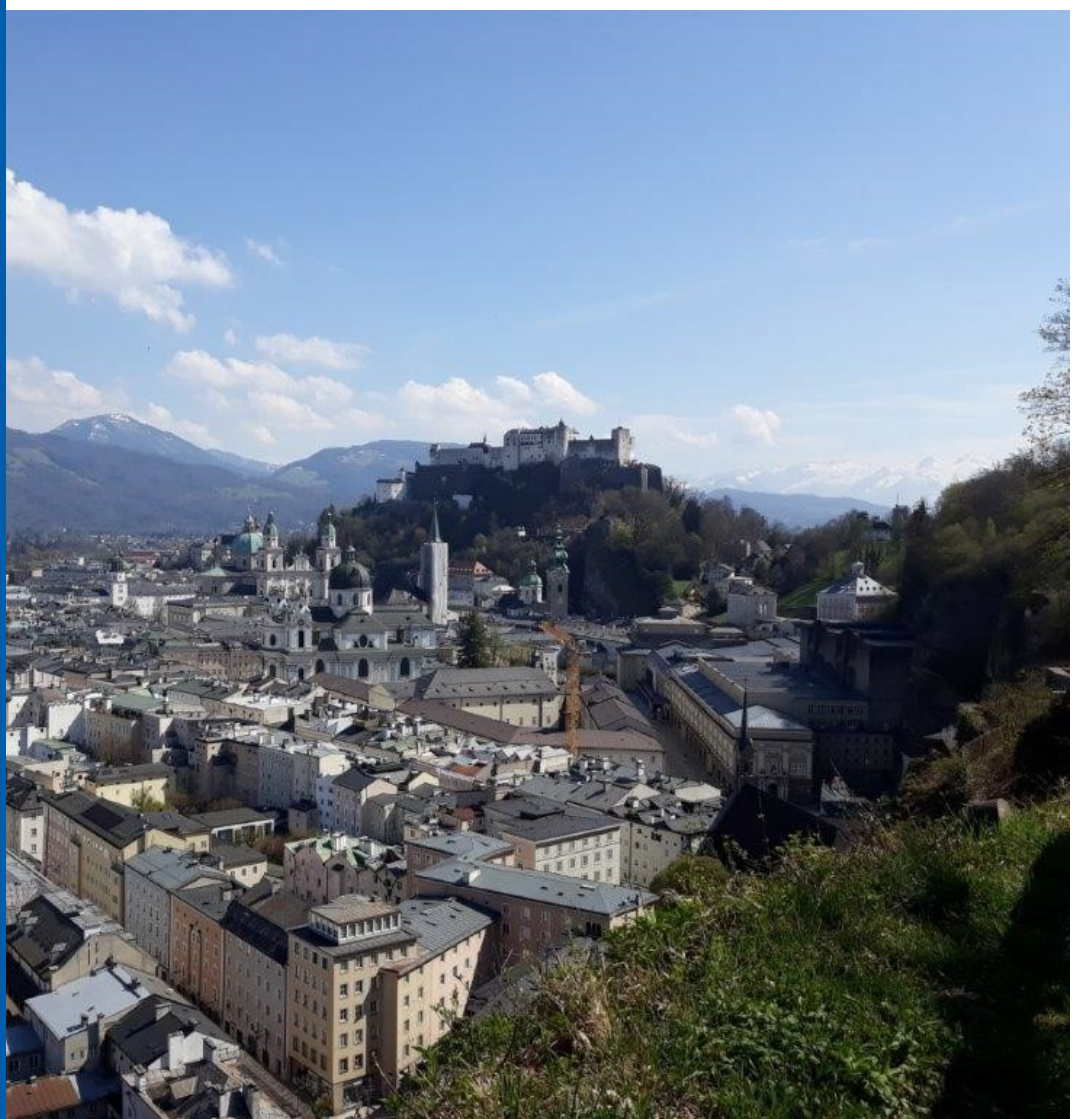


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### 69<sup>th</sup> FIL Congress Salzburg, AUT

<b>Beginning:</b>	<b>Friday, September 24, 2021</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
1. Opening and Welcome		E. Fogelis
2. Roll call and right to vote		D. Bell
3. Approval of minutes from the last Congress		D. Bell
4. Awards		E. Fogelis / D. Bell
5. Admission of new members		E. Fogelis
6. Reports from members of the Executive Board		
6.1 President ( <i>will be presented</i> )		E. Fogelis
6.2 Secretary General ( <i>will be presented</i> )		D. Bell
All other reports are included in the dossier		
7. Discussion on the reports		
8. Preliminary discussion on motions		E. Fogelis / D. Bell
( <i>Immediate vote on motions that do not require a long discussion</i> )		
8.1 Motions to the Statutes		
8.2 General motions		
9. Financial Matters		H. Steyrer
9.1 Annual Statement of Accounts (April 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021)		
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10. Report of the Control Commission and release of the Executive Board		G. Beck
11. Determination of membership fees		H. Steyrer





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# **68. FIL-KONGRESS**

Großgmain / AUT  
20. November 2020

# **68<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS OF THE FIL**

Großgmain / AUT  
November 20, 2020

**Protokoll / *Minutes***

Erstellt und übersetzt durch das FIL-Büro in Berchtesgaden, Deutschland.  
*Prepared and translated by the FIL Office in Berchtesgaden, Germany.*

**Friday, November 20, 2020**

**8:00 am**

**1. Opening and greeting**

**FIL President Josef Fendt warmly welcomes** the Congress participants and officially opens the **68th FIL Congress 2020**, for the first time in the form of an online Congress. He regrets not being able to welcome the delegates in person. Due to the Covid-19 situation, the Congress will take place in Großgmain/AUT instead of Berchtesgaden/GER.

He informs the Congress that an Executive Board meeting already took place yesterday and points out that the Congress will not take place in its original scope of 2 days but rather needs to be held in one day (also due to the COVID-19 pandemic).

He addresses special greetings to the **two FIL Honorary Members Hartmut Kardaetz and Svein Romstad**, to **Kit McConnel, Irina Gladkikh, Kristin Brynildsen and Andrew Hofer** from the IOC Sports Department, to the newly elected and re-elected Presidents and Secretaries General of the National Federations, to the representatives of the agencies Infront, Stefan Kraus and RGS, Rudi Größwang, as well as to all those who will join the Congress via livestream on the FIL website.

The **LUMI** company introduces their team to the Congress and explains the voting system, as well as all technical procedures during the Congress.  
A mock vote is conducted.

**J. Fendt** thanks the company LUMI and gives the floor to **Dr. Ch. Krähe. Dr. Ch. Krähe, Chairman of the Legal Committee**, makes a motion on behalf of the Legal Committee that this Congress also be recorded via video. J. Fendt puts Dr. Krähe's motion to vote. Secretary General E. Fogelis welcomes the congress participants and opens the election to vote on the motion.

**Congress Resolution 01/20**

**68<sup>th</sup> FIL online Congress can be also video recorded.**

**-unanimous/approved-**

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

Representatively, President J. Fendt names:

- **Michal Jasnosz/POL**  
*President of the Polish national federation.  
Died on September 29, 2019 at the age of 71 years.*
- **Walter Ausserdorfer/ITA**  
*Bronze medal winner at the 1964 Olympic Winter Games in doubles.  
Died on October 27, 2019 of a heart attack at the age of 80 years.*

- **Josef Thaler/AUT**  
*Won the title in doubles at the first World Championships in Oslo in 1955.  
Died on February 09, 2020 at the age of 90 years.*
- **Felix Kumaritashvili/GEO**  
*President of the Georgian luge federation.  
Died on March 12, 2020 at the age of 62 years.*
- **Chi-You Hsu/TPE**  
*FIL Honorary President for Asia.  
Died on April 14, 2020 at the age of 94 years.*
- **Elly Lieber- Lienorter/AUT**  
*1956 European Champion 1956 in Imst, 1959 World Champion in Villard-de-Lans.  
Died on August 01, 2020 at the age of 87 years.*

**President J. Fendt** states that the invitations were sent to the NFs by the deadline and, as there are no comments, declares the **convening of the 68<sup>th</sup> FIL Congress in online form according to the regulations.**

**President J. Fendt** points out that the representatives of the IOC Sports Department will join at 9 o'clock.

## **2. Roll call and right to vote (see enclosure 1)**

**Secretary General E. Fogelis** takes attendance. At the opening of the Congress **34 members/NFs** have registered (ARG, AUT, BEL, BIH, CAN, CHN, CRO, CZE, FIN, FRA, GBR, GER, GEO, ITA, JPN, KAZ, KOR, LIE, LTU, MDA, NED, NOR, NZL, POL, ROU, RUS, SLO, SRB, SVK, SUI, SWE, TPE, UKR, USA).

**30 members/NFs with seat and vote** are registered.

2/3 majority: 21 votes

majority: 16 votes

## **3. Approval of the minutes from the last Congress**

### **Congress Resolution 02/20**

**The minutes of the 67<sup>th</sup> FIL Congress 2019 in Ljubljana/SLO are approved.**

**- 24 in favor, 6 abstentions-**

## **4. Awards**

**President J. Fendt and Secretary General E. Fogelis** present the following awards:

### FIL Medal of Honor in Gold:

- Dr. Christian KRÄHE/GER

Unfortunately, due to the online format of the Congress, all other awards could not be presented personally today:

### FIL Medal of Honor in Bronze:

- Wolfgang MERRBACH/GER
- Dieter RUDOLPH/GER
- Joachim MÄTZEL/GER
- Dipl.-Med. Rudi VONAU/GER
- Thomas ZIMMERMANN/GER
- Hans-Jürgen KÖHNE/GER
- Wolfgang ROS/GER
- Dmitry KASATKIN/RUS
- Artemiy RODIONOV/RUS
- Dr. Natalia SEDYKH/RUS

### FIL Medal of Honor in Silber:

- Gerhard KIRCHNER/GER
- Wolfgang HARDER/GER

J. Fendt informs that Wolfgang Ros and Karl Flacher are retiring. The FIL will send them a sign of recognition for their work (in another form).

## **5. Admission of new members**

A written application has been submitted by Ireland.

**President J. Fendt** informs that the Executive Board decided at its meeting on November 19, 2020 to accept **Ireland as a provisional member** of the FIL.

The necessary requirements (federation statutes, recognition by the NOC of Ireland (beginning of December)) have been or will be provided.

One athlete is expected to participate in the 2nd half of the coming season.

## **6. Reports from the members of the Executive Board**

### **6.1 President (is read)**

**President J. Fendt and Secretary General E. Fogelis** present their reports (**see enclosure 2**), while the reports of the other members of the Executive Board and functionaries can be read in the Congress dossier. The dossier was made available to all national federations in good time in advance via e-mail / FTP server.

In his **Congress report**, **President Josef Fendt** addresses the following topics among others:

- All artificial and natural track competitions in the 2019/20 season were able to be held successfully.
  - o AT WCh on the 2014 Olympic track in Sochi
  - o 3<sup>rd</sup> Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in Lausanne/ St. Moritz

- NT ECh in Moscow with difficult weather conditions
- Doubles women is added to the Juniors this season, in the 2021/2022 season also to the general class.
- The construction of the standard sled was an important step into the future.
- Successful prehomologation of the new Olympic track in Beijing
- New artificial track is being built in Bludenz, the IBSF and the FIL are supporting this project.
- Development of a new improved race shoe with the company Rass, the contracts with Rass and GTS were renewed.
- Viessmann has withdrawn as main sponsor, a transition period was achieved.
- Eberspächer remains and is the main sponsor for the coming season (switch the advertising spaces)  
A new sponsor needs to be found for next season.
- VP Marketing Th. Schwab has developed a new marketing concept together with Infront.
- TV rights: contract extension with Sport A soon
- Contract with main sponsor *Südtirol* for natural track
- Natural track sport in program of the Olympic Winter Games is dependent on many factors which the FIL only has limited influence on (IOC)
- Strategy plan "SLIDE 2026" –draft by the WG under the leadership of SG E. Fogelis together with a professional agency
- FIL is still very well connected, currently only through online meetings unfortunately, e.g. AIOWF Meeting at which Ivo Ferriani is elected new president, Heike Größwang new secretary general, and Einars Fogelis to new auditor
- Good Governance: In a study, the FIL achieved a good middle placement withing all international Olympic sport federations
- Creation of the new events schedule very difficult due to the current circumstances
- Creation of an extension hygiene concept under the leadership of VP Th. Schwab, ML Rainer, and Ch. Eigentler; FIL hygiene manager is Ch. Schweiger
- The preparations for 2022 OWG are already going very well, the organization of the 2026 OWG has also begun
  - J. Fendt lists interesting stages of development from his time in office at the FIL

**J. Fendt** states that he would like say thank you at a later point.

***E. Fogelis changes the agenda as the IOC members have joined the meeting.***

**Report from Kit McConnell/ IOC Sports Director**

- *He says thanks you that he is able to attend the FIL Congress*
- *Congratulations to J. Fendt on his 26 years as president and for everything that he has done for the sport of luge*
- *The president and he look forward to meeting with J. Fendt personally soon*
- *Presentation*
- **COVID-19 Impact on Sports / Olympic Games**

***President J. Fendt thanks Kit McConnell for the kind words and the many years of work together as well as for the interesting presentation.***



**VP NB P. Knauseder** asks **Kit McConnell** what possibilities exist to loosen the quotas.

**Kit McConnell** answers that it will be difficult to change the quotas. He asks what else is gained (younger audience, larger audience etc.) After the season, he would gladly continue the discussion.

**VP NT P. Knauseder** says thank you for the information and promises to further follow the efforts.

**Kit McConnell** shows a video about the Olympic Games.

### **Report from Niccolo Campriani (former sports marksman) / Senior Sports Intelligence Manager of the IOC**

- Presentation on mental health
- Presentation on data collection

**E. Fogelis** and **J. Fendt** thank **Kit McConnell** and **Niccolo Campriani**.

## **6.2 Secretary General (is read)**

In his speech, **Secretary General Einars Fogelis** emphasizes to the FIL congress that the COVID-19 crisis has very big limitations also in the FIL family and regrets very much that the delegates cannot be present in person. He thanks the colleagues of the IOC for the detailed reports.

- Die FIL actively worked on the preparations for the next Olympic Games 2022 in Beijing
- The prehomologation was carried out successfully with the IBSF and BOCOG
- The next important step is the test event as well as the training weeks
- Video conference with BOCOG in the coming week, the resulting information will be passed onto the NFs
- Topics such as athlete support and youth participation in sports are also included in the FIL strategy plan "SLIDE 2026"
- In the AIOWF IF Governance Questionnaire with 6 chapters: Background, Transparency, Integrity, Democracy, Development, and Control Mechanism, the FIL was assessed category B with 120 points.
- The FIL cooperation with the IOC, the other Olympic winter sport federations, WADA, and the ITA is very important and valuable in daily business
- Gender equality is an important issue in creating the program of YOG 2024 and the OWG 2026
- Active work is being done to position natural track luge and on its addition to the Olympic program
- COVID-19: The safety and health of the athletes and coaches has priority; The protection and hygiene concept of the FIL was developed within the FIL
- E. Fogelis thanks all FIL and working group colleagues for the development of the new road map.

**J. Fendt** thanks **E. Fogelis** for what is likely his last report as secretary general.

**All other reports can be found in the Congress dossier.**

## **7. Discussion on the work reports**

**J. Fendt** gives the congress participants the opportunity to ask questions. The congress participants do not have any other questions about the reports.

### ***15 MINUTEN BREAK***

## **8. Strategy Plan**

The strategy plan “**SLIDE 2026**” (see enclosure 3) has been created from the 2019 Congress in Ljubljana/SLO up to this year’s congress.

**Secretary E. Fogelis** gives a brief explanation of the strategy plan:

- 11 working groups
- It was a great challenge to create a new map for the federation: the last strategy plan was made in 2011.
- The FIL has grown since 2011, there are new successful disciplines, the sport of luge has become more interesting for the spectators.
- The goals have not changed but the situation has (audience, fans, internet,...); The question is how to get more people interested in the sport of luge?
- The strategy plan joins aspects of the FIL’s future: a mission, a vision, values, strategic priorities, goals and the desired results
- Attractiveness for the media, mass participation in the sport of luge, develop own activities, youth work, development program also for coaches
- Transparency in the FIL for all partners and national federations
- The strategy plan “SLIDE 2026” was approved in May 2020.

**J. Fendt** gives the participants the opportunity to ask questions about the strategy plan “SLIDE 2026”. The Congress does not have any other questions.

### **Congress Resolution 03/20**

**The strategy plan “SLIDE 2026” is approved by the Congress.**

**-25 in favor, 7 abstentions-**

## **9. Pre-discussion on the motion**

### **9.1 Motions to the statutes**

- **Motion 1** (applicant Swedish federation) § 1.4.1 of the statutes (addition of alpine luge)

**Johan Ahlberg/SWE** withdraws the current motion from the Swedish national federation due to the FIL’s new strategy plan.

- **Motion 2** (applicant FIL Legal Committee/Executive Board) § 4.5.6 of the Statutes (emergency decision by the Executive Board)

**Dr. Ch. Krähe, Chairman of the FIL Legal Committee**, explains these changes to the FIL Statutes. They are mostly based on the current COVID-19 conditions.

**Congress Resolution 04/20**

**The motion on paragraph 4.5.6 of the FIL Statutes is approved.**

**-24 in favor, 2 against, 6 abstentions-**

- **Motion 3** (applicant FIL Legal Committee/Executive Board) **FIL Anti-Doping Code 2021**

Dr. Ch. Krähe, Chairman of the FIL Legal Committee, explains the changes in the FIL Anti-Doping Code. *The WADA Code is a completely new version. Dr. Ch. Krähe calls on the Congress to approve the new FIL Anti-Doping Code.*

4 fundamental principle in the new version:

- *The athletes' surroundings (coaches, sport doctors, assistants, etc.) can also be sanctioned effective immediately*
- *Sanctions will be made more flexibly*
- *The FIL accepted an offer from the IOC to have all doping tests done through the ITA*
- *The FIL has joined the CAS ADD (neutral body) which carries out the proceeding in the case of a violation*

**Congress Resolution 05/20**

**Motion 3 to change the 2021 FIL Anti-Doping Code is approved.**

**-24 in favor, 8 abstentions-**

**9.2 Motions to the IRO**

- IRO motions are always submitted to the Congress when they achieve at least a 2/3 majority approval in the respective expert commission or when the IRO motion must be approved by the Executive Board.

**Congress Resolution 06/20**

**The motions for changes to the 2020 IRO AT and NT which were approved in advance by the Executive Board at the recommendation of the expert commission as a matter of urgency are approved.**

**-23 in favor, 9 abstentions-**

- **Amendment motion** (applicant Medical Commission) **§6 of the IRO** (race doctor/paramedics/EMT with highest level of education in emergency service)

**Secretary General E. Fogelis** explains the amendment motion from the Medical Commission.

**Congress Resolution 07/20**

**The amendment motion on paragraph 6 (Medical Service) of the IRO AT and NT is approved.**

**-26 in favor, 6 abstentions-**

**9.3 Other motions**

**No other general motions have been submitted to the Congress.**

**10. Finances**

**10.1 Approval of the Annual Statement of Accounts (01 April 2019 – 31 March 2020)**

**Vice President Harald Steyrer** explains the **2019/20 Annual Statement of Accounts** and points out the reasons for lower income and lower expenditures in his “Explanations of the 2019/2020 Annual Statement of Accounts” which is included in the dossier.

He states that the FIL Control Commission met October 16-18, 2020 in Prein an der Rax. The audit report was sent to the Congress on time.

The external audit of the plausibility of FIL assets by the auditing firm SOT Salzburg has also taken place. The corresponding audit report is available as PDF on request.

**Congress Resolution 08/20**

**The 2019/2020 Annual Statement of Accounts is approved.**

**-25 in favor, 7 abstentions-**

Afterwards, **VP H. Steyrer** presents the financial status of the FIL and thanks the members of the Executive Board and the other responsible persons in the FIL for their high financial discipline.

**10.2 Approval of the budget proposal (01 April 2020 – 31 March 2021)**

In his explanations on the **2020/2021 budget estimate**, VP H. Steyrer insistently points out that it takes into account all revenues and expenses of a regular sports year at the time of preparation. The present 2020/2021 budget had to be confirmed by the FIL Executive Board already in May 2020, because otherwise, due to the

COVID-19 related postponement of the FIL Congress from June to November, there would have been no basis for proper management in this period.

VP H. Steyrer asks for Congressional approval of the submitted 2020/2021 budget, taking into account the ever-changing COVID-19 situation and the associated risks.

**Congress Resolution 09/20**

**The 2020/2021 budget is approved in the submitted form.**

**-23 in favor, 9 abstentions-**

**VP H. Steyrer** thanks his colleagues for the cooperation this past year. He also thanks **President J. Fendt** in particular for his extraordinary dedication and for the many years (since 1996) of excellent cooperation as well as for sustainable changes in the sport of luge that he was striving for.

**President J. Fendt** thanks **VP H. Steyrer** for his personal words and for his **committed, conscientious and prudent management of the FIL finances** for more than 24 years now.

**11. Report of the Control Commission and release of the Executive Board**

The chairman of the Control Commission **V. Vavruskova** presents the audit report, in which the professional and prudent management of finances by VP H. Steyrer is emphasized.

She thanks everyone for their cooperation and proposes to the Congress to grant release to the Vice President for Finance, the Presidium, the entire Executive Board and the Audit Commission.

**Congress Resolution 10/20**

**The FIL Executive Board is released at the proposal of the Control Commission.**

**-22 in favor, 10 abstentions-**

**12. Setting the membership fees**

**Congress Resolution 11/20**

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

**-22 in favor, 10 abstentions-**

**60 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK**

*The company LUMI explains the voting procedure again.*

### **13. Information from the OC of the 2022 OWG on the preparation of the luge competitions in Beijing/ CHN**

ZHANG Xudong („Clive“) from the sport department of the OC (BOCOG) informs the Congress participants extensively on the status of the preparations for the 2022 OWG. **(enclosure 4)**.

**J. Fendt and Th. Schwab** thank Zhang Xudong for the presentation and the fantastic organization and cooperation in the past 4 years.

### **14. Presentation of the OCs of the 2021 FIL Championships**

No presentations were submitted by the OCs.

### **15. Resolution of the motions**

#### **15.1 Motions to the statutes**

#### **15.2 Motions to the IRO**

#### **15.3 Other motions**

*Agenda item 15 is dropped as all motions have already been resolved under agenda item 9.*

### **16. Awarding of the FIL Championships until 2024 at the latest**

#### **16.1 Presentations from the applicants (if desired)**

- The OC “2023 Luge JWCh AT and 2024 WCh AT in Altenberg” with Mr. Jens Morgenstern at the helm, presents the very informative application from Altenberg as event organizer of the 2023 FIL Junior World Championships and the 2024 FIL World Championships.
- The OC “2023 Luge JWCh AT in Bludenz“ with Mr. Markus Prock provides information about the preparations as well as the track construction and presents the application for the 2023 FIL Junior World Championships.

