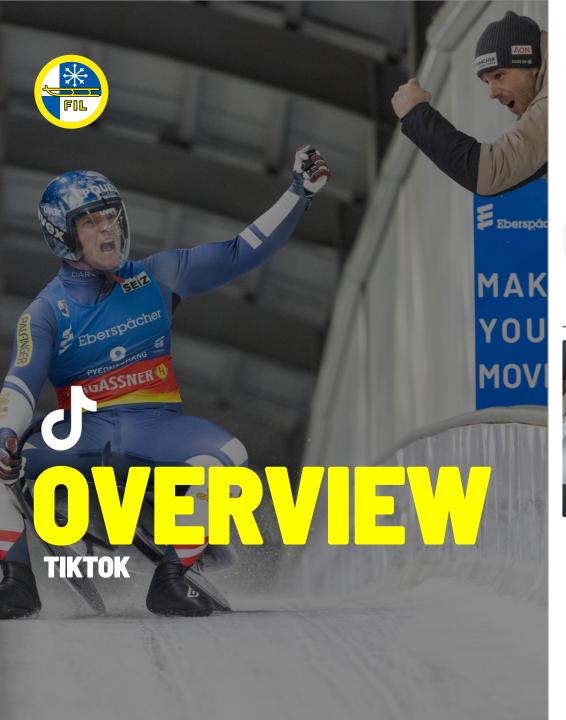
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## IMPRESSIONS AND HOW THEY LED TO WATCH TIME (LAST 12 MONTHS\*)



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#### filluge FIL Luge

Folge ich

Nachricht & ...

4157 Folge ich 3943 Follower 74.6K Likes

Welcome on the official TikTok account of the International Luge Federation.