#### **16.2 Vote**

#### **Congress Resolution 12/20**

**The Congress awards the 2022 FIL Junior World Championships Artificial Track to the German Bobsleigh and Luge Federation with the event organizer Winterberg.**

**-28 in favor, 3 abstentions-**

### Congress Resolution 13/20

The Congress awards the 2023 FIL Junior World Championships Artificial Track to the Austrian Luge Federation with event organizer Bludenz under the condition that a Junior World Cup is staged successfully in the 2021/2022 season.

-Bludenz/AUT: 22 votes-  
-Altenberg/GER: 6 votes-  
-3 abstentions-

### Congress Resolution 14/20

The Congress awards the 2024 FIL World Championships Artificial Track to the German Bobsleigh and Luge Federation with the event organizer Altenberg.

- 28 in favor, 3 abstentions-

### Congress Resolution 15/20

The Congress awards the 2022 FIL Junior World Championships Natural Track to the event organizer Jaufental/ITA.

- 29 in favor, 2 abstentions-

## 17. Elections

**President J. Fendt** proposes the following **Election Committee**:

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

The Congress approves this proposal, there are no other proposals.

**Dr. Ch. Krähe** brings **President J. Fendt's** attention to placing **S. Romstad** as a **substitute for V. Vavruskova** as she cannot be in the Election Committee for her own election.

**J. Fendt** gives his last speech as **FIL President to the Congress** in which he goes into more detail about his career, his goals in the FIL and his many positive experiences during the last 26 years.

He thanks the previous Executive Board for the trustful cooperation and the NFs for supporting his work. J. Fendt relinquishes his presidency of his own free will and thus officially announces his resignation.

He hands over the Congress leadership to the Election Committee.

Comment from **Sepp Benz**: Thanks to **J. Fendt** for his work for his work over the years and wishes him the best for the future.

The Election Committee appoints **Dr. Ch. Krähe** its chairman.

He states that the election results are only valid until 2022. The online election is secret.



### **17.1 Election of the President**

- **Einars Fogelis/LAT**

**E. Fogelis** declares himself ready to stand for election for the office of President. He presents himself to the Congress and wants to do everything in his power for the sport of luge together with the new Secretary General and with the Executive Board.

#### **Congress Resolution 16/20**

**Einars Fogelis/LAT is elected president (unopposed) via the online voting system.**

**-30 in favor, 1 abstention-**

**E. Fogelis** thanks everyone for their trust in him and **accepts the presidency**. **Former President J. Fendt congratulates E. Fogelis on his new office as president** and wishes him all the best for the future.

### **17.2 Election of the Secretary General (in the case of a vacancy)**

- **Dwight Bell/USA**

**D. Bell** introduces himself to the Congress and promises, if elected, to give his full commitment to the sport of luge.

#### **Congress Resolution 17/20**

**Dwight Bell/USA is elected Secretary General (unopposed) per the online voting system.**

**-26 in favor, 1 against, 4 abstentions-**

**D. Bell** accepts the election and thanks the Congress for their trust. He emphasizes that he is looking forward to the work together with the new president, E. Fogelis, the Executive Board members, and the national federations.

He thanks former president J. Fendt for the wonderful cooperation in the past years and wishes him all the best for the future.

### **17.3 Election of an Executive Board member (in the case of a vacancy)**

- **Sorin Buta/ROU**

**S. Buta** introduces himself to the delegates and would like to face the challenges for artificial and natural track luge together with the Executive Board and the national federation.

#### **Comment from M. Prock:**

M. Prock thanks J. Fendt for the great work together and wishes him all the best for the future. He congratulates President E. Fogelis on his election to president, as well as Secretary General D. Bell on his election. He approves the election of Sorin Buta as new Executive Member!

He also thanks for the awarding of 2023 JWCh AT to Bludenz.

- **Steve Harris/CAN**

**S. Harris** introduces himself to the delegates and explains his goals and ideas. He would like to work and contribute as a member of the Executive Board.

**Congress Resolution 18/20**

The election results for the Executive Board member are as follows:

**Steve Harris/CAN: 12 votes**

**Sorin Buta/ROU: 16 votes**

**-3 abstentions-**

Therefore, **Sorin Buta/ROU** is elected Executive Board member.

**S. Buta** accepts the election and thanks the national federations for their trust.

**17.4 Election of the substitute member of the Control Commission**

- **V. Vavruskova/CZE**

**Congress Resolution 19/20**

**V. Vavruskova/CZE** is elected substitute member of the Control Commission.

**-28 in favor, 3 abstentions-**

**V. Vavruskova** says thank you and accepts the election.

**Dr. Ch. Krähe** gives the floor to the **new president, E. Fogelis**.

**President E. Fogelis** welcomes the **new Executive Board** and the **new Presidium**.

**18. Determining the location of the 2022 Congress**

- **Riga/LAT**

**Atis Strenga**, President of the Latvian luge federation, informs the delegates of Latvia's willingness to **host the 2022 FIL Congress**.

There are no other candidates.

**Congress Resolution 20/20**

The **2022 FIL Congress** is awarded to Latvia with Riga as the congress city.

**-30 in favor, 1 abstention-**

## **19. Miscellaneous**

**M. Prock/AUT** announces that in his opinion the starting fields must be filled up. Currently, only 106 starters are registered and he has received information that the starting fields are not to be filled.

He clarifies that the starting fields must be filled from a legal point of view.

**Dr. Ch. Krähe** states that the Executive Board has already decided that the field of participants must be filled.

**President E. Fogelis** confirms this and thanks M. Prock and his team for their efforts and wishes a good start into the new season.

**Jim Leahy/USA** thanks J. Fendt for the excellent cooperation and wishes him and his wife, Renate, all the best and good health for the future. He looks forward to seeing them again soon.

**Gennady Rodionov/RUS** thanks J. Fendt for his many ideas and his many active and fruitful activities in the last 26 years. He wishes him health and harmony for the future. He thanks him for the many years of friendship and looks forward to seeing him again soon.

### ***30 MINUTEN BREAK***

**Ch. Schweiger** welcomes the Congress after a short break.  
A video honoring **FIL former president J. Fendt** is played.

**President E. Fogelis** reports on his first meeting with J. Fendt in 1990 and the beginning of their work together. In 1994, J. Fendt was elected FIL President and a new era began for the FIL.

He thanks J. Fendt for his work in maintaining a modern federation. His always open ear for the whole FIL family makes him stand out and is very valuable. He also admires his relationship with people all over the world. He emphasizes J. Fendt's handling of all problems without conflict.

A big thank you also goes to wife Renate Fendt.

He promises a big celebration, as soon as it is possible again, in honor of former president J. Fendt, with all friends and members of the FIL family.

#### **President E. Fogelis honors former President J. Fendt as the 1st Honorary President of the FIL.**

J. Fendt is presented with a certificate, a ring and a gift certificate from the FIL.  
R. Fendt is given a bouquet of flowers by E. Fogelis.

On behalf of BSD, **VP Th. Schwab** thanks **J. Fendt** und admires the ever-present loyalty to all delegates.

**Honorary President J. Fendt** receives a curve of the artificial track Königssee as a gift. The **Seekurve** in Königssee is renamed the **Josef Fendt Curve**.

**Honorary President J. Fendt** says thank you for all of the kind words and gifts.

**S. Romstad** thanks **J. Fendt** for the work together and welcomes him to the club of honorary members.

**Executive Director Ch. Schweiger** presents **Honorary President J. Fendt** a pair of sunglasses, thanks him for the work together and wishes him all the best for the future.

Thomas Bach, President of the IOC, joins via video.

He presents the **Olympic Order** to **FIL Honorary President J. Fendt**.

**J. Fendt** says thank you for the kind words and the excellent cooperation throughout the years and most of all for their friendship of many years. He is very happy about the Olympic Order and is touched. He thanks Thomas Bach very very much.

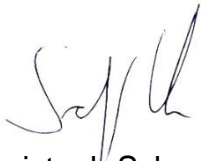
**Honorary President J. Fendt** thanks everyone that the Congress was able to take place despite all of the difficulties.

**President E. Fogelis** says thank you for everyone's discipline through which this online Congress was possible. He wishes everyone a good start into the new season and most of all good health.

He thanks all Congress participants, the FIL office, and the interpreters for their excellent work. In addition, he thanks LUMI (voting system) and the technical company VTG. The gifts are presented to the interpreters.

**President E. Fogelis** officially ends the 68<sup>th</sup> Congress.

For the content of the minutes:



Christoph Schweiger  
Executive Director of the FIL

The President



Einars Fogelis

**4 enclosures**



**FIL - Exekutivsitung  
FIL Executive Board Meeting**

**Großgmain, AUT  
November 19, 2020**

**ANWESENHEITSLISTE - ROLL CALL - LISTE DE PRESENCE**

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4	C. DelNegro	USA	Vizepräsidentin Sport KB	
5	A. Zöggeler	ITA	Vizepräsident Technik KB	
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7	T. Schwab	GER	Vizepräsident Marketing	
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9	G. Balme	NZL	Vizepräsident Ozeanien	
10	D. Bell	USA	Beisitzer	
11	N. Gart	RUS	Beisitzer	
12	C. Schweiger	AUT	Exekutivdirektor	
13	C. Mazdzer	USA	Vors. Athletenkommission	



**FIL - KONGRESS  
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## ROLL CALL - FIL CONGRESS 2020



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LTU Lithuania  
KWT Kuwait

## Enclosure 2

### President's Report at the 68th FIL Congress on November 20, 2020 (video conference)

Ladies and Gentlemen, sports enthusiasts,

Never before have I had to give my president's report under such difficult circumstances. The COVID-19 pandemic poses great challenges for all of us, and it forces us to take actions unlike any we have known before. Unfortunately, this is, for example, the first time this FIL Congress has had to be held without in-person participation. It had to be held in an online format by video conference. Naturally, I regret this very much personally, because it is my final FIL Congress in more than 26 years as the president of FIL.

So, it is also my final president's report to the Congress, and this time I will offer brief recaps of the past season and of our tasks along with some key points that I think are noteworthy. All other information of interest is contained in the detailed reports by the members of our Executive Board and officeholders.

Regarding the past 2019/20 season, I can report that we were able to complete all of our competitions on artificial and natural track before the COVID pandemic broke out. Sport highlights on artificial track were the very good World Championships on the 2014 Olympic track in Sochi and the interesting 3rd Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in Lausanne and St. Moritz. On natural track, we successfully held the European Championships in Moscow under difficult weather conditions. At the YOG in St. Moritz, we introduced the discipline of women's doubles with the newly developed standard doubles sled with great success.

To achieve gender equality in doubles, we will also be adding this discipline for women to the FIL events calendar (initially just for juniors, but then starting in the 2021/22 season in the general class too). Our technical department developed its own standard doubles sled with a lot of dedicated effort in cooperation with a professional ski manufacturing company. In making this future-oriented decision, the FIL is taking a completely new approach to equipment development – an approach which, in my opinion, is the right one.

A very important step, which was taken just a couple of weeks ago, was the very successful pre-homologation of the new track for the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing/Yanqing. Here, I would like to offer a big thank-you to all participants and to BOCOC for its very good organization.

A highly interesting, new, artificial-ice short track with completely new technology is currently being built in Bludenz. It is suitable for luge, bobsled, and skeleton, and it is therefore being supported by both international federations, FIL and IBSF. I am convinced that this facility represents a wonderful step forward in developing our sport internationally, and I am very grateful to the Austrian Luge Federation for its tireless commitment in implementing this project. I think it will take some time before people realize what an important pioneering effort this facility actually represents.

After the Adidas company ceased its FIL sponsorship, our technical department took the initiative of developing a new, improved luge race shoe together with shoe manufacturer Rass – emphasizing safety and durability. We have extended our contracts with the Rass company and with the Texspo/GTS company – our new partner for winter apparel for our FIL officials – and this gives us planning security.

We also experienced a significant change in our main sponsors for artificial track luge. After the planned withdrawal by Viessmann, our sponsor of many years, we negotiated a goodwill extension for the upcoming season. Since we were able to retain our other long-time sponsor, Eberspächer, the advertising spaces will alternate between the two main sponsor packages in cooperation with the RGS agency. For the season after next, however, we will need to find a new main sponsor to take Viessmann's place, which will definitely not be easy.

In this context, it is certainly of interest that FIL, under the leadership Thomas Schwab, our VP Marketing, has developed a new marketing concept in cooperation with the Infront agency.

In the area of TV rights, we will soon be finalizing another contract extension with our long-term partner Sport A (German television ARD / ZDF).

In natural track luge, we were able to sign a very interesting contract with a new main sponsor from South Tyrol thanks to the good mediation work by Karl Damian. We also continue to work towards our long-standing goal of having natural track luge added to the Olympic winter games program. Whether we can achieve this for the 2026 Winter Games in Milan/Cortina will depend on many factors, some of which we have little influence over. The FIL will need to address this topic intensively in the near future. In this context, we are anticipating more information from IOC Sports Director Kit McConnell (or .....)

One big task was, and still is, to continue the FIL strategic plan "SLIDE 2026" which also includes recommendations for structural reform. Under the leadership of General Secretary Einars Fogelis, a total of 11 working groups (!) worked together with a professional agency to draft the strategic plan which is being presented to the Congress today for a vote. SG Einars Fogelis will explain this in more detail in his report.

We continue to be very well integrated in the various international organizations, but we have a completely new situation here too. These days, our contacts are restricted to the virtual world, and so SG Einars Fogelis and I have already participated in many video conferences, e.g., with the IOC and the Olympic Committee for the Olympic games in Beijing. Just 2 weeks ago, we had an interesting online meeting with our Association of International Olympic Winter Sports Federations (AIOWF), in which we elected IBSF President IVO Ferriani to be the new president of AIOWF. He replaces FIS President GianFranco Kasper who withdrew. Heike Größwang, IBSF, was selected as the new AIOWF Secretary General after

the departure of Sarah Lewis. Einars Fogelis, who is still our Secretary General, was named the new auditor for AIOWF and is also assuming my previous post here.

The theme of good governance demands a lot of our work and attention and we have made great efforts in this area, attaining a good mid-place standing among all international Olympic sports federations in a study commissioned by the IOC. Here, a big thank-you goes out to Christoph Schweiger who assumed primary responsibility in this area.

One great challenge we had, and still have, is to create an events calendar for the upcoming season that takes COVID-19 conditions into account. All of our managers made tremendous efforts here, and they had to react quickly to many changes, such as relocating the World Championships from Whistler to Königssee. An extensive hygiene concept was worked out for participation in our sport events. It was also validated by a leading German virologist. Here, I would like to thank our VP Thomas Schwab and our directors Maria Luise Rainer and Christian Eigentler who guided this work. We have also appointed our own FIL hygiene manager who will assist teams at all events. I am very grateful that our Executive Director Christoph Schweiger volunteered for this post. We at the FIL have done everything imaginable to enable our sporting events to be held despite COVID-19, whereby our top priority is to protect the health of all participants.

Unfortunately, the North American luge teams of USLA and Canada will not be able to participate in the first 4 world cup races in Europe, and we at the FIL regret this very much.

Preparations are already underway for the next Olympic Winter Games in 2022, and I am certain that we can expect ideally organized Winter Games there. But the 2026 Olympic Winter Games in Milan/Cortina are already on the horizon. In this endeavor, we expect that interesting decisions will have to be made for our sport, especially with regard to our sport facilities.

In closing, I would like to make a couple of remarks from my previous Congress reports (I actually still have them all in paper form). I would like to mention a few milestones from them in reminiscing on some interesting development phases:

Back in 1986/87, we introduced the "FIL Mentors" assistance programs (with financial support from the IOC), and we hired our own FIL coaches.

In 1987, we took the important step of introducing protective safety helmets (new design by Uvex company based on requirements by our FIL experts), despite initial resistance from some national federations. A great supporter and helper back then was Walter Plaikner, Chairman of the Technical Commission.

For 10 years, from 1993 to 2013, we also had added the sport of horn sled as a separate discipline in the natural track area.

In 1996, the FIL Congress resolved to hold the FIL Congress just once every 2 years. That lasted just one trial period, and starting in 1998 the Congresses were once again held annually.

In 2018, at the initiative of our former Secretary General Svein Romstad, we set up our own sport museum in the spaces of the new FIL offices.

From my remarks, you can certainly ascertain that we at the FIL have had many different tasks to handle – and will continue to have in the future.

From a sports perspective, we can look forward to some exciting times ahead of us, and I will of course be following all of the events with great interest.

(In my final remarks before the election, I will have a few more words of thanks for my “comrades-in-arms”).

Thank you for your attention.

68th FIL Congress  
Großgmain, 20 November 2020

Dear friends, dear Congress delegates,

First of all, in this constantly changing world of COVID-19, I want to express the hope that you and your families are safe and in good health! At the end of the last season, we could not have imagined that in the coming weeks and months we would have to look for new solutions to keep the sport safe, athletes healthy and, among other things, to ensure preparation for the next season.

The new situation forces us to rearrange our priorities, moving towards the main goal - a strong sport and a strong federation in the Olympic movement!

- FIL and the Olympic Movement

Over the past year, we have been working on a number of main topics that are closely linked to the development of our sport and its position in the Olympic family.

The Olympic Games are a unifying link in the chain of 206 National Olympic Committees, national and international sports federations, where there is only one policy - sports policy.

In this context, FIL has been active over the past year in preparation for the next Olympic Games in Beijing 2022. We have actively participated in the meetings of the Coordinating Commission, addressing issues directly related to our federation and luge competitions in Beijing. Successful, and in consultative capacity, cooperation with the BOCOG, AIOWF and IOC, have already given its first results today - the first Pre-Homologation tests on the new track have been carried out together with IBSF. We are currently working to take the next steps towards the Olympic Games - Test event and training week, in which, according to FIL rules, all potential participants will be given the opportunity to try out the new Olympic track.

It is already clear today that the Yanqing Sliding Center is an important venue for luge and for sliding sport in general in the world and especially in Asia. We very much appreciate China's achievements in this area! We clearly see two important values - sustainability and legacy.

During the time together with the IOC and GAISF international federation (IF Forum), very significant topics such as athlete support and youth involvement in sport

were discussed and the reflection of it you will see further in our new FIL Strategy “Slide 2026” presentation. The world is changing fast. Generations, technologies and habits are changing, especially in the virtual environment! Our task is not only to introduce people to sport, but in this case, to bring the sport to the people.

- FIL and Good Governance

In recent years, one of the most important topics of a sports organization has been 'Good governance'. This section is integral to the operation of modern and contemporary sports organization. In collaboration with the IOC and our colleagues at AIOWF (Association of International Olympic Winter Sports Federations), FIL in 2020 worked on the completion of the third AIOWF IF governance questionnaire, where our colleagues in the FIL office, under guidance of Christoph Schweiger, made a great contribution, particular appreciation goes to Dr. Christian Krähe and to FIL Presidium Sepp Fendt and Harald Steyrer!

Overall, this document contains six chapters, Background, Transparency, Integrity, Democracy, Development, Control Mechanisms with 62 sub-themes, to which precise answers and a description of the situation in our federation, were prepared.

For the first time, FIL completed this document in 2016/2017, obtaining an assessment of 64 points. The second time in 2017/2018, 89 points were obtained. In 2019/2020, 124 points were obtained, which places our Federation in the B category. Naturally, our goal is to continue this progress in accordance with the IOC guidelines, improving the operations of our Federation in accordance with modern requirements. We are a service organization for our members in all areas - athletic, organizational, personal and financial!

By developing and adhering to the principles and model of good governance, we create our common image in the eyes of society. I very much appreciate the sports governance consultancy company “I Trust Sport”, in particular Jack Rowland's contribution to this topic.

An important and very extensive part of the daily work is related to maintaining close cooperation with colleagues from other winter IFs. Mutual cooperation, regular video conferences and daily communications are very valuable in the daily work of our Federation and I hope that our experience and contribution to colleagues is just as important!



FIL is one of the first winter IFs to sign a contract with ITA. Last year, we participated in the WADA World Conference in Katowice, which provided valuable information for our future activities.

Last season was rich with World Cup sports events with an outstanding final in Koenigssee. Exciting and top-tier World Championships in Sochi, Winter Youth Olympic Games in St. Moritz, with the participation of athletes from 22 nations, representing four continents. IOC delegation led by President Thomas Bach observed a successful women's doubles debut in the Youth Olympic circuit. This situation proved that things that seemed unreal a few years ago, by setting a clear goal and working purposefully can be fulfilled and can give positive emotions.

Of course, this aspect is very important in achieving gender equality and overall equality in our sport. This topic is currently relevant when working on the YOG 2024 PyeongChang program, also starting active cooperation with the organizers of the 2026 Olympic Games in Milan Cortina.

In this context, we are working together with the Organizing Committee and the IOC, which directly address two globally important topics, Sustainability and Legacy. FIL is also actively working on the position of Natural Track Luge and its integration into the Olympic programme.

Over the past year, we have paid increased attention to our athletes, their development opportunities and safety. Substantial work is currently being done through our FIL team, using the assistance provided by the FIL resources and the IOC Olympic Solidarity program. More detail on these matters will come later in the presentation of our strategy.

The main challenge this season is COVID-19 and ensuring sports under special conditions. Priority number 1 - safety and health of athletes and coaches. "The FIL Protection and Hygiene Protocol" has been developed within the FIL. The working group has done a tremendous job of fine-tuning the activities that will ensure safe training runs and competitions, which is important now, that we don't deprive athletes of their faith and motivation for the future!

I hope and wish us all - safe and strong health, the fulfilment of this and future seasons sports goals.

Since the last congress in Ljubljana, we all together have been devoting a lot of attention and work to the development of the FIL strategy plan "Slide 2026". I am extremely grateful to many of you, dear colleagues, for your selfless work and your

time in drafting this document. Special thanks today to FIL President Josef Fendt, with whom I have had 2 years to serve as Secretary General, and the opportunity to work and learn together since 1994.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you all and the main thing I want to emphasize is - teamwork. As IOC President Thomas Bach often reminds - no one is perfect! We are all in the movement and honoring the Olympic values.

Sincerely yours,

Einars Fogelis

Secretary - General

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5 July 2021

Dear Madam

We are writing to request that Luge Ireland be considered by the FIL Congress for admission as a full member of FIL.

We confirm that we will continue to promote the sport of luge in Ireland and will act in accordance with FIL regulations and comply with the obligations placed on full members.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. Should there be anything else that you require in order to consider our request, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours,

Brendan Desmond  
Chair

Malgorzata Grzyb  
Secretary

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## 2021 Congress Report

### Vice President of Sport, Artificial Track

Dear Members of Congress,

In my last report, with our competitive spirit and with a good plan in hand, I was hopeful we would be able to start a race season for our athletes. Thanks to the incredible hard work of our Covid Working Group, and the great cooperation of all our athletes and coaches, we can proudly say we were successful in not only starting, but completing, a full season of racing for our sport. My personal thanks go out to all the staff who worked so hard, to all the event organizers who hosted our races, and to everyone involved for their patience and their flexibility in making this past season happen.

That being said, there were some serious consequences for our sport nonetheless. We had to make the extremely difficult decision not to host any Junior races, which we know set back development of our young athletes. The decision was not taken lightly and we considered it a necessary safety measure during this unprecedented pandemic season. Additionally, some nations were unable to travel at all outside their country due to national restrictions and, especially those without tracks, also lost a year of development for their General Class athletes. Due to this extreme circumstance, we appealed to IOC to change our Olympic qualification criteria and we have been able to extend our qualifying period this 2021-22 season until Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, just a short time before the official entry deadline, which enables us to include more World Cups in the process.

In reviewing the season, the highlight as always was our World Championships. The decision was made to move the race (due to lengthy Covid quarantine restrictions). Again, another difficult step, and we appreciate the sportsmanlike cooperation of both Whistler and Koenigssee in working with FIL and adapting to a very difficult situation that allowed us to be able to award the title of World Champion, even during a pandemic.

The Corona virus brought us more challenges in the development of Women's Doubles, as our planned debut in the Junior Class could not occur. We will continue to grow this new discipline, despite the lost months, but we will make necessary adjustments in our upcoming season to react with a safe procedure and we will find solutions to keep us on track with introducing the event in both Juniors and General Class. Our overarching goal is to create Gender Equality within our sport while being sure it is done in a safe and responsible manner through organic growth.

As we look at the upcoming season, the highlight will be the 2022 Winter Olympic Games in Beijing, China. We will be supporting our nations and athletes throughout the season as they strive to maximize their quota entries into the Games. Our work with the Beijing organizers has been conducted through many remote meetings, and they are doing an excellent job of preparing for the Games, despite being under a very difficult planning environment. The FIL has been working with them in a very friendly and cooperative atmosphere to offer every athlete the opportunity to get to the track in China this November for an extended International Training period, followed by a World Cup. Many thanks are extended to the Organizers for working with us to provide the best possibilities for a successful Olympic Games.

In my role on the Board, I also continue to oversee the Development program in conjunction with our Development Manager, Mr. Fred Zimny. Fred works very hard on behalf of those with limited resources to develop our sport with interested athletes in their country. We are happy to have one full time and four seasonal coaches, who also work very hard for our FIL Teams. This summer will see the introduction of two summer camps, where athletes can work on improving their overall fitness and sport specific skills. Many thanks to all of our FIL coaches for their efforts in making progressive changes to our programs. All of us in the Development Program continue to work on ways to improve programs and help with the expansion of our sport to interested nations.

In April, we were able to hold our annual Sports Commission meeting as a mix of in-person and virtual format at the Vienna airport hotel. Our format changed due to the pandemic, and we were unable to have our joint meetings with the Technical Commission, however it left us many hours to have open and interesting discussions looking to the future of our sport with an eye on the Congress 2020 approved Slide 2026 Strategic Plan. Many thanks to all our members who concentrated on key issues for our sport and came up with recommendations to our Executive. Following the meetings, I attended the Olympic Results and Information Services meeting with our Sports and Technical Directors in order to homologate (remotely) the technology systems needed to deliver our sport to the multiple digital platforms used at the Olympic Games. We had three successful days of testing and feel that the systems are ready to go for Beijing.

In closing, I would like to highlight the excellent work of our Sport Director, Maria-Luise Rainer, and our Technical Director, Christian Eigentler. Their hard work is recognized and supported by myself and the Executive Board, and I thank them personally for their work. In our Youth and Juniors, I would like to also thank Hans Juergen Kohne and Maria Jasencakova. All of these critical staff positions continue to ensure that our sport has a consistent high level of professionalism throughout the season at all of our events.

In closing, I would like to thank the Congress members of each National Federation, the FIL Executive Board, the athletes, coaches, officials, event organizers, the numerous volunteers, our Executive Director, Christoph Schweiger, and the FIL office staff, for their ongoing support of my work and their tireless efforts on behalf of our sport. It is my pleasure to serve in this position.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire DelNegro

Vice President of Sport

**69th FIL Congress**  
**Congress Report by the Vice-President for Technical Affairs, Artificial Track**

Dear Congress participants,

This past racing season was very much defined by the global COVID-19 pandemic. This meant that top priority had to be given to the health of all participants – athletes, coaches, officials, members of the Olympic Committees, and volunteers at the events. A set of guidelines that FIL worked out in advance – a protection and hygiene strategy for World Cup events – served as a constant companion, and, in the end, implementation of the protection standards it contained succeeded in guaranteeing a normal course of the sport season.

In the general class, we were able to run 9 World Cup events, 6 Team Relay World Cups, 3 Sprint World Cups, the continental championships, and, the season highlight, the 50th FIL World Championships in Königssee, GER. 156 athletes from 24 nations defied the pandemic with their participation. However, the racing was only conducted on European tracks.

Bearing the brunt of the pandemic were the junior athletes. Unfortunately, it was impossible to assure normal organization of the events for them, and all the proposed World Cup and championship events had to be canceled early on.

Nonetheless, thanks to the time-tested good cooperation with the event organizers, and with the Olympic Committee teams, all the events were staged, and they offered all participants absolutely fair competitive conditions.

When it comes to further development of the racing equipment, rethinking is urgently needed and essential. Racing equipment needs to be adapted to the conditions of the tracks, and not vice versa.

Unfortunately, in the case of the recently developed standard sled for doubles, material problems have cropped up, but they have now been corrected after a recall campaign.

For the future, we envision introducing the standard sled in all disciplines. One reason is so that we can continue to meet the requirements of an Olympic sport.

Advanced development and introduction of the new GTS racing shoe has been postponed until after the 2022 Winter Olympic Games, so that we can incorporate further findings into its development.

It seems to me that it is essential to immediately offer equal opportunities for both sexes. This should be clearly integrated into the IRO.



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To preserve the positive image of luge, it is also essential to sustain the ongoing excellent joint collaboration of all involved. I would like to expressly thank all athletes, trainers, technicians, judges, experts, arbiters, commissions, event organizers, and national federations for their efforts.

Special thanks are also due to the Medical Commission which is responsible for ensuring that rules are strictly observed and for monitoring adherence to WADA provisions and the anti-doping code and its principles.

I would also like to express my thanks to the Technical Director for his positive assistance and to the FIL office team for its helpful and competent support.

Armin Zöggeler  
Vice President for Technical Affairs – Artificial Track

Dear ladies and gentlemen!

This past racing season, 2020/2021, will be long remembered due to the extraordinary situation of the COVID-19 pandemic. We rose to the challenge and handled it very well due to an excellent FIL hygiene strategy, the professional conduct of the responsible officials and employees, and last but not least the high level of discipline among the athletes and coaches of our national federations. We were able to run all the world cup events and the world championship in Umhausen properly. What was especially important for us was to run all events without pandemic-related problems, including in the Junior area. This was a very positive signal, especially for our work with youth in our national federations.

However, in the fall it was already foreseeable that unrestricted travel to all the event venues for world cup racing would be impossible. Therefore, we decided to hold the world cup events originally scheduled for Vatra Dornei, ROU and Moscow, RUS as double events in AUT and ITA. This gave us the assurance that we would be able to run our entire world cup program. Seen from this perspective, the very constructive cooperation among all participants, especially the event organizers, brought a happy ending to a difficult time.

The number of nations participating in FIL events was also limited. Some athletes could not travel to World Cup events due to the legal situations in their countries. Nonetheless, the competitive field was very good.

It has already been a year since we set up a working group for developing sport equipment and accessories. Today, we can already look back on some success in this area. Unfortunately, many of the tests on sports equipment could not be conducted due to the pandemic, but next season we will strive to pursue this goal further. This project also includes producing our track construction brochure, which will then be presented at the Congress. This also applies to our tour bus program, which we will once again pursue in earnest after the COVID-19 pandemic. We have already done a lot of preliminary work on our idea for a luge academy, and we will soon implement the project for the first time in Scandinavia.

In the development program, we were able to continue our very successful work despite limited training options. We were able to realize a significant increase in participant numbers – especially among female athletes – and a high level of performances was evident at World Cup races. New ideas for supporting the FIL group were developed in winter 2020/21 and can now be implemented.

Cooperation with the Track Construction Commission headed up by Martin Gruber was very good, as always.

Last winter was really ideal for the sport of natural track due to favorable weather conditions. Cold weather and sufficient snow created ideal track conditions at all venues. But just as the World Championships were about to begin in Umhausen, a spell of warm weather put a damper on things. It would have been inconceivable to hold the event on the scheduled date. But thanks to the excellent, dedicated preparation work by the event organizer, it was possible to hold the FIL championships there one week later under ideal conditions. The efforts made by the organizing committee were tremendous, especially in the area of media, and the FIL received very good feedback about our sport. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the event organizers in Laas, Italy who consented to a brief postponement in the World Cup schedule which enabled a successful World Championship event.

In the past season, we prioritized our overriding goal of getting the sport of natural track luge added to the Olympic program for the 2026 Games in Milan/Cortina. Countless discussions and strategy meetings were needed to brainstorm the best arguments and facts for a new application. A small

group of motivated people has worked tirelessly on this with a lot of commitment and creative ideas. The province of South Tyrol in particular is supporting our efforts very intensively and with a lot of effort. It has been a great help to have the governor there, Arno Kompatscher, taking the lead. Our task is not made any easier by the IOC policy of permitting no new sports venues and freezing the number of athletes at 2,900. In my opinion, it would be very important strategically for FIL to have the sport of natural track luge adopted into the Olympic program. It is not just the IOC that is promoting sustainability and closeness to the sports populace, i.e., to a popular sports. Luge on a whole can use the natural track branch to ideally present itself as a mass sport. The hundreds of registered luge tracks, and not only in the Alps region in Europe, underscore this clearly. Here, in my report, I would like to emphasize a very significant aspect. Equality in the treatment of women and men in the exercise of our sport has been assured since the first races. At all FIL events, athletes slide from the same starting elevation and with the same sports equipment, including in the junior and youth categories. It has always been that way. At this point, I will not hide the fact that I imagined and wished that the Natural Track Project for the 2026 Olympics had been implemented somewhat differently in certain areas. But I will work tirelessly to utilize any slight chance of succeeding that we still have.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who, despite the COVID-19 pandemic, made contributions towards the very good presentation of the natural track area in all FIL events and championships. Special thanks go to my Sport Director Andreas Castiglioni. He guided us well through these extraordinary times. Many thanks to Evi Mitterstieler and her coaching staff in the development program. Thanks also to all jury members and technical delegates. Thanks to the organizers, media representatives, and our TV team. Thanks to the FIL office for their great teamwork, and to the FIL Presidium for the trust they have given us and for its cooperative actions, particularly the COVID-19 regulations.

Before the 2020/2021 season, a FIL era had come to an end. In the times of COVID-19, hygiene regulations, and complicated travel conditions, we have not had an opportunity to thank Karl Flacher, who, in April 2020, ended his many years of work as head coach of the development program for natural track and went into retirement. Thank you, Karl, for your friendship and your many sacrifices in your work for the sport of natural track luge.

In 2020/2021, our athletes did a very good job. We saw wonderful racing and had very few injured athletes. That is actually the most important result, and I hope to be able to present such a positive report after the 2021/2022 season.

In this spirit, thank you all once again.

Peter Knaseder



## Report by VP Marketing

May 2021

### Preface

Last year, FIL was actually fortunate that the COVID pandemic – and all of its resulting restrictions – did not happen until after the 2019/2020 winter sports season had ended. From this perspective, we were able to finish the old season without any losses, and there was sufficient time to become familiar with the new situation so that we could respond to it properly.

Initial estimates clearly showed the financial impacts of the pandemic should there be restrictions on sport events or if they had to be canceled entirely. These figures motivated me to quickly work on creating hygiene strategies that would be necessary to keep our sports program running. In creating these strategies, I used the example of the professional soccer league which had already resumed its competition schedule in May 2020. In addition, we were able to enlist the services of Professor Ulrike Protzer (Virologist at the Technical University of Munich), and she contributed a high level of professional expertise to our strategy.

The top priority for the FIL and for the national federations was to successfully execute the 2020/21 sport season.

Now, after the season has finished, the FIL can be proud that it was able to run the World Cup events and the WCh. at Königssee very smoothly based on strict implementation of the hygiene strategies. This protected event organizers, federations, and the FIL from suffering hardly any losses in organizing sport events area or other sport programs.

### 1. Organizers and events

All the event organizers had to make tremendous efforts to implement the hygiene measures required by FIL. FIL negotiated individual solutions in agreements for financing the hygiene measures, so that event organizers would have the financial means to implement them. Primarily, we wanted to compensate organizers for income losses due to reduced spectator numbers and the large expenditures for COVID-19 tests.

Besides lacking spectators, we also lacked sponsoring partners who would normally support our events. To a certain extent, we also lacked direct communications with our partners this past winter – communications which would have been very important in negotiating the impending contract extensions.

The FIL had already set requirements for standardizing individual advertising media in the 2019/20 season, because of the widely varying advertising strategies of different event organizers and restrictions imposed by TV right holders and agencies. Those new regulations were also used this past season and have become established.

### 2. Optimizing TV image

This past season, the Infront agency already developed a graphic design for venue dressing based on the graphics used on the FIL website. The additional banners without advertising are designed to cover

unsightly areas of our tracks such as fences, steel structures, etc. and to reflect a friendly image of the sport facilities. In addition, these new banners are meant to improve our "sport recognition" in TV images. Unfortunately, this type of venue optimization could not be further developed due to the new issues posed by the pandemic, but it should be urgently pursued next winter.

The visual appearance of our advertising platforms at events needs improvement. In the future, our advertising actions at events will be implemented in even more structured and visible ways. Light posts and advertising banners that are more visually attractive will help to accomplish this.

Critical feedback from the past year suggests that our TV images could definitely be improved at many events. Our TV coordinator Britta Semmler has done very good work in this area. She always coordinated with me closely regarding critical camera positions and settings. In addition, after the past winter sport season we held two workshops at which a commission that we set up specifically for this purpose, analyzed TV images, and worked out recommendations for optimization. I would especially like to thank Andi Linger, whose input into this work was splendid. The FIL is also striving to integrate the new position of "TV director" into our team starting this next season, but at the latest by the 2022/23 season. This position should optimize our camera planning and establish a higher standard for the quality of individual TV broadcasts in a continual process. TV production will be somewhat more expensive with the increased effort, but this should not have any negative impact on organizers.

### 3. Market value analysis of media

Together with the BSD, FIL contracted for an assessment of the market values of its sponsors. Analysis of the figures indicates that we are achieving good market value compared to other types of sports in terms of the ratio of advertising value for our partners to our proceeds.

At the same time, we – together with our agencies – are seeing a trend away from the wide audience ranges of TV broadcasts toward more focused target groups in social media. This trend is based on the strong movement toward digitalization of media and the fact that digital media targets a younger audience much more. IOC Data Collection (analysis of social media value for federations at the Olympic games in Pyeongchang) made it very clear that FIL must also improve in this area. Meanwhile, we can now say that we are seeing a positive trend in our audience targeting. Here, the investment in our new Social Media manager Margit Dengler-Paar has paid off with new approaches that are significantly improving our audience targeting. But we must continue to invest more in this area so that we do not lag behind other types of sport.

<i>Partner</i>	<i>Visibility</i>	<i>Sponsoring Contacts</i>	<i>100% Advertising Value</i>	<i>QI Advertising Value</i>
PARTNER	SICHTBARKEIT (hh:mm:ss)	SPONSORING-KONTAKTE (Mio.)	100 % WERBERWERT (€)	QI-WERBEWERT (€)
BMW	52:58:04	3.000,50	37.658.505	8.406.872
Eberspächer	81:03:29	4.684,60	58.676.370	14.294.038
Viessmann	51:08:23	2.574,26	32.760.937	7.959.191
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>185:09:56</b>	<b>10.259,36</b>	<b>129.095.812</b>	<b>30.660.101</b>

Along with the usual media analyses, which are for the most part limited to TV figures, in the future we should – in a way similar to that of the IOC – analyze all other communication channels such as press reports, social media sharing, visited websites, etc., so that we can get a better overview of potential future actions on the digital level.

#### **4. Situation with sponsors**

For the upcoming Olympic cycle, the FIL sponsorship strategy should be to increase its number of main sponsors from four to five. We plan to implement our new image in cooperation with the RGS and Infront agencies. The new strategy is oriented more toward actual sold advertising space in individual areas such as the start, finish, background walls, etc., rather than – as has been our practice – basing advertising sales on the percent distribution of all advertising space. This always led to dissatisfaction among individual partners, because it is very difficult to measure advertising shares on a percentage basis.

##### Viessmann

As already announced last year, the Viessmann company was one of our main sponsors for the last time this past winter. Eberspächer is currently the title sponsor of the World Cup. The gap from the loss of Viessmann still needs to be filled for the upcoming season. Several agencies are already searching for replacement partners, as is FIL. Initial reports indicate that all of the partners involved in the process are in negotiations with potential new partners.

At this point, FIL would like to express its heartfelt thanks to the Viessmann company for its many years of extremely good collaboration, and naturally for the last option for a contract extension that was actually no longer planned for the 2020/21 season. We wish the company continued business success and are looking forward to seeing them return soon.

##### Eberspächer

The Eberspächer company has also been a reliable FIL partner for many years and had already declared that it would be prepared to extend its commitment as the title sponsor. FIL can assume that Eberspächer is willing to serve as a reliable partner for the upcoming Olympic cycle.

##### BMW

BMW AG has also been one of the main FIL sponsors through our commitment with Infront. BMW is a “presenting partner” of the team relay World Cup and the team relay World Championships as well as the sprint events, and it supports FIL as a mobility partner at all World Cup events.

Our collaboration with Infront should assure us partners for the second Olympic cycle – until 2026.

##### Seiz

The Seiz company was acquired as an advertising partner for the next season through RGS. The company will be featured on the start numbers (logo on shoulder straps). In addition, FIL is getting an extensive supply of headwear and gloves.

##### Equipment suppliers

We have acquired a new partner for the production of racing shoes: Texspo/GTS. The company also produces our thermal apparel, so we have been able to compensate for the loss of Adidas fairly well.

The introduction of the standardized helmet by the Uvex company marks 35 years of a reliable contractual relationship with the company. The helmet continues to guarantee a high degree of safety for our athletes today. A relaunch of the helmet is being considered for the near future.

#### **5. Joint FIL and IBSF competitions**

The idea of organizing joint competitions with the IBSF was put on hold due to the cost and effort incurred by the COVID pandemic for organizing our own competitions. A one-hour format would be planned for a Team European Championship or Team World Championship. We already have a basic concept for such an event. To implement it, discussions need to be resumed with the IBSF and with TV broadcasters as soon as possible. We have to wait and see which strategy the IBSF's new marketing

agency wants to pursue, because this form of competition would have to be a good conceptual fit with their expectations.

## **6. Restructuring & new strategic plan**

In the framework of new strategic planning for the FIL, as team leader I was entrusted with the following topics:

1. FIL sport – attractive to media
2. FIL sport event – lead-up to an event
3. Collaboration between FIL and IBSF

I would like to give an update on the implementation status of these topics:

1. FIL sport – attractive to media

In cooperation with TV coordinator Britta Semmler, we were able to improve our television images in the past season by means of various adjustments to camera settings. If we are still able to implement comprehensive directorial management for our TV production, this extra step will significantly optimize our product further.

The new marketing concept involving five partners, in which advertising will be sold by individual advertising spaces, whereby not all partners will have a presence everywhere, should produce a significantly better television appearance in the future.

2. FIL sport event – lead-up to an event

In this area, we need to work with our event organizers to come up with ideas for optimizing supporting programs and spectator-friendly setups. Unfortunately, this area could not be further developed during the COVID pandemic, since no spectators were allowed at our event tracks.

3. Collaboration between the FIL and IBSF  
(see item 5).

Thomas Schwab  
VP Marketing

## Report from Vice President of Asia

**FIL Vice President of Asia**

**Jay Jieun Park**

Before I begin to write this report, I would humbly like to take this moment to thank FIL and every single event organizing nation for making last season successful and safe. With the situation of COVID-19 in the last season, I personally thought conducting any races, especially in Europe, would have been very difficult and in other word, almost impossible. However, FIL and event organizers have impressively managed all of the races until the end of last season.

First of all, for the last season, Virus has harshly hit the world and there were not a lot of international projects or events that could possibly proceed. As some of you know, with congress approval, we were given to host 9<sup>th</sup> World-Cup in PyeongChang last season. However, after constant on-line meeting with FIL, we had to give up on this event because of 2 weeks self-quarantine regulation. Moreover, after success of the 5<sup>th</sup> Asian Championship at the end of 2019, we planned to invite some of the developing Asian countries, such as, Nepal, Taiwan, Philippine to give them luge training opportunities and most importantly, raise awareness of sport of Luge in Asia. But, due to the pandemic and travel restrictions, this project also had to be put off and wait for the right time.

Second of all, because of all the travel restriction in and out, KLF has focused more on domestic projects. For instant, last season, KLF has recruited some of the young talented-luge athletes who are the age group for the 2024 Kangwon Youth Winter Olympic. I strongly believe that these young athletes will surprise the world and strengthen the level of Asia Luge.

Thirdly, as I briefly mentioned above, in February, 2024, there will be another Winter Olympic, taking place in Korea again. KLF has had meetings with organizing committee (OC) to prepare and organize the successful luge event. KLF would cooperate with OC and offer FIL luge families best of service during the event.



Lastly, if the condition of COVID-19 was slightly better in the future, Korea Luge Federation (KLF) would host 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Championship right after 2022 Beijing Olympic is over, which has already been discussed with FIL and the schedule would be around end of February in 2022 which is right after the Olympic. We would ensure to provide all of the participants with enough training runs. Once things are set, we would send invitation letter to the FIL Asian member countries. In order to raise more awareness of Sport of Luge, we also would like to invite some of the Asian developing countries to experience our excellent Olympic sport. Please come and enjoy at the Olympic competition venue in PyeongChang.

I wish all you best of luck for the next season and 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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## **REPORT FROM VP FOR OCEANIA TO 2021 CONGRESS**

Unfortunately for the athletes from Oceania the 2020/21 season was severely impacted by Covid-19. Closed borders, travel restrictions, quarantine, unavailability of insurance coverage and general uncertainty meant that no athletes from Oceania were able to train and compete overseas. For those targeting Beijing 2022, and our younger athletes who are still very much learning and developing, this was a very significant set back for them, especially as it meant little or no track time for over a year. Hopefully in the 2021/22 season they will get the opportunity to make up this lost ground and we must all work together to give them as much support as possible

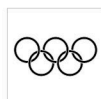
Looking towards Beijing 2022 Alex Ferlazzo (AUS) and Ella Cox (NZL) will seek to qualify. As they both missed the 2020/21 season it is critical that they get back on European tracks as soon as possible and that they are able to get lots of training runs before the qualifying World Cup races begin. It is important for the FIL that Oceania has luge athletes at Beijing 2022 and so I ask that all of us do what we can to support Alex Ferlazzo and Ella Cox.

Australian's require special government approval to travel overseas and as an Olympic athlete Alex Ferlazzo has this approval. The only other possible luge athlete from Australia this season is a junior man living in the USA who has been sliding on the Lake Placid track.

In addition to Ella Cox, New Zealand junior artificial track athlete Hunter Burke (3<sup>rd</sup> season) and junior natural track athletes Flynn Coburn (2<sup>nd</sup> season) and Ben Voice (4<sup>th</sup> season) all plan to be back in Europe this winter. We are planning that two junior female athletes will join Coburn and Voice.