ெ www.FIL-Luge.org

III Videos

11 Erneute Veröffentlichungen

Gefällt

Aktuelles Beliebt Älteste

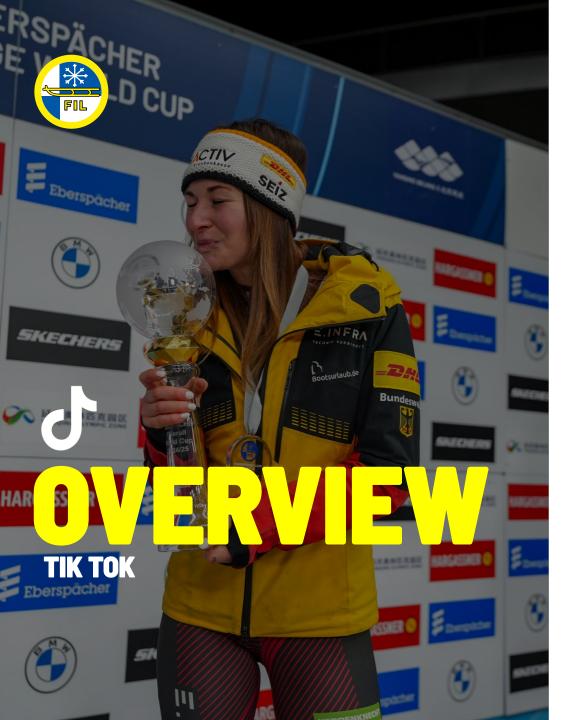












#### **VIEWERSHIP (LAST 12 MONTHS\*)**

**Key metrics** ①

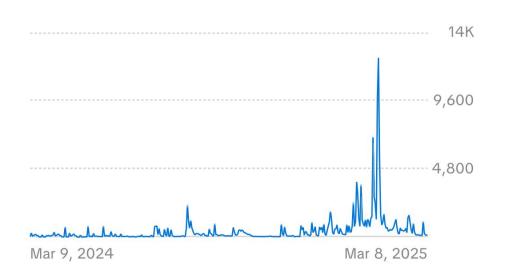
Mar 9, 2024 - Mar 8, 2025

**Total viewers** 

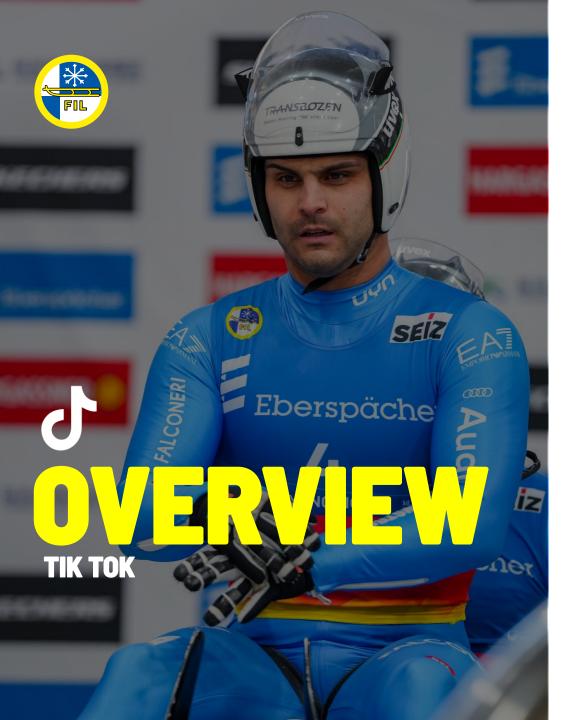
154K

**New viewers** 

108K



<sup>\*</sup>Status as of 8 March 2025



#### **FOLLOWERS (LAST 12 MONTHS\*)**

#### **Key metrics** ①

Mar 9, 2024 - Mar 8, 2025

**Total followers** 

3,943

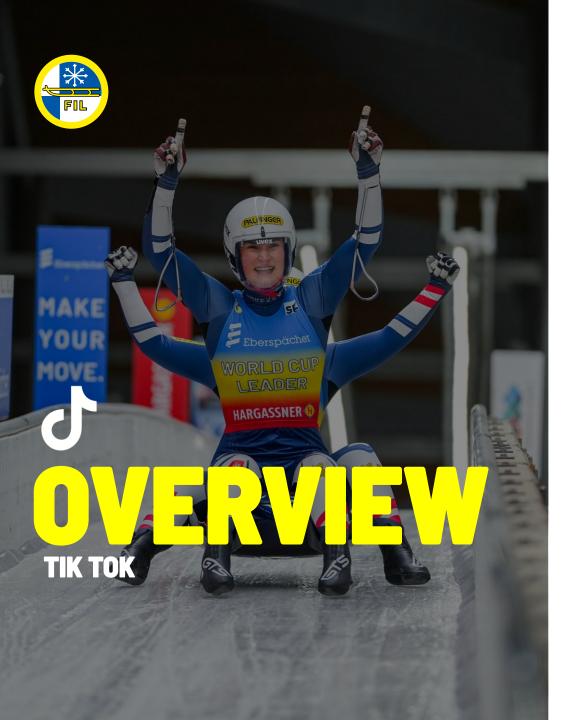
All time

**Net followers** 

372



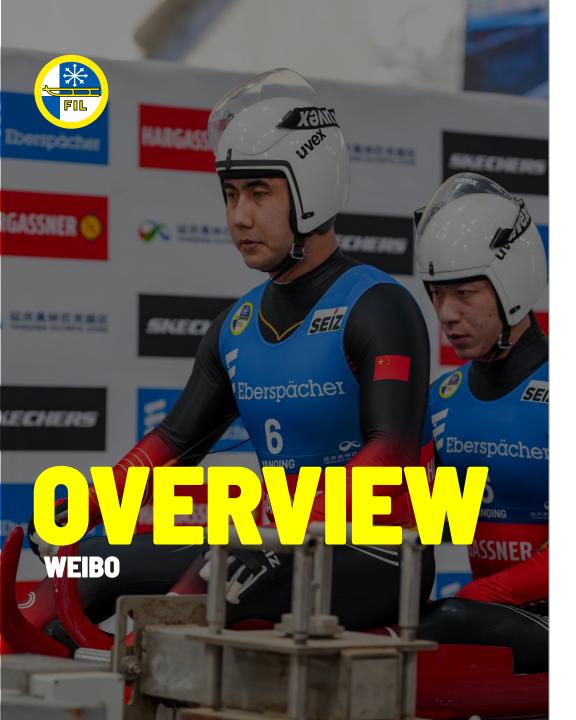
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#### TRAFFIC SOURCE (LAST 12 MONTHS\*)