The Naseby Luge Track in New Zealand operated for its 13th winter and for the first time without an overseas coach due to Covid-19. A successful season was achieved by having athletes with international experience coaching each other, the younger athletes and the general public. We will be doing the same again in 2021.

New Zealand Luge and Luge Australia continue to work together to establish an annual Oceania training camp and competition. Unfortunately Covid-19 uncertainty and restrictions mean it won't happen in 2021 so we will plan for 2022. The concept would include a week long camp and competition in late July/early August for youth/junior age athletes. The focus would be on identifying those who have the potential to justify a trip to a Northern Hemisphere track including potential WYOG athletes.



Thank you to the FIL, its staff and other member nations for your on-going support of our Oceania luge athletes.

Travel restrictions will mean that it will not be possible for Australia or New Zealand to attend this year's Congress. We expect that this will be the case with some other nations and therefore request that the FIL arrange for delegates to be able to attend the Congress virtually and that the Congress is videotaped and made available to those who are unable to attend in person.

I wish you well for an excellent Congress.



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Report  
of a member of the FIL Executive Board – Natalia Gart

Dear colleagues,  
let me introduce the report and results of my activity during the 2020-2021 sport season.

The main goal is to increase the popularity of luge sport in Russia and all over the world. Right now, I am focusing on the development of luge sport strategy. I am glad that the topic «Increasing participation in luge» was presented and approved at the FIL Congress in November 2020. The aim of the program is to combine all kinds of activities with sleds which will be approved by FIL for children and adults. Later we can arrange competitions for amateurs among schools, clubs, cities and even regions. These sport events will reveal the talented athletes, so we can help them to become professional athletes. It will also increase the interest and willingness of participation in our sport.

The main task of the project is

- to show people that luge is as popular in childhood as football;
- to come to a realization that luge is a favorite activity in childhood and at the same time a serious sport activity that can bring the Olympic title.

Certainly, the main aspect for luge sport is infrastructure. I pay special attention to this issue and represent you the following results in Russia:

- we have scheduled the signing of the agreement for the design and building of luge and bobsleigh track in Chusovoy, Perm region. All project documentation has been prepared. In Perm region will be built a massive sport complex, which combines all winter sports and tourist facilities. Snowboard, freestyle skiing, alpine skiing and luge will develop at a high level in the region;
- at the moment negotiations are in the process about including luge sport on natural track (Naturbahn) in the program of All-Russian Arctic games in 2023 and about organizing the Luge World Cup on Natural Track in Norilsk in 2022. The homologation of the track in Norilsk is scheduled.
- successful negotiations were held with Murmansk region government about the construction of Natural Tracks in Kandalaksha and Kirovsk cities. The approximate term of commissioning of new tracks is scheduled in 2023.

I continue to work on the popularization of Naturbahn in Russia. I have set myself one of the key tasks to attract attention of spectators and fans to luge sport on natural tracks by holding competitions in the largest metropolis – the capital of Russia, at the highest level. The Organizing Committee, under my leadership, is preparing for the World Cup which will be hosted in February 2022 in Moscow.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Presidium, members of the Executive board and all colleagues of National Federations and teams for their close and productive cooperation over the past season!

Best regards,  
Natalia Gart

Unfortunately, no report was submitted

Dear Members of Congress,

I would first and foremost like to thank everyone for all of your hard work in order to make the 2020-2021 FIL Luge season possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. This past season was challenging and difficult for everyone as we all had to adapt to the global crisis. But this past luge season showed me just how flexible, adaptive and strong the luge community is when faced with unprecedented and unique challenges. I am extremely proud and impressed by my fellow athletes who showed great discipline throughout the season, upholding the FIL COVID protocol's and adapting to the ever changing rules of each host city and nation. Without the hard work of everyone within the luge community and the obedience to the rules by those traveling, this season would not have been successful. I think we can all look back and feel proud knowing that luge was one of the most successful International Federations in keeping athletes and coaches safe.

The 2020-2021 FIL luge season although successful in hosting all Eberspaecher World Cup's was not able to host World Cup's at the Junior level in artificial track. It is important to recognize that many young athletes received minimal training and in some cases no training at all. We need to make sure that these athletes receive help, motivation and support so they do not fall behind their peers and so they also continue to participate in luge. I would like to recognize natural track's determination and hard work to host junior races last year. Sport and competitions for young athletes help provide them with the motivation to set goals and then make them come true. It was hard for me personally seeing so many younger athletes struggle when competitions and training were taken away. The Youth and Juniors are our future and I hope that we can provide a safe place where they can train, compete and grow personally at all luge tracks around the world next season.

This upcoming season will be highlighted by the 2022 Winter Olympic Games in Beijing, China and the uncertainty that surrounds what exactly is going to happen with training, COVID protocols and travel. But I think that we learned from this past season that the luge community as a whole will be able to adapt to whatever uncertainty and challenges we may face.

Adapting to new challenges is something that I believe we must all understand will be very common in the near future. In the Olympic program every International Federation is pushing for more athletes, disciplines and even new International Federations are being created and allowed into the Olympic movement. Staying current, relevant and increasing international exposure will be a challenge in the near future. The sport of luge is entering a new digital era, an era of live streaming, social media and capturing the attention of an audience with a very short attention span and millions of distractions just a click away on their phone, TV and computer.

Luge is currently facing some very real challenges that will require everyone to work together to make this sport a success into the future. But if this last season showed me anything, it's that the luge community can unify and tackle the most extreme challenges when we join forces and have great leadership. I am very confident in our current leadership at the FIL and look forward

to how we tackle the many challenges we will face into the future. I believe that this past season brought us closer together and helped prepare us for this upcoming season.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming 2021-2022 FIL Luge season,

Chris Mazdzer



Dear ladies and gentlemen,  
dear friends of the sport,

In this past 2020/21 racing season, the COVID-19 crisis impacted all our activities significantly. Unfortunately, this situation continues to this day as I write my report (June 2021).

Nonetheless, together we succeeded in hosting an **online Congress** from Großgmain, AUT in November 2020 with the in-person attendance of the Executive Board and the bodies required by the statute (Control Commission, Elections Commission). Actions taken at this Congress include **electing Einars Fogelis as the new President of the FIL, Dwight Bell as the new General Secretary, and Sorin Buta as Member of the Executive Board – as well as naming our president of many years, Josef Fendt, an Honorary President of the FIL.**

Over the past months, in addition to my other everyday duties, my activities as Executive Director of the FIL have shifted with a focus on **operative implementation of the FIL Protection and Hygiene strategy and its monitoring at our luge events in the winter and at meetings in the spring.** I think that we can all be proud that we succeeded in **conducting all the events scheduled for artificial track and natural track luge in their entirety despite the enormous restrictions imposed on us by COVID-19,** and that we accomplished this with almost no COVID-19 cases within our luge bubble. This could only be achieved with a tremendous amount of discipline exercised by all participants, the vast majority of whom followed our COVID-19 regulations. I would like to express my personal thanks for this. One great regret, however, is that we **found ourselves in a situation where we could not stage the Youth or Junior World Cup or the Junior World Championships on artificial track.** It was not feasible under the circumstances, including from a liability standpoint. One reason is that there are a lot of legal minors who participate in these age groups. What was very important, and continues to be, is our **cooperation with authorities and government representatives in the individual countries** in matters related to approvals for hosting our events under COVID-19 conditions. My experience was that they always showed us, and me personally, a great deal of goodwill and understanding.

Unrelated to COVID-19, I would like to inform you **in a brief list about other activities** that were started the past several months, some of which have already been completed:

- Contract negotiations with our agencies, together with the Presidium and the Vice President for Marketing.
- New concept for TV production for artificial track.
- Intensive discussions with the Olympic Channel regarding expansion of cooperation with the FIL.
- Implementing electronic licensing for artificial track and natural track, likely as soon as the upcoming season (finally!!!).
- Extensive organizational clarifications with the event organizer of the 2022 Winter Olympic Games (BOCOG) regarding international training weeks

- (ITWs), the test event in November, and COVID-19 issues. Our president, our secretary general, and our sport director are involved in this effort.
- We are initiating actions for implementing the FIL strategic plan SLIDE 2026.
    - o Working groups were set up to prepare and implement the specific implementation actions.
  - Extending our cooperation with the International Testing Agency (ITA).
    - o The topic of "Anti-doping educational work" will play an important role in upcoming years in relation to WADA requirements and regulations.
  - Extensive activities related to the 2026 Winter Olympic Games in Milan/Cortina, together with the Presidium and those in positions of responsibility within FIL.
    - o Planned construction of the track in Cortina.
    - o Many meetings addressing the inclusion of women's doubles in artificial track and the potential for the sport of natural track luge to be adopted into the Olympic program for 2026.

All of the topics mentioned so far will require much **more time-consuming activities and, above all, will require more administrative effort**. We, as FIL, have very little control over this, and it is really a reflection of the constantly progressing professionalization of high-performance sports.

On January 1, 2021 the **new WADA code** went into effect, and its application is legally binding for FIL and thereby for all of its member federations. One of the focal points of WADA is to **intensify anti-doping training** for athletes and officials. In this area, FIL will be working intensively with the International Testing Agency (ITA) and offer suitable training programs.

We are pleased to announce that once again FIL had **no positive doping cases** during the reporting period 2020/21.

The FIL office is still very much suffering the impact of COVID-19 restrictions. Due to legal requirements, the working mode continues to be **"home office"** for the most part, but now in-person discussions and smaller meetings can take place again. The FIL office is technically well-equipped for handling everyday work activities from a home office. At this point, I would like to express my **personal thanks to my fellow FIL office employees for their dedication and flexibility**. I hope very much that the situation will be normalized soon, that the FIL office can be occupied normally again, and that it will be available once again to our federations and partners for its intended purpose: To serve as a place for personal discussions and information sharing.

In concluding my report, I would like to take this opportunity to give a special thanks to to the Presidium -- our **new president, Einars Fogelis, our new secretary general, Dwight Bell, and to our treasurer of many years, Harald Steyrer**: Cooperation between the Presidium and the FIL office is working excellently, and due to the given circumstances it is conducted primarily through the use of modern communication tools such as ZOOM, e-mail, and phone.

As always, I would also like to express my **thanks to all representatives of the national federations as well as their athletes and support staff** for their trust and support, and the understanding they have shown me, especially over the difficult past winter season.

- To **event organizers and their officials, the agencies and partners of the FIL, and to FIL officials** for their excellent and in all aspects constructive

cooperation. Because of the COVID-19 crisis, it was more challenging than at any other time in my 11 years of full-time service to the FIL.

- **All members of the Executive Board** for their partner-based cooperation in this management body of the FIL.

I would also like to thank my **office staff at the FIL office, the directors of artificial track and natural track, as well as the members and experts of the FIL "COVID-19" working groups** for their willingness to perform at all times, especially for their extraordinary dedication during the COVID-19 crisis.

I also want to wish all athletes accident-free preparations and their coaches and assistants successful planning for the upcoming months.

I hope, for all of us, that we will finally be able to stage our FIL luge events without extensive restrictions in the coming winter, and that we will be able to experience top-notch, exciting luge competitions at the 2022 Winter Olympic Games in Beijing.

**At this point, I would like to ask you for your goodwill and support again as I fulfill my duties!**

Christoph Schweiger  
Executive Director

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## 2020/2021 SEASON REVIEW

### 50<sup>th</sup> FIL World Championships 2021 in Königssee/GER

awarding of titles

- Singles / Doubles
- Sprint (singles and doubles)
- Team Relay

### Continental Championships (Race in Race WC)

- 52<sup>nd</sup> FIL European Championships WC Sigulda  
awarding of titles: Women's, Men's, Doubles, and Team Relay
- 10<sup>th</sup> America Pacific Championships WC in Lake Placid/USA were canceled due to the corona pandemic.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Asia Championships in PyeongChang/KOR were cancelled due to the Corona pandemic.

### FIL competitions:

**Eberspächer World Cup** (9 competitions)

**Team Relay World Cup** (6 competitions)

**Sprint World Cup** (3 competitions)

**Nations Cup** (9 competitions)

### Overall rankings:

Eberspächer disciplines World Cup and Overall World Cup

Team Relay World Cup

Sprint World Cup

Nations Cup

### Statistics 2020/2021:

- **156** athletes from
  - **24** nations from
  - **3** continents (Europe & Asia) participated in the 2020/21 World Cup/Nations Cup;
  - America (CAN & USA) the second half of the season only.Participants World Cup: 50 men / 20 NFs, 48 women / 21 NFs, 29 doubles / 17 NFs
- **8'865** luge runs
  - **7** luge tracks in
  - **4** countries (all of them in Europe, due to the Covid-19 pandemic)
- **276** crashes (3.11 %) were registered by the time keepers of all the tracks
- **7% regulation:**  
Throughout the season there were two exclusion from training. The affected athletes from (Elsa Desmond/IR and Erica Martelius/FIN) were unable to meet the requirements on different tracks.  
10 athletes/pairs of athletes did not make it over the 7% hurdle for the NC.

### FIL partnership program:

- The development work in the sponsorships of the large NFs (GER/SUI/POL/ARG, AUT/SWE, RUS/NED) is very positive. Throughout the season, the partnership nations / athletes were successfully promoted in their technical development and supported materially.

### Training Conditions\*:

- For all events, the training was always coordinated in advance between the organizer, the Race Director, and the Sports Director. The NFs and team leaders were informed accordingly.
- The number of training runs specified by the IRO could be met on all tracks.
- Very good cooperation and coordination with the persons responsible for the training led to very good training sessions at all tracks.

**Track Conditions\*:**

- Very good track conditions were found at all competition venues: Ice profiles, as well as ice quality.
- The work of the track operators was sufficient and favorable from the beginning of training right up until the competitions.
- The co-operation between the ice masters and/or track workers and the FIL officials was very good at all tracks.

**\*Remarks:**

- Individual competitions and sometimes also training sessions were heavily affected by weather conditions (heavy snow fall). Details are described in the individual race reports.

**Medical Service:**

- The medical service was available to a sufficient level during training and competitions on all tracks and was able to meet all requirements.
- There were several crashes, most of which resulted in a good outcome. There were three serious injuries (Kristers Aparjods/LAT, WC in Oberhof, Matvei Perestoronin/RUS WC Königssee and Vejdelek/Pekny/CZE at the FIL WCh in Königssee).

**Doping Controls:**

- A total of 8 doping controls were carried out at FIL competitions on behalf of the International Testing Agency / ITA:  
WC Altenberg/GER, Oberhof/GER, WC Winterberg, WC Königssee, WC Sigulda/LAT, Innsbruck/AUT, FIL WCh Königssee und WC St. Moritz-Celerina/SUI.

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**Disqualifications:**

- 5 x § 5, 3.1.1, a (temperature of the steels)
  - 4 x § 3, 6.4.7 (missed the touch pad)
  - 2 x § 5, 3.2.2 (increased additional weight)
  - 1 x § 5, 1.3.6 (gap dimensions)
  - 1 x § 10, 1.3.e (false start)
  - 1 x § 10, 3.2 (irregular paddling before the finish line)
- In total, the TDs detected **14** IRO violations that resulted in a disqualification.

**Protests: (1)**

- UKR protested against the disqualification of Anton Dukach/UKR (false start § 10, 1.3.e)  
The submitted protest was unanimously rejected by the jury.

**Online Registration:**

- The online registration for the World Cup races was not always done proper by the NFs.  
In total, there were **79** complaints about the increased (penalty) entry fee

**2020/21 season:**

**Preparation for the FIL Events**

The COVID-19 pandemic with the state requirements was a huge challenge for the event organizers and the FIL.

After an intensive preparation period and many discussions, and after hard work, all permits for the event were obtained.

Truly not a sure-fire success under such difficult circumstances.

The cooperation between the FIL and the event organizers worked perfectly, with the result that all requirements and rules were adhered to by the participants and a smooth procedure was ensured.

The creation of exact time schedules, many small groups and procedures for training and competition, as well as clear communication were the «big points» for the success.

All participants were constantly kept up to date and could inform themselves at the organization offices.

### **50<sup>th</sup> FIL World Championships, Königssee 2021:**

- All competitions were well prepared and organized / all title events went according to plan.
- For all athletes equal and fair competition conditions were able to be created.
- Extremely exciting competitions in the disciplines with very, very tight and sometimes surprising results.
- The final Team Relay competition also provided a lot of excitement.
- The 2021 FIL World Championships were superb from an athletic perspective.
- For the anniversary World Championships in Königssee, a virtual opening ceremony and a video press conference with a wide audience were held for the first time. A very successful event that everyone around the world could join.

### **World Cup**

- From a sport point of view, in all FIL competitions by the organizers/track operators (apart from the weather influences) equal, fair conditions were offered for the athletes.
- In the past season, 6 track records were broken. An indication of well-prepared tracks and the development in sport of luge.
- In the 18 singles competitions there were 2 different athletes from 2 nations in the men's discipline and in the women's discipline 5 different athletes from 3 nations who were able to register in the winners' lists.
- In the double's competitions, AUT (3 x), GER (3 x), LAT (2 x) and ITA (1x) claimed the victories.
- In the Team Relay competition, 4 different nations were the winners in 5 executed Team Relay competitions.
  
- The Team Relay competition continues to be very popular and obtains great approval from media, athletes, and supervisors.
- All Team Relay competitions were carried out satisfactorily with regards to technology (**except in St. Moritz- Celerina/SUI**) and procedures which led to interesting and exciting competitions.
  
- The Sprint competition is scoring points thanks to the fast process and the extremely exciting competitions. The always surprising results and placements on the podium confirm the sprint format and its right to be in the FIL sport calendar.  
The competitions are associated with very high emotions among athletes and coaches.

### **Officials/Judges/Helpers:**

- The officials assigned to the WC events performed their tasks completely satisfactorily and made the necessary decisions with professional competence. A big thank you to the OC's, the referees/helpers and the track crews as well as the FIL officials who all contributed with great dedication and passion to the good outcome.

### **FIL Sled Transportation/Charter flight:**

- The sled transport to Sigulda/LAT organized and financed by the FIL was inevitable in the Corona situation.
- A charter flight from Salzburg/AUT to Riga/LAT and back was also organized by the FIL for the 52nd FIL European Championships in order to be able to guarantee the safest possible and corona-free travel to Latvia and back.

### **Spectators/Guests:**

Due to the Pandemic Regulation, no guests or spectators were allowed.

### **No Event program:**

Pandemic Regulation

### **No Presentation/Promotion:**

Pandemic Regulation

### **No VIP Room:**

Pandemic Regulation

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**Conclusion:**

The FIL can be proud to have carried out a consistent competition program with a well-developed protection and hygiene concept that was consistently followed and implemented by everyone: organizers, athletes, coaches, and officials throughout the season.

Together we achieved a goal that we had only hoped for in our wildest dreams.

The entire package of the corona crisis!

The enormous amount of logistics, the highest level of discipline, and certainly also the (always necessary) bit of luck.

But in the end, fortune favors the hard-working.

**Preview:**

- The development of the sport of luge in the NFs is on track but requires great care and continues to be fully supported by the FIL.
- With regard to the 2022 OWG, the gender equality demanded by the IOC is the major challenge.
- Furthermore, the new women's doubles discipline must be included in the 2021/2022 competition calendar and promoted in the NFs.
- Another major challenge for the FIL will be the "SLIDE 2026" strategic plan, which must be tackled for implementation after proposals from several working groups and confirmation by the 68th FIL Congress.

2020/2021 season statistics in a separate document

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<b>2020/2021 Statistics</b>
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**Number of FIL - Competitions:**

1st World Cup	2nd World Cup	3rd World Cup	4th World Cup	5th World Cup	6th World Cup 52 <sup>nd</sup> FIL-ECh	7th World Cup	8th World Cup	9th World Cup	50th FIL WCh
Innsbruck (AUT)	Altenberg (GER)	Oberhof (GER)	Winterberg (GER)	Königssee (GER)	Sigulda (LAT)	Oberhof (GER)	Innsbruck (AUT)	St. Moritz (SUI)	Königssee (GER)
Team Relay (10) & Sprint	Team Relay (9)	Team Relay (10)	Sprint World Cup	Team Relay (12)	Team Relay (10)		Sprint World Cup	Team Relay (11)	Team Relay (11)
19 NFs	18 NFs	18 NFs	21 NFs	22 NFs	23 NFs	21 NFs	24 NFs	21 NFs	23 NFs

**50<sup>th</sup> FIL World Championships Königssee 2021****Medals**

Disciplines	qualified	DNF	DSQ	DNS	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Doubles	26 (14 NF)	4	1	1	GER	2	4	1
Men	40 (18 NF)	1	--	1	AUT	1	--	1
Women	45 (20 NF)	2	--	--	RLF	1	--	--
Team Relay	11	1	1	--	LAT	--	--	2

5th Sprint WCh	qualified	DNF	DSQ	DNS	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men	15 (7 NF)	--	--	--	GER	2	1	2
Doubles	15 (7 NF)	--	--	--	AUT	1	--	1
Women	15 (6 NF)	--	--	--	LAT	--	1	--
					RFL	--	1	--

**U23 World Championships Königssee 2021**

**Medals**

Disciplines	qualified	DNF	DSQ	DNS	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Doubles	13 (10 NF)	--	--	--	GER	2	3	--
Men	16 (12 NF)	--	--	--	ITA	1	--	--
Women	26 (15 NF)	--	--	--	AUT	--	1	--
					LAT	--	--	2
					USA	--	--	1

**52nd FIL European Championships Sigulda/LAT**

**Medals**

Disciplines	participants	DNF	DSQ	DNS	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men	34 (15 NFs)	2	1	--	RUS	2	--	1
Women	31 (14 NFs)	2	--	--	GER	1	3	1
Doubles	22 (10 NFs)	1	--	--	LAT	1	1	1
Team Relays	8	--	1	--	ITA	--	--	1

**U23 52nd FIL European Championships Lillehammer/NOR**

**Medals**

Disciplines	participants	DNF	DSQ	DNS	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Men	16 (13 NFs)	1	--	--	LAT	2	1	1
Women	16 (10 NFs)	1	--	--	GER	1	--	1
Doubles	10 (9 NFs)	--	--	--	AUT	--	1	--
					ITA	--	1	--
					UKR	--	--	1

**10th America Pacific Championships in Lake Placid were cancelled due to the Corona Pandemic**

**6th Asian Championships in PyeongChang/KOR were cancelled due to the Corona Pandemic**

**Team Relay World Cup**

**Medals**

WC - Locations	participants NFs	DNF	DSQ	DNS	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Innsbruck (AUT)	10		1		GER	2	1	1
Altenberg (GER)	9				AUT	1	2	
Oberhof (GER)	10	1			RUS	1	1	2
Königssee (GER)	12	1			ITA	1		
Sigulda (LAT)	10	1	2		LAT		1	1
St. Moritz (SUI)	11				POL			1

**Viessmann World Cup – MEN**

**Medals**

World Cup - Locations	participants	from NFs	DNF	DSQ	DNS	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Innsbruck (AUT)	32	11				GER	8	5	3
Altenberg (GER)	32	12				AUT	1	2	2
Oberhof (GER)	32	12				RUS		2	
Winterberg (GER)	32	12		1		ITA			3
Königssee (GER)	32	14	1			LAT			1
Sigulda (LAT)	32	12	2	2					
Oberhof (GER)	32	12							
Innsbruck (AUT)	32	12	2	1					
St. Moritz (SUI)	32	14							

**Viessmann World Cup – WOMEN****Medals**

World Cup - Locations	participants	from NFs	DNF	DSQ	DNS	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Innsbruck (AUT)	28	11				GER	6	8	2
Altenberg (GER)	28	14			1	RUS	2		2
Oberhof (GER)	28	12				LAT	1		2
Winterberg (GER)	28	12				AUT		1	1
Königssee (GER)	28	11				USA			1
Sigulda (LAT)	28	13	2			SUI			1
Oberhof (GER)	28	13							
Innsbruck (AUT)	28	11							
St. Moritz (SUI)	28	10							

**Viessmann World Cup – DOUBLES****Medals**

World Cup - Locations	participants	from NFs	DNF	DSQ	DNS	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Innsbruck (AUT)	22	11				GER	3	5	2
Altenberg (GER)	22	11				AUT	3	2	3
Oberhof (GER)	22	11	1		1	LAT	2	2	3
Winterberg (GER)	24	12	1			ITA	1		1
Königssee (GER)	24	14	1	1					
Sigulda (LAT)	24	12							
Oberhof (GER)	24	13							
Innsbruck (AUT)	24	12							
St. Moritz (SUI)	24	11							

**2020/21 Nations Cup Review – Men's****Medals**

<u>World Cup - Locations</u>	participants	from NFs	DNF	DSQ	DNS	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze
<u>Innsbruck (AUT)</u>	29	16				AUT	3	2	2
<u>Altenberg (GER)</u>	21	15	1			LAT	2	3	3
<u>Oberhof (GER)</u>	22	13				GER	2	1	
<u>Winterberg (GER)</u>	31	18	1			RUS	2	1	
<u>Königssee (GER)</u>	25	17	1			USA		1	2
<u>Sigulda (LAT)</u>	26	18	1			UKR		1	1
<u>Oberhof (GER)</u>	29	18	1			SVK			1
<u>Innsbruck (AUT)</u>	34	20	1						
<u>St. Moritz (SUI)</u>	24	14	1						

**2020/21 Nation's Cup Review – Women****Medals**

<u>World Cup Locations</u>	participants	from NFs	DNF	DSQ	DNS	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze
<u>Innsbruck (AUT)</u>	28	17				GER	4	2	3
<u>Altenberg (GER)</u>	21	15				LAT	2	3	
<u>Oberhof (GER)</u>	21	14				AUT	2	1	1
<u>Winterberg (GER)</u>	25	17				USA	1	1	2
<u>Königssee (GER)</u>	24	16		2		ITA		1	1
<u>Sigulda (LAT)</u>	26	16			1	RUS		1	
<u>Oberhof (GER)</u>	31	18	1			SUI			2
<u>Innsbruck (AUT)</u>	37	21	1		1				
<u>St. Moritz (SUI)</u>	31	19							

**2020/21 Nation's Cup Review – Doubles**

**Medals**

World Cup Locations	participants	from NFs	DNF	DSQ	DNS	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Innsbruck (AUT)	13	9				AUT	2	1	
Altenberg (GER)	10	8	1			CAN	2		
Oberhof (GER)	9	9				GER	1	3	
Winterberg (GER)	12	10				LAT	1	1	2
Königssee (GER)	13	11	1			POL	1	1	1
Sigulda (LAT)	12	11				RUS	1	1	3
Oberhof (GER)	16	12				SVK	1		1
Innsbruck (AUT)	17	11				USA		2	1
St. Moritz (SUI)	13	9				KOR			1

**BMW Sprint World Cup Men**

**Medals**

World Cup Locations	participant NFs	DNF	DSQ	DNS	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Innsbruck (AUT)	5				GER	2		1
Winterberg (GER)	6				RUS	1		
Innsbruck (AUT)	5				ITA		2	1
					AUT		1	1

**BMW Sprint World Cup Women**

**Medals**

World Cup Locations	participant NFs	DNF	DSQ	DNS	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Innsbruck (AUT)	5				GER	3	3	3
Winterberg (GER)	7							
Innsbruck (GER)	6							

**BMW Sprint World Cup Doubles**

**Medals**

<b>World Cup Locations</b>	<b>participant NFs</b>	<b>DNF</b>	<b>DSQ</b>	<b>DNS</b>	<b>Nation</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Silver</b>	<b>Bronze</b>
Innsbruck (AUT)	6				AUT	1	2	
Winterberg (GER)	7		1		LAT	1	1	
Innsbruck (AUT)	7				GER	1		2
					ITA			1

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## **Report Technical Director AT 2020 / 2021 Season**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Dear friends of our sport,

The past luge season was marked by the Corona pandemic! The COVID-19 working group began planning the season as early as spring 2020. In countless video conferences with event organizers and WG members, various scenarios were worked out to maintain sports operations.

Due to the very good and close cooperation as well as the great discipline of all national federations participating, 9 luge World Cups, 6 Team Relay World Cups, 3 Sprint World Cups, the Continental Championships (Race in Race) as well as the 50th FIL World Championships, as the highlight of the season, were able to be carried out.

The measures worked out to minimize the risk of infection also brought about drastic changes to the procedures in training and competition. Personnel changes were made, such as a reduction in the number of judges and officials, as well as an adjustment of the inspection procedures. In addition, detailed schedules were drawn up for all measures. These enabled the greatest possible protection for all participants.

Thanks to the very good work of the organizing teams, track operators, judges, and FIL officials, very good training and competition conditions could be offered.

In addition to the permanent technical delegate (TechDir), another technical delegate and 3 jury members were nominated for all competitions in consultation with the event organizers and the FIL. The assigned tasks were implemented to the fullest satisfaction. The technical inspections were carried out at all venues according to the 2020 IRO, with the pre-inspection being offered weekly.

During the past World Cup season, 14 rule violations were identified.

### WC #1 Igls / AUT

1 DSQ in the Relay World cup: 1x violation des § 3, Pt.6.7.8 (missed finish touch pad)

### WC #4 Winterberg / GER

1 DSQ in World Cup: 1x violation of § 5 Pt. 3.1.2 (weight inspection)

1 DSQ in Sprint World Cup: 1x violation of § 5 Pt. 3.1.2 (weight inspection)



#### WC #5 Königssee / GER

2 DSQ in Nations Cup: 2x violation of § 5, Pt.3.1.1. (temperature of the steels)  
1 DSQ in World Cup: 1x violation of § 5, Pt.3.1.1. (temperature of the steels)

#### 52<sup>nd</sup> FIL ECh + WC #6 Sigulda / LAT

2 DSQ in World Cup: 2x violation of § 5, Pt.3.1.1. (temperature of the steels)  
2DSQ in Relay World Cup: 2x violation of § 3, Pt.6.7.8 (missed finish touch pad)

#### WC #8 Innsbruck / AUT

1 DSQ in Nations Cup: 1x violation of § 5, Pt.1.3.6 (gap measurement)  
1 DSQ in World Cup: 1x violation of § 10, Pt. 1.3 (call to start)

#### 50<sup>th</sup> FIL WCh Königssee / GER

1 DSQ Discipline WCh: 1x violation of § 10, Pt. 10.3.2 (crossing the finish)  
1 DSQ at Relay WCh: 1x violation of § 3, Pt.6.7.8 (missed finish touch pad)

#### Total:

5 DSQ § 5, Pt.3.1.1. temperature of the steels  
4 DSQ § 3, Pt.6.7.8 missed finish touch pad  
2 DSQ § 5 Pt. 3.1.2 weight inspection  
1 DSQ § 5, Pt.1.3.6 gap measurement  
1 DSQ § 10, Pt. 1.3 call to start  
1 DSQ § 10, Pt. 10.3.2 crossing the finish

#### **Cooperation Track Construction Commission**

During the past season, discussions were held between the IBSF and the FIL on updating the track construction rules. The revised guidelines, for the construction of artificial ice track should be finalized by summer 2021. In addition, a list of comments regarding track construction was prepared in order to be ready for upcoming re-homologations.

#### **Luge shoe**

After the 2020 Technical Commission meeting, it was unanimously decided to wait until after the 2022 OWS before further developing the luge shoes. In addition, the TC wanted to wait for the results of the FIL strategic plan "Slide 2026" in order to be able to react to desired changes. Our partners "GTS" and the company "Rass Sportschuhe" are informed about these processes and are looking forward to advancing the further development of the luge shoes according to the decisions made.

#### **Junior and Youth A World Cup**

Much to the regret of the International Luge Federation, all FIL competitions in the Junior and Youth A age groups had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This also affected the introduction of the discipline junior women's doubles on standard sleds as well as the expansion of requiring the standard sleds for the age group Youth A male doubles.

#### **Doubles standard sled V2**

A total of 20 V2 standard sleds from the Kästle company were delivered last summer. The delivery took place by means of a public lottery of the sled components, in order to offer the greatest possible transparency to all national federations.

Much to the regret of all involved, Kästle had to start a recall campaign in mid-November regarding the newly developed composite bridges. In the course of material tests, problems with strength and durability were discovered. The defective composite bridges were immediately replaced by steel bridges and exchanged.

In the past few weeks, further discussions on the topic of the doubles standard sleds have also taken place. The great complexity of this sports equipment requires the greatest attention and will continue to make further adjustments to the design but also in the rules necessary in the future.

### **Conclusion and future perspective**

After the resolution of the already mentioned FIL Strategic Plan "Slide 2026", which was adopted during the 68th FIL Congress in Berchtesgaden in November 2020, many important and also groundbreaking items are on the agenda for the upcoming Commission meetings. Our top priority must be to consolidate the sport of luge as an Olympic sport and to make it fit for the future. In addition to technical changes in sports equipment, all other areas have to be analyzed in detail in order to keep the product luge interesting for athletes, the media, and partners.

Finally, I would like to thank the entire Presidium and Executive Board of the International Luge Federation, the members of the TC Artificial Track, all organizers with their teams, coaches and athletes and the Sports Director for their very good cooperation.

Best regards  
Christian Eigentler  
Technical Director AT

## Report on Natural Track: 2020/2021 season

### *A special season under special circumstances!*

This past 2020/21 season was marked by the circumstances of the pandemic. The situation under COVID-19, which has never been experienced before, confronted us with new challenges, not only in sports, but in everyday living, on the job, etc.

Preparations for the 2020/21 season began in April with the Commission Meeting, and then work started on implementing the changes to the IRO.

In July, it became clear that it would not be a normal winter. It began with a protection and hygiene strategy for implementing competition events. Thanks to the excellent work of Thomas Schwab, Maria Luise Rainer, Christian Eigentler, and Christoph Schweiger, we were able to use the artificial track strategy as a model for natural track. The definitive protection and hygiene strategy for natural track was worked out under my leadership together with Thomas Niemetz and Simon Paregger as well as various representatives of the sport of natural track luge.

It was also a great challenge to adapt the existing event schedule that was approved by the Executive Board to the protection and hygiene strategy. The goal was to create an event schedule which would make it possible to hold all race events despite all of the rules, regulations, and safety measures. Thanks to the outstanding flexibility and support of the event organizers, this goal was attained as well. Even the decision to run the Junior World Cup events despite COVID was the right one, and it confirmed the effectiveness and good implementation of the protection and hygiene strategy.

I was only able to visit some of the event venues, due to lock-downs. Meetings with the event organizers usually took place virtually via the communications medium Zoom. Countless video conferences in preparation for the winter season brought about the hoped-for success in implementing our plans.

The event organizer meeting took place by video conference in October. In this meeting, the organizers of the World Cup, Junior World Cup, and championships were informed of the new requirements specification and about the protection and hygiene strategy.

Fortunately, we had a new sponsor in the brand "Südtirol" who stood by our side and supported the sport of natural track luge. This was also the only way we could guarantee a media presence, and that all World Cups would be broadcast live.

The effort level this past winter was enormous for me: In addition to my tasks as Sport Director, I had to fulfill the role of the COVID-19 Manager as well. All FIL events this winter: World Cup, Junior World Cup, and championships were conducted in my presence and under my supervision.

In this report, I will not delve into the details of each individual event, but here is a summary:

- The season opener in Winterleiten was a double World Cup event that was new for everyone under the extraordinary circumstances, and it was the event in which new procedures made their debut.
- Passeiertal hosted two very good World Cup events. But conditions did not make it very easy for the organizer due to the enormous amounts of snow in the valley. It should be emphasized that video highlights were broadcast daily this year too.
- Thankfully, Laas was able to host the World Cup final one week earlier than scheduled – on short notice and under enormous pressure. The reason for this was the spell of warm weather

in Austria, which forced a one-week shift in the planned world championship schedule. This commitment by Laas deserves great respect. It demonstrated the power and solidarity in the sport of natural track luge.

- The WCh. in Umhausen was the season highlight! Umhausen did great honor to the sport of luge, and it broke new ground in the areas of TV and live streaming. The renovations for the 2021 WCh. were also very successful.

It was important and proper to give the juniors the opportunity to exercise their sport and to organize the Junior World Cup events. The Junior World Cup also had its highlights, and good competitions were run in Winterleiten, Jaufental, and Umhausen. For me, it was desirable to be able to showcase the juniors who are the real athletes of tomorrow. That is, we need to give better support to the Junior area and greater visibility through social media, media broadcasts, etc.

What we now need to assess is what positive side effects COVID-19 might have given us, and which of the measures that were implemented should be adopted over the long term. Here, I am thinking, for example, of national training programs, of real-time transmission of intermediate standings and run times to the coaches, WhatsApp groups for sharing information, time schedules, etc.

For nearly two years now, there has been a "Materials" working group whose task is to identify potentials for making our sleds more affordable, and more multifunctional with regard to track surface conditions (ice and snow), but above all easier to prepare. I am confident that next winter the working group will arrive at a solution, and the Natural Track Commission will make a specific proposal for future changes in the materials area.

The past season was accompanied by a lot of effort, planning uncertainty, and bureaucracy. Looking back, we can all be proud that we "rocked the luge tracks" despite COVID-19. Therefore, I would like to thank my team here with all my heart! They supported me and worked in a very solution-oriented way.

I would also like to thank the FIL, its Presidium, commission members, and above all Vice President Peter Knauseder for the trust they have placed in me!

Sincerely,

Andreas Castiglioni

Sport Director for Natural Track

## 2021 Report by the Commission on Youth and Development for AT

Dear ladies and gentlemen,  
dear friends of luge,

Our luge youth now has a season behind them that was marked by the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the pandemic, the entire juniors/youth A world cup and the Junior World Championships had to be canceled. This decision was not an easy one for any of those involved, but the risk of having young athletes, some of them minors, travel through Europe during this difficult situation was too great. We also wanted to devote all our energy to enabling the running of the world cup for the general class. So, the youth lost a season of competition events.

### **Commission on Youth and Development:**

The Commission on Youth and Development met virtually on May 29, 2021 due to the uncertain situation regarding the pandemic.

At the beginning of the session, we paused to pay tribute to Sepp Benz who had passed away. Sepp Benz was for many years the chairman of the Sport Commission and Youth Commission, and during his tenure on the Executive Board and on the Youth Commission he introduced many innovations, such as the Sprint World Cup, random generators at the finish line, etc.

The commission held a moment of silence for Sepp Benz.

There was no season recap, since the entire season was canceled.

The main items on the agenda were the proposals and petitions from the meetings of the Sport Commission and Technical Commission which took place in Vienna on May 15, 2021, where the FIL strategic plan "Slide 2026" was the main topic.

We were glad to have the invited guests Marie-Luise Rainer (Sport Director) and Christian Eigentler (Technical Director) participate in the session to present and explain key points from their meetings. In addition, Fred Zimny (Development Manager) participated in the session.

Here I would like to briefly address three points in more detail.

### Development program for FIL luge development, Youth A and juniors:

The YOG 2020 concept discussed in St. Moritz was explained by Fred Zimny.

It calls for supplementing FIL group 2 by a FIL group 3. FIL group 2 consists of athletes who have experience and can start in the Junior World Cup (JWC), while FIL group 3 consists of new athletes who will be developed in this group to acquire experience before they can advance to the JWC.

In addition, two training centers are planned; we are thinking about Sigulda and Oberhof, but discussions still need to be held on this topic.

The training program was intended to be implemented in the 2020/21 season, but due to the complete cancellation of the 2020/21 season, this program should be implemented in the 2022/23 season at the latest.

The Commission on Youth and Development recommends implementing part of the program already in the 2021/22 season.

### Introduction of women's doubles, general class:

From the Sport Commission, the petition was made for starting women's doubles in the general class for the 2021/22 season in the Junior World Cup.

The discipline of women's doubles will be introduced to the general class in the 2021/22 World Cup season.

At its meeting of May 15, 2021, the Sport Commission proposed to do this in the Junior World Cup (JWC), because no times are available for introducing the discipline in the general class, and we would not expect enough participants either. The start heights of the JWC will also be more flexible in the first season. With an eye toward the 2026 Olympic Games, however, there should not be any more missed seasons.

Three women's doubles teams are allowed to start per national federation. They should race together with the Junior and Youth A women's doubles races. With a view towards the overall World Cup for women's doubles, there is a results list. After racing, separate results lists will be compiled for each discipline, and three separate victory titles will be awarded (General class, Juniors, and Youth A).

If the start height of Youth A women's doubles should differ from the start height for women and juniors, the Youth A female doubles will start as a separate discipline.

Technical Commission:

Christian Eigentler is giving a brief overview of the status of the standard doubles V1 and V2. The problems with the V2 sled are known and will be corrected by the Kästle company soon. So, all sleds will be 100% ready for use next season.

With a view to the Slide 2026 strategic plan, the Youth A men's doubles in the 2021/22 season will drive the standard double sled or a sled of "own build," since no competitions occurred in the 2020/21 season, and introduction of the standard doubles sled was planned for Youth A males, because starting in the 2022/23 season no standard doubles sled will be introduced for the males, rather just standard individual parts.

With a view towards the Slide 2026 strategic plan, the introduction of a standard single-seat sled was discussed. A schedule was established for implementing this project here. In the next session in 2022, this project can be discussed in more detail.

**Outlook**

For the 2021/22 season, it is important to have a lot of training weeks available to make up for the missed training runs of the prior season and to attract new luge athletes to the sport. A look at the scheduled training weeks (ITWs) gives me a positive feeling that this will succeed.

In the 2021/22 season, in addition to the ITWs planned for La Plagna, Bludenz, and the Junior WCh. in Winterberg, five other ITWs are being planned as well.

Calendar week 42 Sigulda and Winterberg, CW 43 Altenberg, CW 45 Oberhof, and CW 46 Königssee. The ITWs in Oberhof and Königssee, in particular, could be used intensively by the juniors, because at that time the general class is in Yanqing (Beijing).

**Conclusion**

Normally, this would be the time for me to thank the event organizers, track operators, assistants, team captains, support staff, etc. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm greeting to everyone, and I hope that in the 2021/22 season we will be able to operate under normal circumstances and that we will be able to meet all these people next season and conduct our race events together.

A special thank-you goes to General Secretary Dwight Bell, to the Presidium, and to the Executive Board headed by President Einars Fogelis, who always have an open ear for the interests of youth; I am thankful for the trust they have given me in my work for the youth of the FIL.

June 2021

Hans-Jürgen Köhne

Chairman of the Commission on Youth and Development

## Medical Commission

### Report for the 2020/2021 season

The COVID pandemic not only made this past luge season a very unique one from a medical perspective; it generated challenges of all kinds!

Before the season began, the FIL set up a working group that worked together with a virologist from Munich to develop a hygiene strategy that would ensure that a World Cup series and World Championships in luge could even be conducted for competitors in the general class! Here, I would like to give a special thanks to this working group led by Vice President Thomas Schwab for their excellent work!

Unfortunately, no member of the Medical Commission was appointed to this working group.

It was good to see that, with one exception, there were no serious injuries and that reports indicate that none of the injuries appear likely to cause lasting impairment to the health of the athletes.

### Anti-doping efforts

Information, especially on filing failures, missed tests, etc., should be requested from the medical/physician anti-doping officer of FIL, Dr. Eugene Byrne.

As prescribed by WADA, both in-competition and out-of-competition tests were once again performed by the ITA (independent testing authority) commissioned by FIL.

As always, significant changes to the WADA Prohibited List, which is updated annually (current version valid since January 1, 2021) and the anti-doping codes of WADA and FIL (FADC) can be viewed at [www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org) and [www.fil-luge.org](http://www.fil-luge.org). For more information or inquiries, please contact the FIL anti-doping official in the medical area or the FIL office.

### Medical care

Here, the Medical Commission had to rely entirely on the excellent records of crash and injury statistics compiled by Sports Director Marie-Luise Rainer for this past season.

With regard to medical care at artificial tracks, in most cases very good conditions were reported again this past season. Medical personnel with suitable equipment and the required emergency vehicles were deployed according to regulations at all FIL events.

Statistical analysis indicates that the total risk of injury in luge on artificial track has remained in the range of 0.1–0.2% for many years, which is fortunately a low range!

In the past season, there were no significant changes to the pattern of injuries or any increased frequency of specific types of injuries.

At this point, we should remember that as per the resolution passed at the 2017 FIL Congress in Constance, the FIL Medical Commission developed a proposal establishing minimum standards for equipping medical facilities at the tracks and presented its proposal at the 2018 Congress in Bratislava. At the 2018 Congress (see 2018 Congress report and 2020 report of the Medical Commission), it was resolved that the Executive Board, together with the FIL Committee for Legal Affairs, would develop a plan for implementing the recommended minimum standards by the next "Rules Congress" (2020). Unfortunately, this did not occur due to the special situation with the COVID-19 pandemic and the postponement of the 2020 FIL Congress that had to be conducted by video conference. It is essential to expedite these efforts and work out a plan according to regulations, especially to protect our athletes.

For many years, we have constantly maintained close **cooperation** with the medical commissions of the IOC, IBSF and other IFs in summer and winter sports, the NADAs and WADA, as well as with the "ITA".

I would like to thank my medical colleagues on the Medical Commission and on the Executive Board as well as the technical commissions and working groups for collaboration that has always been very good and trust-based.

I would also like to express my special thanks to all of the workers in the FIL office for their reliable and competent support in administrative organization related to medical and anti-doping issues.

We are looking forward to an exciting Olympic-year luge season with fair sportsmanship in 2021/2022 without any serious injuries to our athletes in artificial and natural track luge. Hopefully, the competitions can also be held in their usual formats despite the COVID-19 crisis.

Jörg Ellermeyer, M.D.  
Chair of the FIL Medical Commission

Linz, June 21, 2021



## Report by the Ethics Officer (69th FIL Congress in 2021 – Salzburg)

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*“The FIL Ethics Code is an important step into the future.*

*However: The FIL Ethics Code must be lived out, it must be embedded in the awareness of everyone who participates in luge.” (FIL Magazine 1/2017)*

This year again, we do not have any specific “cases” to report; that is because public reporting of such cases is prohibited due to rules regarding personal privacy and confidentiality in handling information and incidents.