For You	65.4%
Personal profile	21.1%
Search	11.4%
Following	2.1%
Sound	0.0%

<sup>\*</sup>Status as of 8 March 2025



#### **WEIBO (China) Activation February 2025**







**FOLLOWERS** 

51,530

19,179 new follower increase since 10.02.2025

**POST DIRECT VIEWS** 

293,177

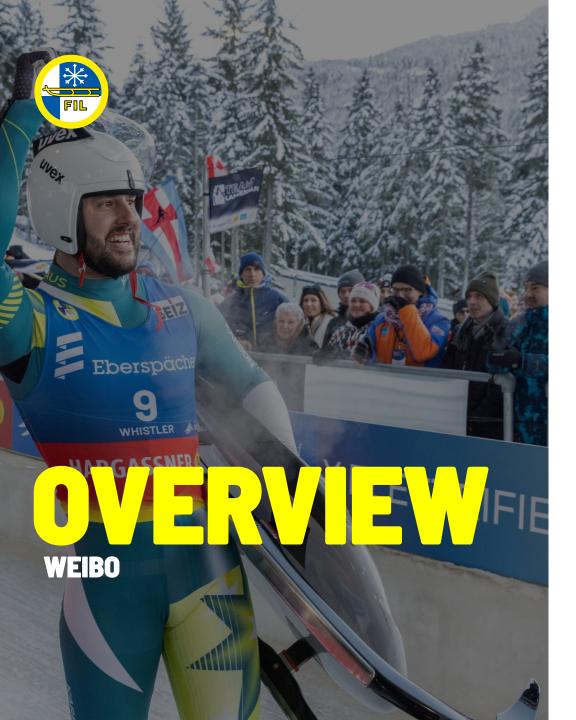
202% increase compared to 22.01.2025-09.02.2025

**ENGAGEMENT** 

611

745% increase compared to 22.01.2025-09.02.2025

Engagement: 336 Likes, 45 Shares, 195 Comments in February 2025



#### **WEIBO (China) Activation February 2025**







**POSTS** 

**VIDEOS** 

**CALLS-TO-ACTION** 

104

Total number of posts during this activation,

181% increase compared to 22.01.2025-09.02.2025

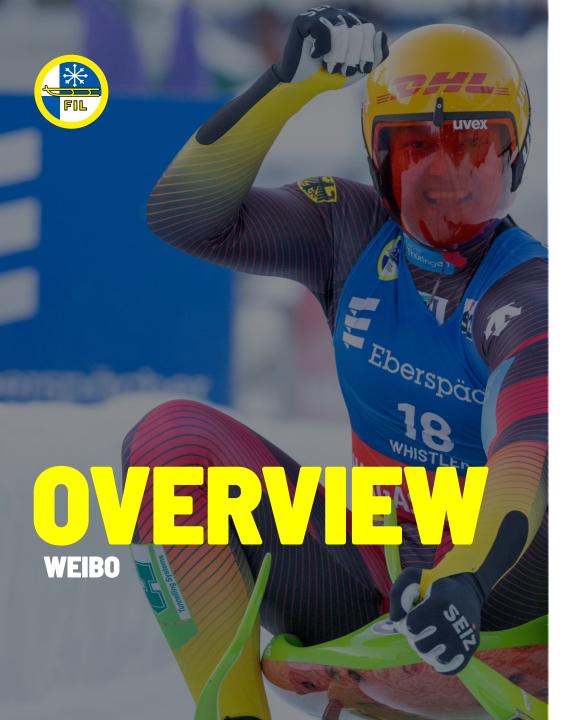
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We posted 38 videos, 10 thereof with professional subtitle, with 8,904 original video views,

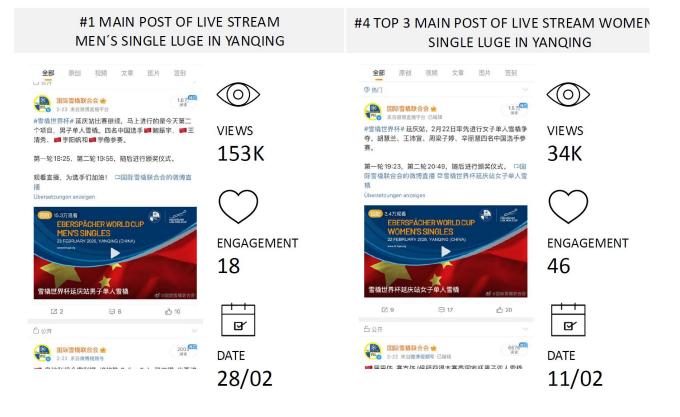
2,709% increase compared to 22.01.2025-09.02.2025

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We ran 2calls-to-action campaigns during Pyeongchang and Yanqing World Cup with a series of questions like "Which Country will win the most medals?"