However, it has become obvious that the focus of this year's reporting needs to be on the following **concrete guidelines for action** in the **Ethics Code**:

**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.*

This topic of focus was already addressed in the Ethics Officer's report at the 66th FIL Congress in 2018 under the heading **"Integrity of athletes"**: "FIL needs to update its code in this area (sexualized violence) .... Trusted contacts who are available throughout the season could offer assistance if needed and build trust over the long term."

That was three years ago. Lamentably, there is still a serious lack of **concrete guidelines** with respect to this very important topic. Even the **SLIDE 2026** strategic plan does not address the topic until the end of the document, mentioning the need to guarantee the **"protection of athletes participating in FIL from bullying, abuse, harassment, and discrimination"** and to track it in a **framework strategic plan** – but there is no action plan for this.

Some good examples of effective strategies for preventing sexual violence exist. For instance, a few years ago the BSD – the German Bobsleigh, Luge, and Skeleton Federation – already worked out a strategy with concrete guidelines and enacted it. The strategy is part of the BSD's Ethics Code. Here is an excerpt from the BSD strategy for illustration purposes:

*"For optimal monitoring and the necessary education on the prevention of sexualized violence, defined structural elements are necessary in the federation. A key structural element is complaint management, which is the initial instance of information transfer for the affected persons or third parties who want to report an incident. Moreover, structures must be implemented for supporting participants after an incident." (Reproduction of this text authorized by BSD)*

**Report by the Ethics Authority  
(69th FIL Congress in 2021 – Salzburg)**

The time has come for FIL to also develop and enact a suitable strategy with the necessary structures and concrete guidelines for conduct.

Waltrop, June 15, 2021

Norbert Hiedl, Ethics Authority

## Report TV Coordinator 2020/21 (Artificial Track)

### Covid-19

In view of the Corona pandemic, the 2020/21 season was associated with major challenges in the organization of the TV productions. In addition to extensive measures in the area of broadcast facilities (reduction of staff inside the OB van, redesign of the individual workplaces and separation with plexiglas, permanent mask requirement, hygiene/desinfection measures, massively restricted access, etc.), the TV networks involved also significantly reduced both staff and technical facilities, and commentators, almost without exception, worked "remotely". The hygiene concepts of all areas involved proved to be absolutely suitable: Not a single positive test was registered in the TV area during the entire season.

The longer breaks between the training groups, which were granted because of the necessary hygiene measures at most of the tracks, meant a clear relief for the TV set-up.

### TV Exposure

With a total air time of more than 400 hours and a total of 427 million viewers, the coverage of the 2020/21 Eberspächer Luge World Cup and the 50th FIL Luge World Championships significantly increased compared to the previous year.

The World Championships achieved the largest share of TV broadcasts and ratings with almost 53 hours of air time and nearly 105 million viewers. The coverage of all other events averaged more than 30 or in some cases well over 40 broadcast hours and 36 million viewers.

In Germany, similar to previous years, *ARD* and *ZDF* again generated by far the most viewers (83 percent) with almost 352 million viewers in a total of 25 hours of broadcasts (this corresponds to a share of seven percent of the total coverage in the 2020/21 season). The majority of live, delayed and highlight broadcasts in Germany reached more than two or three million viewers with market shares of up to 24.8 percent. Several times Luge coverage once again ranked in the top 10 of all *ARD* and *ZDF* broadcasts on the respective days.

As in previous years, regular, extensive coverage was also aired live, delayed or as highlights on *ORF* and *ORF Sport+* (Austria), *Best4Sport* (Latvia), *Eurosport1* and *Eurosport2* throughout Europe and *Eurosport Asia/Pacific* in Asia. In the USA, there was a significant drop in broadcasting time after the North American teams did not take part in the races during the first half of the season due to the pandemic-related travel restrictions. At the same time, *CBC Sports* aired a total of four hours of highlights of the Oberhof World Cup in January and the World Championships at Koenigssee. Moreover, almost all races were covered on *CBC Live Streaming*.

Unfortunately, the broadcast of individual races in the programs of *CCTV* in China, which took place for the first time in the 2019/20 winter, was not continued last season after no Chinese athletes were able to participate in the races due to travel restrictions. However, a continuation of the cooperation is planned for the 2021/22 Olympic season, especially as *CCTV* will act as host broadcaster for the World Cup opener at the Yanqing Sliding Center.

The competition between the various winter sports in achieving TV air time and ratings is becoming an ever greater challenge, as the international sports federations are increasingly creating new disciplines and race formats, but at the same time the broadcasting times are not being expanded

proportionally. The range of events on offer is so extensive now that it is increasingly no longer possible to cover all sports to the usual extent. Against this background, a certain degree of flexibility in the scheduling of events and the start times planning is essential.

A detailed TV evaluation is included in the congress dossier.

## **Live-Streaming**

For the sixth time in a row since its introduction in the 2015/16 season, the FIL offered live streaming with English commentary as well as video on demand of all Eberspächer World Cups and the World Championships on the *FIL website* last winter. Due to the pandemic, however, the commentary was entirely carried out "remotely", i.e. the commentators and athletes involved have not been sitting in a commentary booth at the respective tracks as in previous years, but were connected from different locations. Special thanks go to JFM Sports and Digotel, who created the technical conditions and thus ensured that this worldwide service - due to TV agreements geo-blocked only for Germany (partially), Latvia and the USA - could be used despite the pandemic.

The evaluation of the FIL service shows a doubling of user time compared to the previous year. This may also be caused by the pandemic-related exit restrictions, during which the option of watching live sports on FIL Live Streaming was obviously used in large numbers. An increase of 60 percent was achieved in Asia and 30 percent in Europe. The share of users per age group and gender remained largely unchanged compared to the previous year with a majority of the 25-34-year-olds. A growth was particularly noted in the 45-54, 55-64 and 65+ age groups. The use of mobile and desktop devices remained nearly unchanged at 50 percent each.

Finally, I like to thank the FIL Presidium and FIL Executive Board, the team at the FIL Office, FIL officials and partners, agencies, national federations, athletes and coaches, as well as organizers and track operators for the pleasant cooperation during the past extraordinary winter. I am looking forward to the continuation in the 2021/22 season.

**Britta Semmler-Dzoesch**

FIL TV Coordinator

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***The 2019/20 season highlights are available for download on the FIL FTP server:***

<https://ftp.fil-luge.org:9090>

User: TV\_Highlights

Password: qKXx2Y

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## A new era in FIL communications: Global, digital, cooperative

In August 2020, a new era in FIL communications began: With a new communications manager and new FIL photographer, with weekly **international media services** with a new media distribution of around 500 German and English language media contacts.

Two broadcasts, in German and English, provide information to global and national news agencies and editors, radio stations, TV broadcasters, international production companies, and digital news and sport platforms. Furthermore, the communications manager regularly provides news and global information related to the sport of luge to FIL partners and editors of the sport and Olympic industries, international platforms such as Olympic.org of the IOC, the Olympic Channel, OBS, OIS, InsideTheGames, etc.

**FIL media work** in the artificial track area involves close cooperation between the communications manager, Margit Dengler-Paar, and the TV coordinator, Britta Semmler-Dzösch. The FIL media team is also assisted by Latvian photographer Mareks Galinovskis.

The new FIL communications manager participates regularly in **IOC Communications Meetings**, and she plans and organizes campaigns. The requirements for international sports are constantly growing. In the communications area, it is becoming ever more important to focus on digital media.

Since the start of the 2020/21 season, the FIL communications strategy has been coordinated with the “SLIDE 2026” strategy that was approved by the FIL Congress in November 2020.

Especially important in international communication is to conduct dialogs on a level playing field. In the times of the COVID pandemic, **media credentials** have to be restricted severely, and communications were, for the most part, shifted to the digital area. The **virtual press conference** before the 50th FIL world championships at Königssee attracted enormous digital interest.

In the future, we need to plan and implement more reporting about regional and local attractions, events, and news together with the national federations. The national federations and athletes should themselves be the storytellers. Communication would then be conducted jointly. In the summer of 2021, FIL developed the **FIL Studio app** for this purpose. It can be downloaded, free of charge, from the Apple store or Google store. FIL Studio is a simple and intelligent mobile app that was developed for

use by international luge athletes, coaches, and teams in exercising their video creativity in producing authentic video contents together.

**Social media** is becoming an increasingly more important means for creating a community of interested people and fans with whom to communicate.

An international sports federation like FIL can share its current themes, the happenings and emotions of the sport, experiences and ideas. The personal element of social media has a high level of attractiveness. Social media makes information about luge, ideas, and opinions accessible to the entire world.

The world population is currently just around eight billion people. The internet has around five billion users, and of that figure four billion people are active in social media. The active users are usually active in multiple social networks – on average 7.6 different platforms.

Facebook, for instance, has more than 1 billion users, half of whom access it with their cell phones. 165 million users are active on Twitter, and they generate an average of 50 million tweets daily. Every minute, 72 hours of video material is uploaded to YouTube. YouTube has become the second most frequently used search engine on the internet. Social media posts are becoming increasingly more important in advertising events and activating fans. Social media encourages them to attend an event or to follow sports reporting, including on linear TV.

For the 2020/21 season, the FIL **social wall** was integrated into the website FIL-Luge.org. The latest social media posts can be followed here under the FIL hashtag #LugeLove.

### **Doubling of our followers on Facebook**

On **Facebook** we already gained 6,845 new fans in winter 2020/21 (16,752 total fans) by targeted invitations. The range and posting interactions have grown tremendously as well. The goal of the strategic concept, which is doubling of our followers by 2026, was already reached on Facebook in the first season, ever since the new FIL strategic plan SLIDE 2026 was approved.

The platform **Instagram** also grew strongly in range, content interactions and followers over the course of the season. In May 2021, 5,700 followers had already subscribed to the FIL\_Luge account.

On **Twitter** the FIL account still reached 2,378 followers in May 2021, and on **YouTube** the figure at that time was 1,300 subscribers. This past winter, the subscriber figure for YouTube was reached with by creating the new, FIL-designed content with "Professor Luge" in luge explanation videos, weekly highlight videos of race events, a new channel trailer and the summer videos for #WorkoutWednesday.

FIL has been represented on the Chinese platform **TikTok** since November 2019. So far, our video content has been really successful compared to other international federations. According to the BCW Report, FIL is ranked 10th among all international sports federations (summer and winter).

Starting in June 2021, the new **FIL Studio app** is serving to collect high-quality and current video material for social media, to serve the project **#RoadToBeijing** and **#LugeBJ22**, and offer new options for generating video material. FIL is asking for vigorous participation by national federations and their athletes and coaches.

With the new FIL photographer, we were able, for the first time, to consistently produce high-quality photographic and video materials for digital and analog communications. The images were also provided to interested national federations for a small fee to cover expenses.

Very much in keeping with the IOC motto **#StrongerTogether**, the new FIL communications manager is looking forward to continued collaboration with our colleagues in the national federations, the athletes, coaches, and support staff.

Sporty regards,

Margit Dengler-Paar

*\*BCW International Sports Federation Social Media Ranking*



## **Report of the FIL Development Program: 2020-2021 Season 6.9**

Submitted by FIL Artificial Track Development Manager Fred Zimny

The FIL Development program is broad in scope and attempts to address the needs of both general class, junior and youth level athletes. As we all know, 2020 was an extraordinary year with the Covid pandemic affecting all facets of life, including a significant impact on the sporting world in general. And luge was no exception. With the entire international junior circuit cancelled, the focus of the FIL Development Program was on conducting a safe yet productive season at the general class level. And I'm happy to say that thanks to the FIL's Covid protocols and health initiatives, members of FIL Group 1 participated in all scheduled training and WC races with no positive cases to report.

Typically, the FIL Development Program attempts to assist NFs through the support application process. Programs that annually receive support include the FIL Luge School, the Patenschaft program, track vouchers, FIL Group 1, FIL Group 2, race accommodation support, coaching, equipment, travel support and individual NF projects. The FIL Development Program will continue to focus on where the need is greatest, that being developing nations without their own track and with few athletes. The entire FIL Presidium and staff should be thanked for their unwavering support of NFs and their athletes operating within the FIL Development Program. In particular, Vice President of Sport Claire DelNegro has been instrumental in helping guide improvements to the program as well as Executive Director Christoph Schweiger. And the assistance of Erika Votz has been invaluable.

What follows is a review of some of the larger support categories administered by the Development Program:

### **FIL Luge School**

An annual staple of the development program, sadly the FIL Luge School had to be cancelled for 2020-2021.

### **FIL Teams**

A corner stone of the entire FIL Development Program are the two FIL Teams, Group 1 and Group 2. For both groups the FIL provides coaches, equipment, transportation and includes weeks that are fully funded for both track fees and/or accommodations. Group 1 was led by head coach Maciej Kurowski and assisted by Yuriy Hayduk, Petr Kinzel, Bogdan Macovei and Tomas Kinzel. Together they led a total of 17 athletes from 8 different nations through the modified training and race schedule in general class. Race results were a mixed bag for the group with a future goal of improving performance and providing enhanced equipment for the more experienced athletes.

Group 2 unfortunately did not participate in any training or racing due to Covid.

### **FIL Group 3**

Planned to roll out in the 2020-2021 season, FIL Group 3 is a program for brand new athletes from developing nations that will focus only on training and learning before moving on to the competition focused Groups 1 & 2. Again, because of Covid and the coming Olympic season, this program has been delayed until 2022-2023.

### **Patenschaft Program**

The FIL provides financial support to larger nations who partner with smaller, developing nations who receive coaching and sled tuning assistance as well as other benefits. Athletes from the smaller nation train and travel with their host counterparts. While Covid affected some of these partnerships, the



nations that were able to participate included: ARG/GER, NED/RUS, POL/GER, SUI/GER, SVK/USA, SWE/AUT.

### **Vouchers**

Valued at €25 each, track vouchers provided by the FIL can be used at any track toward training costs and continues to be one of the more popular forms of FIL support among nations. For the 2020-2021 season, allocations totaling €300,000 were distributed in the form of vouchers. Regretfully, use of the vouchers was significantly affected by the pandemic and the modified racing schedule.

### **Transportation**

Each federation participating in overseas World Cup events receives an allocation toward flight support and often equipment transportation costs. Additional support is provided to some nations through the support application process to ensure their participation in competitions and training.

### **Equipment and material purchase**

Subsidies were provided in 2020-2021 to obtain the necessary equipment to ensure safe and reliable participation in WC events. Support for the purchase of suit/shoe/glove sets are made available to developing teams as are helmets to all nations at no cost. Athletes participating with Group 1 & 2 are also offered a sled to use at no cost.

### **Coaches**

The greatest support the FIL provides in terms of coaching is the FIL coaching staff utilized by developing nations participating with Group 1 & 2. The FIL funds 100% of the cost for 3 coaches at the junior level and 2 at the general class level for nations that do not have the resources to fund their own coaching staff. For 2020-2021 and with the forced cancellation of the international junior schedule, all 5 of the FIL coaches travelled with FIL Group 1, providing the participating athletes with an unprecedented level of coaching and equipment assistance.

### **Physical Testing**

Beginning in 2020, the FIL implemented a new program of physical testing for all athletes participating with FIL Group 1 & 2. Using a battery of 7 tests, the goal is to test athletes a minimum of 3 times per year to ensure their physical training program is effective and they are prepared for the rigors of luge once the season begins. All athletes must achieve required minimum scores in order to participate with the FIL groups.

### **Race Support**

The FIL provides €500 for each athlete at a WC event for up to 4 athletes per nation plus an additional €1000 for nations participating in all disciplines at a competition. This is a significant way for NFs to offset their weekly costs and will continue to be a part of the FIL support program.

### **Conclusion**

The FIL has made significant efforts in alleviating the increasing costs borne by NFs to have their athletes participate in the sport of luge. Though it is financially impossible to address all the needs of every nation, there are many programs in place to help with the cost burden of travel, training, equipment and accommodations for developing nations. Costs will continue to be a main focus of attention moving forward. Other highlights include:

- Introduction of summer training camps for FIL Group 1 & 2 athletes.
- Increased accountability on the part of NFs on voucher usage and financial allocations.
- Provide higher quality equipment to experienced athletes participating in FIL Groups 1 & 2.
- Individualized year-round support and oversight of athlete training by FIL Coach Maciej Kurowski.

### Report Development Program 2020/21

The 20/21 natural track season was dominated by the corona pandemic. Especially the usual planning for the summer and fall actions proved to be very difficult last spring. In the end, all tour bus activities and summer camps had to be cancelled due to the uncertain Corona situation. The winter season was more satisfactory. All training weeks, camps and races could be carried out successfully. There were drastic changes in the coaching staff. The longtime coach Karl Flacher said goodbye to the FIL family and entered his well-deserved retirement. For 23 years he supported the FIL group as head coach with great dedication and commitment.

The preparations for the winter season started in September. There was a lively exchange with the federations about the organization of the races and the FIL groups under the Corona conditions. However, with time it became clear that some nations such as the USA, New Zealand, Argentina, Kazakhstan, Turkey, and Great Britain would not be able to participate in the World Cup tour. The winter season started in mid-December therefore with a reduced FIL group. Christina Götschl, former natural track luge athlete and new FIL coach, competently instructed the athletes of the FIL group in the Corona rules and coached the group during the first training week and at the subsequent double World Cup in Winterleiten in Austria. From the middle of January, Franz Obrist was again available as coach of the general class. Due to a quarantine order, it was unfortunately not possible for him to begin his coaching activities in the FIL group earlier. For the junior group, the first training week began at the end of December in Winterleiten in Austria. Matteo Clara took care of the juniors together with Alexandra Pfattner, a former racer in the Italian national team. In the meantime, the coaching team was strengthened by Jovan Lekic and Carmen Planötscher, also a former racer in the Italian national team. Carmen also led the "Ice Camp" in Latzfons in Italy, where young female athletes from Canada participated for the first time. Unfortunately, there were problems with travel regulations for the athletes from Sweden and India and participation in the "Ice Camp" was no longer possible. Shiva Keshvan, former artificial track athlete and coordinator of the luge sport in India, nevertheless used the opportunity to get to know natural track luge for two weeks as part of the FIL group. Concerning the performances of the athletes in the FIL Group, the very good skills and progress of a young Frenchwoman really needs to be emphasized. Charlotte Roche has ranked among the top 10 in the Junior World Cup in the last two years. She has taken great strides developed enormously and was therefore also named "Athlete of the Year" in the FIL Group at the World Championships in Umhausen in Austria. Also worth mentioning is Leonardo de Oliveira from Brazil, who is competing in the general class. He has a lot of potential, but due to an ankle injury he was not able to perform at his top level. At the World Championships in Umhausen he still managed to place among the top 20. The two Czechs David Rydl and Tomas Hasek train with a lot of commitment and dedication. In the last two years they have concentrated more and more on the doubles discipline and would like to gain a foothold in this discipline in the future.

Nations, such as Ukraine and Slovakia, which were coached and supported by the FIL Group and FIL coaches for several years, were able to establish themselves as independent nations in the Junior World Cup and World Cup and in part also achieve good results. The Ukrainian natural track team has managed the jump into independence well. The athletes are very well

prepared and always command attention with good race runs. At the World Championships, the Ukrainian team placed an excellent 4th. In the meantime, Slovakia has been able to build up a large junior team and is an up-and-coming nation in natural track racing. Also worth mentioning are the performances of the two Polish athletes Julia Plowy and Klaudia Promny. Both athletes succeeded again and again in ranking among the top 6 in the Junior World Cup.

For the further development of the natural track sport, it is important to activate the "tour bus" again, as well as other summer and fall activities. Trips to Portugal and Norway are planned. Shiva Keshvan will also organize camps with roller sleds in India. In cooperation with the Canadian federation, the project "Natural Track Canada" will be continued. The first step was taken with the participation of young female athletes at the "Ice Camp" in Italy. In the future, an important focus must be placed on the so-called "Luge Academy". Topics such as coach training, teaching materials, talent development, cooperation with ski resorts, and popular sport must be worked through. It would be helpful to have more personnel resources.

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# THE FASTEST SPORT ON ICE

# **SLIDE 2026**



# ABOUT THE STRATEGY

Significant events have taken place since 2011 when the previous FIL strategy was approved. Celebration of 50 years of the artificial ice track at Königsee and release of new sport disciplines – the team relay and sprint race are just a few of them. The assets of the FIL have been continuously increased. Not just due to the constantly higher contributions of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) after the Olympic Winter Games (OWG), but also through the acquisition of new sponsors, TV contracts and so on. During the same period, the FIL's support program has expanded enormously. However, it must also be acknowledged that many of the goals set in the previous strategy have not lost their relevance today. Improving global attractiveness of the sport of luge, using new media power, realizing greater transparency of organization and improvement of performance within Olympic winter sport federations are still on the table.

The world is changing rapidly. Generations, technologies, and habits are changing. The Internet has changed everyday habits and the issue remains – how to connect the next generation to the world of sliding digitally and physically. It is time to shift a paradigm of the FIL – develop the spirit of sliding activities and sport. It is time to unite all the sliding activities and share the experience with millions of people around the world. We as the FIL need to figure out ways to provide the sliding experience in order to connect the public to our sport. Instead of bringing people to the sport, bring the sport to the people!

As an organization, the FIL has taken major steps towards implementing the needed components of being a sport on an Olympic level so far. Now it is time to review the existing situation, evaluate it, and provide a new strategic vision for the next 6 years to ensure the development and growth of the FIL.





# STRUCTURE OF PLANNING DOCUMENTS

## STRATEGY SLIDE 2026

This document defines the key aspects of the FIL future:

- Mission
- Vision
- Values
- Core ambitions/  
Strategic priorities
- Objectives
- Desired results by  
milestones for  
2022-2026

## OPERATING PLANS

Operating plans are created by the management team on a yearly base to connect the long-term strategy with the committees and the staff. It includes:

- Objectives
- Desired results
- Specific tasks and  
projects
- Deadlines
- Responsibilities

## BUDGET

The budget is created by the FIL staff and the chief of finance to connect operating plans to the organization's budget and spending priorities. The budget includes:

- Revenues
- Expenses
- Investments

## FIL VALUES

The FIL upholds the key values in sport of **fairness, integrity, responsibility, safety, and respect**. All stakeholders within the FIL membership – national federations, athletes, coaches, officials, and event organizers – are expected to respect these values throughout their involvement and interactions with our sport. The FIL also fully adopts and adheres to all the standards of fair play, including but not limited to the Anti-Doping Code as set up by the World Anti-Doping Agency.

## FIL MISSION

Our mission is to unite the voice of the luge sports to build strong communities through the power of sport and thereby create a safer, more equitable, and inclusive world.

## FIL VISION

Our vision is to unite all aspects of sliding for masses and provide our athletes, coaches, and the wide luge sports community the best opportunity to achieve their highest potential in all aspects of the Olympic Games.

## **CORE AMBITIONS / STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

This Strategic plan identifies five focus areas, with strategic goals and objectives to take the FIL to a new level and to set an example for the whole sports community.