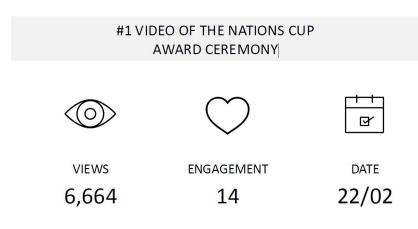


#### **WEIBO Top Livestreams**





#### **WEIBO Top Video**



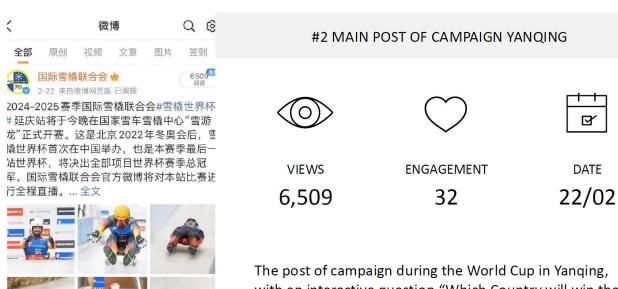
The video of the Nations Cup Award Ceremony we shoot on-site is one of the top posts in this period, which is among the top video post as well, with 641 full-length video views.



Engagement: 8 Likes, 4 Shares



#### **WEIBO Top Posts**



The post of campaign during the World Cup in Yanqing, with an interactive question "Which Country will win the most number of medals?" is the second top post during this period, with with the most number of engagement. One of the fans from the right answers ware awarded with small gifts.

Engagement: 14 Likes, 8 Comments and 10 Shares



#### **WEIBO Live Performance Overview**







LIVE STREAM POSTS

**DIRECT LIVE VIEWS** 

**ENGAGEMENT** 

11

272,684

162

Total number of live posts during this activation

Total number of live views during activation weeks

Total number of engagements during this activation

Engagement: 96 Likes, 45 Comments and 21 Shares



#### **WEIBO Live Performance**

DATE	EVENT	POST VIEWS	LIVE VIEWS	ENGAGEMENT
15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Men's & Women's Double Run 1	29,000	12,000	21
	Men's & Women's Double Run 2	2,481	623	8
	Men's Singles	2,724	1,198	6
16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Women's Singles	5,010	2,617	15
	Mixed Doubles	1,556	1,002	2
	Mixed Singles	2,587	1,515	7
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Women's Singles	15,802	34,000	45
	Women's Doubles	30,000	11,000	10
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Men's Doubles	3,547	53,000	17
	Men's Singles*	16,000	154,000	18
	Team Relay	2,068	1,729	13

<sup>\*</sup>Sina Sports Account (24.830.000 Followers) reposted the live post of Men's Singles at Feb 23.





### **TWO CONCEPTS**





To activate the World Luge Day 2026 we want to create a social activation that creates buzz and integrates you as the NFs, your athletes from natural and artificial track as well as the tourism industry, luge tracks, destinations in order to drive attention for luge in general and reach a worldwide audience.

To do so we created two concepts with a clear motto, activation ideas and a pr-stunt.







# THE IDEA SLIDING INTO THE WEEKEND

At the "World Luge Day" 2026 on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> we want to get everyone excited for luging, by using our network of athletes, national federations, manufactures, tourism providers and venues.

To do so we twist the online term "sliding into the weekend" – which is normally used to explain that you are anticipating or looking forward to the weekend break after a week of work – we take it quite literally as we are actually sliding on a sled into the weekend.

Therefore, we create fun and entertaining content-pieces that show the people, the fun, excitement and adventure of luging and invite them to take part in their own sledding-experience or sliding fun — all summed up under the Hashtag:

#SlidingIntoTheWeekend #WorldLugeDay





### CONTENT IDEA SLIDING INTO THE WEEKEND

To activate our partners and create content on the FIL channel we create fun "Sliding into the weekend"-clips. In which everyone can show how he likes to luge, to sled or event to "slide" – backwards down the hill, on an old wooden sled, together with all kids, in a crazy costume, in the luge track, on the ski slope, on a fun park, or on a big hill, a slope, the hill behind the house or wherever there is enough snow or even a sliding opportunity.

Each partner is free to create his own fun and entertaining video, showing how he or she likes to slide into the weekend.

Each of the videos can also be used to link it to special events. E.G.: You want to slide into the weekend, visit Rennrodelclub Zella-Mehlis on World Luge Day 2026 or visit USA Luge on Instagram and take part in our test drives at the luge track in.... e.g. Altenberg or at the start ramp in Lake Placid or at the Ski Slopes in the Utah Olympic Park, ect.





### CONTENT IDEA SLEDDING INTO DM'S

Before World Luge Day the international luge stars and the FIL will "sled" into the DMS of their followers. Using short luge videos of the current World Cup or their own runs and a short message to invite and encourage everyone to take part in World Luge Day 2026.

#### Exemplary message:

"Hey, I just sled into your message to tell you: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> is World Luge Day. Time to sled into the weekend. So, take your sled and go for it....

or take part in our test drives all over Europe – take a look at <a href="https://www.fil-luge.org">https://www.fil-luge.org</a> to find a test drive or venue close to you."