### **EXPANSION OF THE FIL REACH GLOBALLY**

We need to expand our reach globally and unite all aspects of sliding activities both for sport and leisure

### **BEING ATTRACTIVE FOR ALL MEDIA CHANNELS**

Today more than ever, it is important to have a presence in the digital media with attractive content available on request

### **INCREASE OF MASS PARTICIPATION IN LUGE**

Make sliding available to the general public and integrate sliding sports into daily sporting activities to create the basis for growth in our community

### **DEVELOPMENT OF OUR CORE SPORTS**

Artificial and natural track sports are our basic sports. Their development and improvement must keep pace with the times and ensure adaptation to new trends in communication and technology

### **GOOD GOVERNANCE OF THE FIL AS THE ORGANISATION**

A supportive, transparent, and well-governed structure must be created for achieving the set goals and objectives



# PRIORITY 1 /Expansion of the FIL reach globally

*Prepared by the working group led by Mr. Dwight Bell*

## MAIN OBJECTIVES

### 1. Consider the FIL as an “umbrella” governing body for the related sliding sports, both competitive and recreational

- Affiliate with other sliding and winter sports organizations globally including roller luge and street luge

### 2. Develop a new branding strategy and message to the world

- Re-brand the FIL to have more mass appeal, while still projecting elite Olympic program status. Consider a new logo, brand, and image, which in turn should be incorporated in all FIL communications and images, including at events, officials and activities, along with the FIL sponsors, fans, and spectator experience
- While retaining the use of the word **Luge**, incorporate more use of the words **Sled, Sledding** or **Toboggan, Tobogganing** in the brand and communications
- New dynamic website and enhanced social media / PR / Marketing outreach

### 3. Encourage NFs to develop and oversee basic sliding events/competitions

- Utilize ski resort programmes to promote mass-participation. Make a leisure standard sled and sell them retail to the general public
- Work with the NFs to create and utilize a summer roller luge recruitment and development program. It is cost effective, and operates in the summer when young athletes are out of school and it can be done in communities in strategic locations
- Create a “Luge Toolbox” for member NFs, including the development of basic/beginner snow/ ice tracks, to assist and accelerate the development of luge in member countries for sustainable programmes

#### 4. Establish major regional hubs for training and competitions

- Establish hubs in Europe, North America, and Asia
- Take inventory of all tracks around the world that could be utilized for the regional hub system, with emphasis on Olympic tracks that are currently NOT being utilized
- Use the tracks in the major hubs to develop athletes from countries that are geographically close to the respective hubs
- For efficiency and global exposure, establish world cup (WC) circuits in each of the 3 hubs

#### 5. Standardize sleds

- Standardized sleds, as the ones developed for women’s doubles, can be expanded to all disciplines, which will lower the barriers to entry at the elite level and better connect with basic sliding

## OUR ROADMAP TO 2026

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Create strategy to be an umbrella organization for sliding activities around the world	■	■				
Prepare plan for rebranding of the FIL	■	■				
Establish regional hubs - Europe, North America, and Asia	■	■				
Complete inventory of all tracks in the world	■	■				
Review membership guidelines and expectations for NFs	■	■				
Create luge toolbox for NFs			■	■		
Expand umbrella structure for sliding			■	■	■	■
Expand and enhance the image of the FIL to the world audience as an umbrella structure for sliding worldwide			■	■	■	■
Active utilization of the regional hubs in WC race calendar			■	■	■	■
Implement standardized sleds at junior and senior levels				■	■	■
Expand and enhance events for basic/mass-participation sliding in winter sport areas		■	■	■	■	■

# PRIORITY 2 / Being attractive for all media channels

Prepared by the working group led by Mr. Thomas Schwab

## MAIN OBJECTIVES

### 1. Significantly improve the creation of TV content in accordance with the modern media and audience demand

- Introduce the FIL TV coordinator with authority to oversee all aspects of TV content production (standardized camera plans, lighting, innovative camera techniques, etc.)
- Introduce the FIL TV channel
- Active use of the FIL TV in social media content
- Introduce one standard for all seasons - corporate design, venue dressing

### 2. Special attention to awareness in digital world

- Involve athletes and former athletes
- Involve influencers
- Special attention to the sliding image – “the fastest sport on ice”
- Special attention to awareness indicators in digital world
- Introduce e-sport game with luge, summer luge



### 3. Move from sport-based to event-based programmes in all FIL events

- Redesign the sport to include more action
- Set standards for event programmes / entertainment
- Integration of attractive accompanying programme into the events
- Award subsidies according to the performance of a respective event. Set proper criteria for evaluation
- Joint competition with other sports

## OUR ROADMAP TO 2026

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
New advertising strategy	█	█				
New TV standard / FIL TV coordinator	█	█				
Introduction of FIL TV		█				
One standard introduction for TV		█				
Improve of TV techniques		█	█	█	█	█
Introduce standards for event programmes	█	█	█			
Award program for subsidies according to performance	█	█	█	█	█	█

# **PRIORITY 3** /Increase participation in luge

*Prepared by the working group led by Mrs. Natalia Gart*

## **MAIN OBJECTIVES**

- 1. Increase the scope of the FIL by including the field of “public sledding”**
- 2. Introduce a definition of “public sledding” - all kinds of activities with sleds approved by the FIL for children and adults**
- 3. Develop the regulations for public sliding (IRO):**
  - General regulation
  - Sleds and equipment
  - Tracks
- 4. Include public sliding in the purview of the FIL – change the FIL Statutes**
- 5. Develop the methodical literature for coaches and specialists**
- 6. Consolidate the developed information into a Programme of Public Sliding**
- 7. Provide the Programme of Public Sliding to the NFs**
- 8. Perform FIL monitoring of the realization of the Programme of Public Sliding by the NFs**

# OUR ROADMAP TO 2026

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Status for public sliding - changes in the FIL Statutes	■	■				
IRO of public sliding	■	■				
FIL-approved non-professional models of sleds	■	■				
FIL-established non-professional tracks	■	■				
Methodical literature for coaches and specialists	■	■				
Active work of NFs with the developed Programme of Public Sliding	■	■				
Luge is a basic sport in the school program			■	■		
Development of the sliding club culture and organization of the amateur club competitions at different levels (schools, clubs, villages/cities, etc.)			■	■	■	■
Possibility of transition of talented children (Amateur tournaments) to the professional sports				■	■	■



# PRIORITY 4 /Development of our core sports

## MAIN OBJECTIVES FOR ARTIFICIAL TRACK SPORTS

*Prepared by the working group led by Alexander Resch, Christoph Schweiger*

### 1. Relaunch sport format /rethink/ revise all luge disciplines with a purpose to be more attractive in digital world (create a more dynamic and authentic outlook)

- Create awareness and show that luge is not a niche sport but it is a popular sport – everybody is sliding
- Develop new markets where our athletes will be positioned as testimonials and having incomes from sales of leisure sliding equipment and accessories
- Implement new outlook of athletes so that the athletes look more like athletes, they look more dynamic and are able to walk like athletes
- Implement new advertising rules for athletes and coaches to enhance the marketing effects for athletes and national federations

### 2. Relaunch competition format to improve its tension and dynamics

- Revise the Sprint-World Cup taking place to create more tension on the one side and to offer a new chance for small or new nations to take part at World Cups on the other side
- Introduce new start formats for the competition disciplines
- Introduce new start and finish protocol to create more tension, dynamics as well as to focus more on the athletes and their emotions
- New starting sequence to create a systematic suspense for a competition day, to create highlights and reduce the duration for the visitors at the track and therefore enhance the number of visitors. Decrease “no action time”



### 3. Sport development for small and new luge nations

- Education programmes / manuals for coaches and athletes (including track lines). Establish a Luge Academy for a better knowledge management and knowledge distribution to reduce the time for luge athletes and enhance the number of new athletes entering the sports of luge with a focus of being a part of the Olympic programme in the future, too
- Guidelines / manuals for acquiring new athletes / talent scouting
- Implementation of standard luge components to reduce development costs especially for new and growing nations, creating aftermarkets for leisure sliding, reduce education time for athletes and guarantee equal opportunities for athletes
- Focusing on the athlete experience and providing the expertise to help athletes succeed on and off the playing field.

## OUR ROADMAP FOR ARTIFICIAL TRACK LUGE TO 2026

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Implement new outlook of athletes	■	■				
Revise advertising for athletes	■					
New format of revision of the Sprint-World Cup	■	■				
New start format taking place		■				
New start and finish protocol		■				
Luge Academy		■	■	■	■	■
Step by step introduction of standard sleds			■	■	■	■





# MAIN OBJECTIVES FOR NATURAL TRACK SPORTS

*Prepared by the working group led by Karl Damian, Christoph Schweiger*

## 1. Increase the attractiveness of natural track luge

- Relaunch the sport in more exciting formats: women's relay, men's relay, parallel, knockout sprint (to replace the current pursuit race)
- Relaunch the sled. Further aspects to be considered are the steerability and safety of the sled as well as a simplified preparation of race and training equipment. Sleds should be more flexible to use in the future
- Relaunch sport equipment (race clothing, shoes, etc.) – the visual appearance of our athletes should become more professional and "cooler"
- Utilize sport venues in ski regions, big cities
- Expand media presence (social media, TV). Emphasis on storytelling, well-produced live stream in combination with a distributed news cut and several short social media highlight clips
- Re-activate traditional winter sport nations

## 2. Optimise the natural track development programme

- Establish the Luge Academy for the purpose of educating coaches and officials, promotion of talented athletes in the FIL group, creating general teaching material, providing input for mass sports, cooperation with ski resorts and track construction
- Road map for the independence of nations. Focus on the traditional winter sports nations. Supporting nations through know-how. Support for cooperation between smaller nations or regions

### 3. Self-financing of natural track luge as far as possible

- Sponsoring natural track luge with the reference to the mass sport of sliding

### 4. Inclusion of natural track luge in the Olympic programme

- The gradual implementation of the renewal process of natural track luge can be incorporated in the application documents step by step (by October 2020).

## OUR ROADMAP FOR NATURAL TRACK LUGE TO 2026

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
New attractive race formats						
New sport equipment						
Signing short, medium, and long-term sponsorship contracts						
Application for Olympic Games and YOG						
New platform around luge						
Live shows from all World Cup races						
Pilot project "luge centre" for ski regions						
Luge Academy						
Application documents for the 2026 Olympics						



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# PRIORITY 5 / Good organizational governance of the FIL

*Prepared by the working group led by Mr. Einars Fogelis*

## MAIN OBJECTIVES

### **1. Follow the best practice for good governance according to the IOC guidelines**

- Transparency, integrity, democracy, development, solidarity, checks and balances – fill the gaps between self-assessed and moderated scores and reach no less than 3 in all indicators
- Review best practices and cooperation with the relevant IFs (like IBSF)
- Ensure there is full gender equality in athletes quotas, competition formats and schedule, coaches, career specific transition programs and establish strategic mechanisms to increase the pipeline of female candidates for governance roles in general as well as for executive board positions.

### **2. Set up the new governance structure of the FIL - board governed, staff driven/delivered, and develop an efficient organization culture**

- Change the structure, rules, and procedures within the FIL
- Build up professional skills of the staff in new fields and areas of responsibilities

### **3. Supplement corporate communication and corporate behavior in the FIL**

### **4. Together with representatives of NFs establish guidelines for NFs**

### **5. Create online guide with suggestions for good governance to provide information to schools via NFs with the purpose to raise the awareness of the significance of good governance**

## OUR ROADMAP TO 2026

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Establish working group for restructuring of the FIL	■					
All indicators of the IOC guidelines implemented in the FIL of AIOWF IF governance questionnaire no less than score 3 in the moderated score	■	■				
New governance structure of the FIL established			■	■		
Staff training program development and implementation				■	■	
Online guide for schools			■			
Guidelines for NFs				■	■	■

## ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER WITH THIS STRATEGY

- 1. A STRATEGY FRAMEWORK “Safeguarding Athletes Involved Within the FIL from Bullying, Abuse, Harassment & Discrimination”**
- 2. IOC’s “Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance of the Olympic and Sports Movement” as a guideline for implementation of good governance within FIL**

# ABOUT THE DOCUMENT

In the autumn of 2019, the International Luge Federation (FIL) Executive Board members made the decision to launch the working group called "Strategy and Structures". The purpose of the group was to prepare a new strategic plan for luge till 2026, to be presented at the 2020 FIL Congress.

This document was created during the 2019-20 season in a joint effort of the working group and many subgroups involving a broad range of stakeholders of the luge community. It was adopted by the FIL Executive Board in spring 2020.

**The working group that created this plan consisted of the following members of the working group "Strategy and Structure" and the members of the luge family:**

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# Amendment to the 2021 FIL Statutes



**Applicant:**Norway

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**Motion No.:**

**Old text:**

Not Exciting

**New text:**

FIL and FILS's organizational members shall work for an equal gender distribution in elections / appointments to boards, committees etc and representation at annual meetings / general assembly.

When electing / appointing a board, council, committee, etc. and by representation at the annual meeting / general assembly, both sexes must be represented.

The composition must be proportionate in relation to the gender distribution in the membership, however, so that when choosing / appointing more than three persons, shall be elected / appointed at least two persons from each sex.

The provision also applies where more than one deputy member is elected

**Reason:**

ICO urges international federations to work towards gender equality.

This proposal is a copy of the Norwegian sports organisation regulation.

It is a challenge but though the challenge, the organization is continually renewed and work in a good speed forward.

IOC tells FIL to have a 50%/50% gender equality on athlete level and it is then also time to change the body of FIL to the same level.

FIL should be a pioneering federation in relation to gender equality

Promoting gender equality gives FIL positive reputation and demonstrates that the FIL corporate social responsibility.



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

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There are no applications.

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**Annual Statement of Account**

**April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021**

**1. INCOME**

<b>Account Number</b>		<b>Budget €</b>	<b>Income €</b>
1100	Income from 2019/2020 Budget	0,00	<b>0,00</b>
1200	Annual Membership Fees from National Federations	3.400,00	<b>4.300,00</b>
1300	Return on Investment, Dividends, Interests	110.000,00	<b>119.962,17</b>
1400	IOC Subsidies	62.000,00	<b>60.869,57</b>
1500	*1) Television and Advertising Revenues	1.475.500,00	<b>1.361,500,00</b>
1600	Sales	5.500,00	<b>5.544,00</b>
1700	Miscellaneous Income	1.000,00	<b>753,34</b>
<b>2020/2021 Total Income</b>		<b>€ 1.657.400,00</b>	<b>€ 1.552.929,08</b>

## **2. EXPENSES**

<b>Account Number</b>		<b>Budget €</b>	<b>Expenses €</b>
3100	Management President	36.600,00	<b>36.600,00</b>
3200	Admin. Expenses Secretary General	25.000,00	<b>25.000,00</b>
3310	FIL Office Berchtesgaden	433.000,00	<b>409.223,65</b>
3400	FIL Office Salzburg (Operating Costs, Office Material)	4.000,00	<b>3.904,25</b>
3500	Administrative Expenses VP Finance	39.600,00	<b>39.600,00</b>
3600	Lump Sum Admin. Expenses VPs, Executive Board Members	17.600,00	<b>17.600,00</b>
3800	Expenses for FIL Commissions / WG	31.000,00	<b>20.774,87</b>
3900	<b>*2)</b> Travel Expenses Executive Board and Officials	100.000,00	<b>39.150,79</b>
4100	Translation Expenses	6.500,00	<b>6.995,76</b>
4200	<b>*3)</b> FIL Meetings (incl. Congress)	150.000,00	<b>81.730,02</b>
4300	Membership Fees (SportAccord, Fair Play)	4.500,00	<b>2.948,57</b>
4400	Advertising Public Relations Work	299.500,00	<b>330.702,80</b>
4490	Social Media, Internet	61.000,00	<b>63.973,24</b>
4500	Various Publishing Costs	3.000,00	<b>5.452,70</b>
4600	Trophies, Medals (AT, NT)	32.000,00	<b>28.649,63</b>
4700	Magazines, Spezialized Literature, Subscriptions	3.500,00	<b>3.685,57</b>
4800	FIL Magazine	30.000,00	<b>30.906,31</b>
5000	Athletes Subsidy Championships	57.000,00	<b>70.560,00</b>
5100	<b>*4)</b> Athletes Subs. 2021 JWM AT	50.000,00	<b>0,00</b>
5110	Athletes Subs. 2021 JWM NT	20.000,00	<b>15.400,00</b>
5200	Athletes Subsidy WC AT incl. 3 Disc.	420.000,00	<b>374.000,00</b>
5201	Special Subsidy ITW Königssee Dec.	0,00	<b>18.060,00</b>
5300	<b>*4)</b> Athletes Subsidy JWC AT	285.000,00	<b>0,00</b>
5400	Athletes Subsidy World Cup NT	100.000,00	<b>96.330,00</b>
5450	Athletes Subsidy JWC NT	70.000,00	<b>72.200,00</b>
5500	Prize Money	575.000,00	<b>533.100,00</b>

<b>Account Number</b>		<b>Budget €</b>	<b>Expenses €</b>
5600	Doping Controls	220.000,00	<b>199.839,14</b>
5700	Subsidies for Organizers of WC	816.500,00	<b>927.020,50</b>
6100	Expenses f. Permanent TDs/Directors	229.000,00	<b>175.377,60</b>
6200	Subsidies for Organization	135.500,00	<b>21.500,00</b>
6300	Development Program Artificial Track	681.000,00	<b>572.000,20</b>
6400	Development Program Natural Track	124.000,00	<b>133.008,16</b>
6600	Special Programs Based on Executive Board's Resolution	15.000,00	<b>12.500,00</b>
6610	<b>*5)</b> ITW Beijing 2021 (Vouchers)	70.000,00	<b>0,00</b>
6630	Development Womens Doubles Sled	20.000,00	<b>0,00</b>
6700	„Patenschaft“ Program AT	35.000,00	<b>36.000,00</b>
6800	<b>*6)</b> Flight a. Travel Subsid., Transp. Costs For National Federations	250.000,00	<b>89.111,76</b>
7100	FIL Vehicles	50.000,00	<b>38.730,76</b>
7200	Purchase of Helmets	30.000,00	<b>29.027,22</b>
7300	Insurances	15.000,00	<b>12.188,74</b>
7400	Bank Charges	4.000,00	<b>2.365,22</b>
7401	Fund Management Fee	85.000,00	<b>61.604,63</b>
7402	Costs of Financing FIL Office	14.000,00	<b>10.250,11</b>
7450	Description of Buildings, Equipments	65.000,00	<b>63.575,50</b>
7451	Salvage value sold facilities	0,00	<b>687,00</b>
7460	Inventories movements	0,00	<b>- 4.216,10</b>
7500	Agent Responsible for Television	68.000,00	<b>66.256,13</b>
7550	TV Expenses	720.000,00	<b>797.743,07</b>
7600	Expenses from 2019/2020 season (Payables)	30.000,00	<b>14.683,46</b>
7700	Unforeseen Expenses	2.000,00	<b>0,00</b>
7710	<u>Costs COVID-19 actions</u>	0,00	<b>76.091,04</b>
7800	Allocation of hardship fund	10.000,00	<b>10.000,00</b>
<b>2020/2021 Total Expenses</b>		<b>€ 6.542.800,00</b>	<b>€ 5.671.892,29</b>

Salzburg, April 09, 2021

Harald Steyrer

FIL Vice President for Finance



FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE LUGE DE COURSE  
INTERNATIONAL LUGE FEDERATION  
INTERNATIONALER RENNRODELVERBAND  
A-5071 WALS-SALZBURG

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**Annual Budget**  
**from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022**

**1. Income (in EURO)**

**Account No.**

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1100	<u>Income from 2020/2021 budget (Receivables)</u>	-
1200	<u>Annual Membership Fee from National Federations</u>	4.000,00
1300	<u>Return on Investments, Dividends, Interests</u>	80.000,00
1400	<u>IOC Subsidies</u>	62.000,00
1500	* <u>Television and Advertising Revenues</u>	1.620.500,00
1600	<u>Sales</u>	5.500,00
1700	<u>Miscellaneous Income</u>	8.000,00
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	<b>2021/2022 Total Income</b>	<b>1.780.000,00</b>
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## 2. Expenses (in EURO)

### Account No.

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3100	<u>Management President</u>	36.600,00
3200	<u>Administrative Expenses Secretary General</u>	25.000,00
3300	<u>FIL Office Berchtesgaden</u>	457.000,00
3400	<u>FIL Office Salzburg (Operating Costs, Office Material)</u>	4.000,00
3500	<u>Administrative Expenses VP Finance</u>	39.600,00
3600	<u>Lump Sum Adm. Expenses Executive B. Memb. (except Pres.)</u>	17.600,00
3800	<u>Expenses for FIL Commissions/Working Groups</u>	61.000,00
3900	<u>Travel expenses Executive Board Members and Officials</u>	120.000,00
4100	<u>Translation Expenses</u>	6.500,00
4200	<u>FIL Meetings</u>	180.000,00
4300	<u>Membership fees (GAISF, "Fair Play" etc.)</u>	4.500,00
4400	* <u>Advertising/Public Relations Work</u>	388.000,00
4490	<u>Social Media, Internet</u>	81.000,00
4500	<u>Various Publishing Costs</u>	3.000,00
4600	<u>Trophies, Medals (AT, NT)</u>	30.000,00
4700	<u>Magazines, Specialized Literature, Subscriptions</u>	3.500,00
4800	<u>FIL Magazine</u>	32.000,00
5000	<u>Athletes Subsidy for Championships General Class</u>	12.000,00
5100	<u>Athletes Subsidy 2022 JWM AT</u>	50.000,00
5110	<u>Athletes Subsidy 2022 JEM NT</u>	15.000,00
5200	<u>Athletes Subsidy WC AT including 3 Disciplines</u>	420.000,00
5300	<u>Athletes Subsidy Junior WC Artificial Track</u>	285.000,00
5400	<u>Athletes Subsidy World Cup Natural Track</u>	100.000,00
5450	<u>Athletes Subsidy Junior WC Natural Track</u>	70.000,00
5500	<u>Prize Money</u>	530.000,00
5600	<u>Doping Controls</u>	250.000,00
5700	<u>Subsidies for Organizers</u>	843.000,00

<b>Account No.</b>		
6100	<u>Expenses for Directors, permanent TD's, etc.</u>	205.000,00
6200	<u>Subsidies for Organization</u>	125.500,00
6300	<u>Development Program Artificial Track</u>	674.750,00
6400	<u>Development Program Natural Track</u>	114.000,00
6605	<u>Special Costs 2022 OWG</u>	150.000,00
6630	<u>Development Womens Doubles AT</u>	20.000,00
6700	<u>"Patenschaft" Programs AT</u>	35.000,00
6800	<u>Flight and Travel Subsidies, Transportation Costs</u>	80.000,00
7100	<u>FIL Vehicles</u>	50.000,00
7200	<u>Purchase of Helmets</u>	30.000,00
7300	<u>Insurances</u>	15.000,00
7400	<u>Bank Charges</u>	4.000,00
7401	<u>Fund Management Fee</u>	70.000,00
7402	<u>Finance Costs New Office</u>	12.000,00
7450	<u>Asstets Depreciation</u>	65.000,00
7500	<u>Agent responsible for Television</u>	70.000,00
7550	<u>Television Expenses</u>	700.000,00
7600	<u>Expenses from the 20120/2021 season (Payables)</u>	30.000,00
7700	<u>Unforeseen Expenses</u>	2.000,00
7710	<u>COVID19 Actions</u>	30.000,00
7800	<u>Allocation Hardship Cases Fund</u>	10.000,00
<b>2021/2022 Total Expenses Annual Budget</b>		<b>6.556.550,00</b>
<b>Less 2021/2022 Total Income Annual Budget</b>		<b>1.780.000,00</b>
<b>RELEASE OF RESERVES 2021 / 2022 from Annual Budget</b>		<b>- 4.776.550,00</b>

Salzburg, June 26, 2021

Harald Steyrer

Vice-President for Finance of the FIL



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FIL-Revision  
Günther Beck  
Vlasta Vavruskova (as substitute for Derek Prentice)

**To the 69<sup>th</sup> FIL Congress 2021  
in Salzburg / AUT**

**AUDIT REPORT from September 5, 2021**

We, the undersigned, members of the Control Commission, in accordance with our mandate and in the period from September 3 to September 5, 2021, in Reichenau an der Rax / AUT, examined the accounts, the annual financial statement for March 31, 2021 and all transactions for the business year 2020 / 2021.