For this: Please inform us about your activities on the World Luge Day Weekend – so we can also promote your events!





# THE IDEA A LUGE CHALLENGE

For the World Luge Day on 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2026 we want to excite people and get them into going to luge – with the help of the FIL partners, sport stars, venues, tracks, national federations, manufactures and tourism providers.

To do so we make the day all about taking a "huge" challenge or how we call it: a luge challenge.

With the help of the FIL network, we will create different challenges that either amaze people or challenge them to take part in something they have never tried.

So the weekend of the World Luge Day 2026 becomes the perfect time to take your:

#LugeChallenge #WorldLugeDay





# ACTIVATION IDEA PARTNER CHALLENGE

Each partner will create an own challenge that is connected to their offer on World Luge Day 2026. Here are some examples how this could work.

#### Tourism provider

A local tourism provider creates an own sled track on a slope – with a slalom like for the Alpine Luge competitions or a Luge Parc with little jumps or fun obstacles, a kid's luge park or whatever. In a short video they promote it and challenge everyone to try it themselves in a #LugeChallenge on #WorldLugeDay.

#### Venues

A venue (e.g. Igls or Winterberg) opens his luge track for tourists – like they mostly do – and offer a test ride in a little ice raft, on a sled or something else for a special price on World Luge Day. They share a video of someone riding it and challenge their followers to take the #LugeChallenge on #WorldLugeDay.





# ACTIVATION IDEA PRO CHALLENGE

In Social videos we make use of the pros and stars from the FIL World Cup. In each video two of them challenge each other for a special #LugeChallenge.

Here are some examples for challenges.

#### Fast start

Two athletes challenge each other for a start challenge. Who will start faster and beat the other one.

#### Know the track

We show two stars the course of the different venues – without the name or anything else. Who knows the tracks best, answers faster and earns the most points in the end?

#### Star check

Who knows the biggest stars in the world of luge – from past and present? We challenge two athletes and give them hints like birthdate, nationality, world cup wins, Olympic medals. Who answers first, gets a point. Who has more points in the end, wins the challenge.





#WorldLugeDay!



### **IRO Urgent Motion 2025**

Applicant:	<b>§:</b> all	Motion No.: 5
Commission Natural Track and Public Sledding /		
Executive Board	☐ Artificial Tr	ack ⊠ Natural Track

#### **Old Text:**

Natural track, natural track and public sledding

#### **New Text:**

Alpine sled and Alpine luge

#### Reason:

The "road map" adopted by the commission at the suggestion of the "Natural Track & Public Sledding Future Workshop" working group envisages the renaming of the World Cup as follows for the 2025/2026 season

- FIL Alpine Luge World Cup / FIL Alpine Rodel Weltcup
- FIL Alpine Luge Junior World Cup / FIL Alpin Rodel Junioren Weltcup

To do this, we also need to change the name in the IRO. The wording Naturbahn and Naturbahn & Breitensport should be changed to Alpine Luge in the IRO.



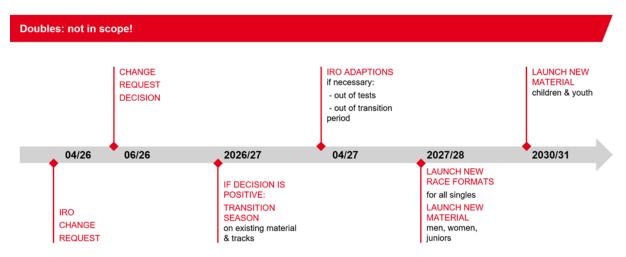
### **IRO Urgent Motion 2025**

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#### **Proposal Road Map Alpine Luge**

Transition phase

ROADMAP - PROPOSAL NEW MATERIAL (SLEDS) & NEW RACE FORMATS



In order to continue the work in a targeted manner, a road map for the introduction of the new Alpine Luge has been drawn up:

- New name from the 2025/26 season: Alpine Luge World Cup with corresponding IRO change
- Statute change from "Natural Track & Public Sledding" to "Alpine Luge"
- Commission meeting in 2026: major IRO changes, regulation of equipment, and new race formats in the IRO
- 2026/2027 transition year (preparation year for luge manufacturers and nations)
- IRO adjustments at the 2027 commission meeting
- No sled or race formats will be developed for the doubles, with an end date planned for 2027
- 2027/28 introduction of new sled and race formats
- 2030/31 season Introduction of new luge and formats for youth

The road map was unanimously approved by the commission and now requires the approval of the executive board and congress.