We find that:

- 1. The accounts were correctly kept in accordance with the legal requirements,
- 2. all documentary evidence and bank statements are available and agree with the account entries
- 3. we have checked the assets and liabilities as of March 31, 2021 for any impairment, and established that they were correct on that date,
- 4. the annual financial statement for March 31, 2021 and the balance sheet for March 31, 2021 are in agreement with the figures in the accounts.

The annual financial statement for March 31, 2021 shows:

<b>Income</b>	<b>EUR 1,552,929.08</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>EUR 5,671,892.29</b>
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<b>Net outlay of resources</b>	<b>EUR 4,118,963.21</b>
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The development of our assets at the LGT Bank in Liechtenstein was very pleasing again this business year. The average yield of our investments in the 2020/2021 business year was 1.65 % (rounded).

In the period from July 2, 2015 to March 31, 2021, our assets at the LGT Bank in Liechtenstein achieved overall performances of 10.45% in the “emergency reserve” funds as well as in “working capital deposits” or 1.49% p.A..

The differences between actual expenditures and the budgetary estimates have already been extensively covered in the notes to the annual accounts 2020/2021 are viewed in the same way by the members of the Control Commission and therefore require no further comment.

The random check of the inventory assets of the FIL as of March 31, 2021 showed agreement of the items to hand with the records.

### **Comments on the audit**

We find that, beyond the business transactions already discussed, there are no noteworthy changes relative to the estimates for 2020/2021 to be discussed.

Dear Delegates, we once again find that, in the year 2020/2021, now ended, a year that has again been economically and financially challenging, our FIL Vice-President for Finance, Harald Steyrer, has managed the FIL's assets extremely professionally, prudently and, together with the FIL Presidium, with more than usual commitment, successfully, to the benefit of the entire FIL family.

All documents required for our audit were made available for our work freely, in full and collated.

We find that the collaboration between the FIL office in Berchtesgaden and the Vice-President for Finances works outstandingly well.

We should like to thank our colleagues in the FIL office, headed by Executive Director Christoph Schweiger, for their outstanding work.

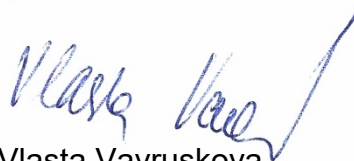
For the year now ended, 2020/2021, it is therefore our earnest wish to thank the FIL Presidium with President Einars Fogelis at its head, and especially the Vice-President for Finances Harald Steyrer, the whole Executive Board, the commissions and all officials and employees of the FIL for their outstanding and untiring work for the worldwide sport of luge.

On the basis of the audit that we have carried out, we recommend that Congress grant release with thanks to the Vice President for Finance Harald Steyrer, the Presidium of the FIL, the whole Executive Board and the Control Commission.

For the Control Commission:



Günther Beck  
Chairman




Vlasta Vavruskova  
Member

Reichenau an der Rax, September 5, 2021

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## **International Luge Federation (FIL)**

**Report on agreed-upon  
procedures concerning the**

## **Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

**as at 31 March 2021**

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## **List of abbreviations**

EUR	Euro
FIL	International Luge Federation (Fédération Internationale de Luge de Course)
UGB	Austrian Business Code
IFAC	International Federation of Accountants
ISA	International Standards on Auditing
ISRS	International Standard on Related Services
IAASB	International Accounting and Assurance Standards Board



## **1 Engagement and implementation of agreed-upon procedures**

### **1.1 Agreed-upon procedures**

Based on an engagement as of 11 May 2021 by the

International Luge Federation, 5071 Wals-Salzburg,  
(hereinafter also referred to as "FIL")

we have been instructed to carry out procedures agreed upon in detail with regard to the Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the International Luge Federation as at 31 March 2021.

In accordance with the engagement and in compliance with "Fachgutachten KFS/PG 14" the following procedures had to be performed:

- Obtaining external confirmations of the credit balances and debit balances in bank accounts and securities accounts as defined by the International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 505 "External Confirmations", to compare the balances of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2021 with the bank letters and to determine deviations.
- Inspection of the cash journal to compare the balances of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2021 with the account books.
- Obtaining external confirmations of the accounts receivable as at 31 March 2021 and accounts payable as at 31 March 2021 on a test basis of ten. The selection of random has to include the five highest accounts receivables and accounts payables and moreover at random. Provided that the relevant outstanding items are balanced at the time of the procedure, it is permitted to verify instead of external confirmations the payment flow in compliance with bank statements.

## 1.2 Implementation of agreed-upon procedures

The agreed-upon procedures were implemented in July 2021, with Mr. Ewald Klösch as the leading person.

Neither an audit nor a review was carried out, so that no assurance is expressed.

The sole purpose of the instruction is to check accuracy of the Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the International Luge Federation as at 31 March 2021 by means of agreed-upon procedures in order to be able to document accuracy vis-à-vis the bodies and members of FIL. Our report must not be used for any other purpose.

Our activities were based on the General Conditions of Contract for the Public Accounting Professions issued by the *Kammer der Steuerberater und Wirtschaftsprüfer* [Austrian Chamber of Public Accountants and Tax Advisors]. A copy thereof is attached to this report as Annex 4.

## 1.3 Documents

The following material documents were taken into consideration:

- a. Status of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2021" (Annex 1)
- b. Detailed list "Accounts receivable as at 31 March 2021" (Annex 2)
- c. Detailed list "Accounts payable as at 31 March 2021" (Annex 3)

## 2 Findings

### 2.1 Credit balances and debit balances in banks

The check of credit balances and debit balances in bank accounts and securities accounts as stated in the "Status of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2021" was carried out by sending letters to banks and by obtaining the relevant confirmations directly from those banks as defined by the International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 505 "External Confirmations". We received all letters of confirmation directly by post.

The credit balances and debit balances in accounts and securities accounts stated in the "Status of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2021" were confirmed by the relevant banks.

### 2.2 Other assets

The "Status of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2021" shows "accounts receivable according to bookkeeping" in the total amount of EUR 159.200,14 as other assets.

We examined those accounts receivable on a test basis as agreed upon, which examination covered a total amount of EUR 76.634,17 (48%).

### 2.3 Liabilities

The "Status of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2021" shows "liabilities as at 31 March 2021" in the amount of EUR 409.911,54.

We examined those accounts receivable on a test basis as agreed upon, which examination covered a total amount of EUR 232.185,50 (57%).

The examination of "unrealised price changes assets 31 March 2021" was not part of the agreed-upon procedures.

### 3 Final remarks

The engagement was undertaken in compliance with the statutory provisions applicable in Austria as well as in accordance with the International Standard on Related Services (ISRS) 4400 "Engagements to Perform Agreed-Upon Procedures Regarding Financial Information" issued by the International Accounting and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC).

Neither an audit nor a review was carried out, so that no assurance is expressed.

We would like to point out that in the course of additional examination procedures, reviews or an audit of annual financial statements additional aspects may be found, on which we would then report.

Our activities were based on the General Conditions of Contract for the Public Accounting Professions issued by the *Kammer der Steuerberater und Wirtschaftsprüfer* [Austrian Chamber of Public Accountants and Tax Advisors]. A copy thereof is attached to this report as Annex 4.

If it is established that pecuniary damage is due to gross negligence on our part, our liability shall be limited to EUR 2,000,000 in accordance with the provisions of Section 275 (2) UGB.

In accordance with the regulation contained in the General Conditions of Contract for Audits of Annual Accounts liability on our part for slight negligence is excluded. The limitation of our liability also applies vis-à-vis any third party that takes or refrains from taking actions in reliance upon these agreed-upon procedures.

**SOT Süd-Ost Treuhand GmbH**  
**Wirtschaftsprüfungs- und Steuerberatungsgesellschaft**



  
Mag Nina Klösch

Auditors

  
MMag Ewald Klösch

Salzburg, 10 August 2021

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# Bid

## to host FIL Championships

### - Artificial Track Luge -

Norway  
National Federation:

FIL Jr WCh 2024, dates to be coordinated due to YOG 2024  
Designated Championships:

Lillehammer Olympic Sliding Center\_  
Planned Venue:

#### 1. Benefits granted to teams during the international training week:

(such as costs for accommodation for a certain number of athletes; using the track without paying fees or receiving a reduced price; for organizing a party for athletes)

Fixed price: 25 Euro pr run pay-training.

Social event

Education program or lecture about either basic training, Anti Doping, sports nutrition etc.

#### 2. Benefits granted for teams during the Championships:

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Fixed price: 25 Euro pr run pay-training.

Social event – opening ceremony or a banquet

Education program or lecture about either basic training, Anti Doping, sports nutrition etc.

#### 3. Will the television production be provided and financed by a television station from the host nation?

(please mark with a cross)

to 100 %	yes	<input type="radio"/>	no	<input type="radio"/>
to 50 %	yes	<input type="radio"/>	no	<input type="radio"/>

We will enter into a dialogue with a local production environment. Live streaming with commentator.

subsidies in Euro \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. Will at least one adequate video screen be in use (suitable for daylight use)?

(please mark with a cross)

Yes	<input type="radio"/>
No	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Several TV screens deployed in different places, such as start, outrun etc if a television production will take place.

**5. Will a VIP tent be available during all competition days?**

*(please mark with a cross)*

Yes  approximate number of seats: 25

No

**6. Will there be any special areas arranged for VIP guests / Will stands be set up?**

*(please mark with a cross)*

Yes

No

**7. Which measures are planned in order to secure a high number of spectators?**

We want to move the competition days to weekdays in order to invite kindergartens and schools to the competitions.

We want to arrange "try the sport" for the children, facilitation with bonfire etc, Family Camp with various activities.

**8. Which main activities will be staged as a fringe program for participants, thus transforming it into an „event“?**

Look at point 1 and 2.

Prize giving in the city-center of Lillehammer. Cultural features from local artists.

If it is arranged for outdoor prize-giving and cultural events, it will hopefully get many spectators

**9. Have naming rights for the venue been granted to a sponsor?**

Yes

No

If yes: Name of the sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Appointed name of the venue: \_\_\_\_\_

**The FIL expressly states that any naming right for the venue granted after the awarding of the event must be approved by the FIL. In particular, the FIL reserves the right to not use the name for this event.**

**10. Championships staged in the past 5 years**

Year of Event:

2020 \_\_\_\_\_

2018 \_\_\_\_\_

2016 \_\_\_\_\_

2015 \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Championships concerned:

IBSF Para WCH (cancelled due to Covid-19) \_\_\_\_\_

IBSF Para WCH

YOG Luge, skeleton and bobsleigh

FIL JR WCH

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\_\_\_\_\_



**With your signature, you are confirming that**

- **the IRO will be acknowledged, especially**
  - the „*Book of Requirements for Event Organizers Artificial Track*“ (will be sent),
  - the „*Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights*“ (IRO 2020)
  - the § 6 of the IRO „*Medical Service*“ (IRO 2020)
  
- **at least 60 minutes of the Championships will be broadcasted on public television of the host nation (only valid for World Championships).**
  
- **the possibility for participation by the athletes of all National Federation of the FIL is guaranteed.**

22/3-2021

Date

Stamp

Ashild Hava Sporshuin

Signature of President  
or NF Secretary General



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**10. Championships staged in the past 5 years**

Year of Event:

2020 \_\_\_\_\_  
2018 \_\_\_\_\_  
2016 \_\_\_\_\_  
2015 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Championships concerned:

IBSF Para WCH (cancelled due to Covid-19) \_\_\_\_\_  
IBSF Para WCH  
YOG Luge, skeleton and bobsleigh  
FIL JR WCH

\_\_\_\_\_

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22/3-2021

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Ashild Hava Sporheim

Signature of President  
or NF Secretary General

## Questionnaire for Bidder of FIL Championships – Artificial Track

1. Which international competitions were carried out by the bidder in the past 5 years (General Class and Junior Class)?

FIL	IBSF
Jan'20 FIL WC Luge	Nov'19 IBSF EC Bobsleigh
Jan'18 FIL WC Luge	Oct'19 IBSF Youth Skeleton/Bobsleigh
Feb'16 IOC YOG	Jan'19 IBSF Para-Bob WC
Nov'15 FIL Jr WC Luge	Nov'18 IBSF Womens Monobob
Jan'15 FIL WC Luge	Mar'18 IBSF Para-Bob WCh
Jan'15 FIL Jr WCh Luge	Nov'17 IBSF EC Bobsleigh/Skeleton
	Jan'17 IBSF Para-Bob/Skeleton WC
	Feb'16 IOC YOG
	Dec'15 IBSF Youth Monobob

2. Which efforts were made by the bidder in the past 5 years in order to transform FIL competitions into „events“?

We have arranged an opening ceremony in connection with competitions

3. Which contributions were made from the bidding nation in the past 5 years to the FIL Development Program and Sponsoring Program (Patenschaft Program)?
- Until about the 2019 season, we had up to several athletes who compete internationally. We are now in a “generational change” with a number of younger athletes. In the 19/20 season, we recruited new athletes, but due to Covid 19 and strict restrictions for sports in Norway, we have not been able to recruit more this season. In 2019 we arranged an international Sliding Camp. Previously, we have also had a formal collaboration with Sweden. Sweden now has a partnership with Austria, so right now we are investigating who it is possible for Norway to cooperate with in the future.

We also applied for support for our coach Karoline Melås, who applies for various educations and courses under the auspices of the Norwegian Olympic and Paralympic Committee and Confederation of Sports, to be able to develop herself.

4. What has been done by the bidding nation in the past 5 years for the development of the sport in the areas of youth, junior and General Class?

As I wrote under point 3, all of our athletes in the junior class stopped. But we have hopefully a nice number of athletes who will be in the right age for participating in this JR WCh. This can be a good motivation for the youngsters.

5. When was the last homologation of the track operated by the bidder?
- 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (joint inspection by FIL and IBSF)

6. Which measures are planned to improve the track infrastructure in preparation of the Championships that you are applying for?
- Update/improvement of the close-circuit television system
  - Update of the medical first care room -> new room at the Finish-House

- Rebuilding the Finish-House (inside)

#### 7. Security Questions

- 7.1 Is there a close-circuit television system?  yes  no
- 7.2 Is there a telephone system along the track?  yes  no
- 7.3 Is there a room for medical first care?  yes  no

#### 8. General Questions

- 8.1 Is there a ranking display visible for athletes at the finish run?  yes  no
- 8.2 Is the lighting good enough for television broadcasts in the evening?  yes  no
- 8.3 Do you have enough manpower available i.e. by snow fall?  yes  no
- Not valid, the entire track is covered with roofs



March 14, 2021

Stephen Harris  
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Re: 2025 FIL Luge World Championships bid application

Dear Einars;  
Dear Christoph;  
Dear Claire,

With all of the changes and relocations of the 2021 FIL Luge World Championship, I want to congratulate the FIL and the Race Organizing Committee at Konigssee for putting on a great race and, given all the Covid challenges, kept all of the athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers safe and healthy.

It seems like a long time since we were all in discussion trying to work out the same challenges to keep the 2021 FIL Luge World Championships in Whistler. The FIL's difficult decision last September to relocate the World Championships to Konigssee created a large negative impact to the sport in Canada. We all know that hosting a World Championships in your own country is significant and creates great opportunities to grow the sport. The impact was felt on both the revenue side and our ability to show case Luge within BC and across Canada, create exposure and increase recruitment to luge.

With the FIL Sport Commission, Executive and Congress meetings approaching and the 2025 FIL Luge World Championships to be awarded this year, I wanted to connect with all of you as we submit our bid application for this race. At the conclusion of our discussions last September, when the decision to move the race to Konigssee was made, we also spoke about how the FIL and Luge Canada could work out a consolation for this impactful loss. At the time, the FIL agreed that it was reasonable to fully support Canada in being awarded the 2025 FIL Luge World Championships as a result of losing the 2021 race. I know in other similar situations or key years to award certain member nations the FIL World Championships, full support is given and other countries looking to apply are encouraged to look at a different year to bid.

As you are reviewing our application for the 2025 FIL Luge World Championships as well as speaking with other member nations that may be interested, we at Luge Canada look to the FIL to fully support our 2025 bid given our previous discussions and the impact of losing the 2021 race had on Canada. We hope that come Congress, all of the member Nations will understand and support Canada receiving the 2025 FIL Luge World Championships. All of us at Luge Canada thank you for your upcoming support.

Yours in Sport,

*Stephen Harris*  
President, Luge Canada



# Bid to host FIL Championships - Artificial Track Luge -

Luge Canada \_\_\_\_\_  
**National Federation:**

2025 Luge World Championships \_\_\_\_\_  
**Designated Championships:**

Whistler, Whistler Sliding Centre \_\_\_\_  
**Planned Venue:**

## 1. Benefits granted to teams during the international training week:

(such as costs for accommodation for a certain number of athletes; using the track without paying fees or receiving a reduced price; for organizing a party for athletes)

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## 2. Benefits granted for teams during the Championships:

(such as costs for accommodation for a certain number of athletes; for organizing a party for athletes)

Opening Ceremonies and Awards presentation in Whistler Village, Celebration Party at the end of the event, Discounts at local restaurants \_\_\_\_\_

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## 3. Will the television production be provided and financed by a television station from the host nation?

*(please mark with a cross)*

to 100 %	yes	<input type="radio"/>	no	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
to 50 %	yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	no	<input type="radio"/>

subsidies in Euro \_\_\_\_\_ Subsidies will be expected depending on the contract with the FIL \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Will at least one adequate video screen be in use (suitable for daylight use)?

*(please mark with a cross)*

Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
No	<input type="radio"/>



**5. Will a VIP tent be available during all competition days?**

*(please mark with a cross)*

Yes  (if yes: approximate number of seats: 100 .....)

No

**6. Will there be any special areas arranged for VIP guests / Will stands be set up?**

*(please mark with a cross)*

Yes

No

**7. Which measures are planned in order to secure a high number of spectators?**

Advertising throughout Whistler and the Sea to Sky corridor from Vancouver, School Program, Demos in Whistler Village \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**8. Which main activities will be staged as a fringe program for participants, thus transforming it into an „event“?**

Enhanced viewing area at the finish dock, Beer Garden in the lower loop, On site activities – DJ, Mascots, Photo Stations, Food vendors, Ice Sculptures, Fireworks \_\_\_\_\_

Warming area for spectators with children’s activities available – face painting, colouring, temporary tattoos, cookie decorating, balloon animals, craft \_\_\_\_\_

Musical entertainment throughout the site – drummers, hoop dancers, acoustic trio, band \_\_\_\_\_

Snow slide for kids, make it into a fun competition \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Have naming rights for the venue been granted to a sponsor?**

Yes

No

If yes: Name of the sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Appointed name of the venue: \_\_\_\_\_

The FIL expressively states that any naming right for the venue granted after the awarding of the event must be approved by the FIL. In particular, the FIL reserves the right to not use the name for this event.

**10. Championships staged in the past 5 years**

Year of Event:

Championships concerned:

N/A \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2021 \_\_\_\_\_

2021 Luge World Championships – moved to Koenigssee

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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- **the IRO will be acknowledged, especially**
  - the „*Book of Requirements for Event Organizers Artificial Track*“ (will be sent),
  - the „*Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights*“ (IRO 2020)
  - the § 6 of the IRO „*Medical Service*“ (IRO 2020)
  
- **at least 60 minutes of the Championships will be broadcasted on public television of the host nation (only valid for World Championships).**
  
- **the possibility for participation by the athletes of all National Federation of the FIL is guaranteed.**

March 14, 2021

Date



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Signature of President  
or NF Secretary General

## Questionnaire for Bidder of FIL Championships – Artificial Track

1. Which international competitions were carried out by the bidder in the past 5 years (General Class and Junior Class)?
  - 2016 World Cup - Whistler
  - 2016 Double Junior World Cup - Calgary
  - 2017 World Cup – Calgary
  - 2018 World Cup – Whistler
  - 2018 World Cup – Calgary
  - 2018 Junior World Cup – Calgary
  - 2019 World Cup – Whistler
  
2. Which efforts were made by the bidder in the past 5 years in order to transform FIL competitions into „events“?
  - Beer Garden
  - Food Vendors
  - Side Activities: Mountain Fairies, Photo Booth
  - Bleachers for seating
  - DJ on site
  - Fireworks
  
3. Which contributions were made from the bidding nation in the past 5 years to the FIL Development Program and Sponsoring Program (Patenschaft Program)?
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4. What has been done by the bidding nation in the past 5 years for the development of the sport in the areas of youth, junior and General Class?
  - Hosted 3 Junior World Cup events
  - Development of Womens Doubles teams
  
5. When was the last homologation of the track operated by the bidder?
  - 2019
  
6. Which measures are planned to improve the track infrastructure in preparation of the Championships that you are applying for?
  - Nothing confirmed at this point

7. Security Questions

7.1 Is there a close-circuit television system? X yes 0 no

7.2 Is there a telephone system along the track? X yes 0 no

7.3 Is there a room for medical first care? X yes 0 no

8. General Questions

8.1 Is there a ranking display visible for athletes at the finish run? X yes 0 no

8.2 Is the lighting good enough for television broadcasts in the evening? X yes 0 no

8.3 Do you have enough manpower available i.e. by snow fall? X yes 0 no



A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' followed by a vertical line and a horizontal line. Below the signature, the word 'CAN' is written in a small, blocky font.



# Bid

## to host FIL Championships

### - Artificial Track Luge -

Latvian Luge federation  
**National Federation:**

2025 Luge World Championships  
**Designated Championships:**

Luge and bobsleigh track "Sigulda"  
**Planned Venue:**

#### 1. Benefits granted to teams during the international training week:

(such as costs for accommodation for a certain number of athletes; using the track without paying fees or receiving a reduced price; for organizing a party for athletes)

As it is widely known, Sigulda's Bobsleigh and Luge track has always guaranteed the best ice conditions for all athletes, even during challenging weather conditions.

#### 2. Benefits granted for teams during the Championships:

(such as costs for accommodation for a certain number of athletes; for organizing a party for athletes)

We always guarantee warm welcome to all athletes and to the team personnel. We ensure the best judges and the best ice quality in the track!

Additionally, we do hope that in year 2025 Sigulda's Bobsleigh and luge track would have already gone an reconstruction which would be an additional challenge to participating athletes.

#### 3. Will the television production be provided and financed by a television station from the host nation?

*(please mark with a cross)*

to 100 %	yes	<input type="radio"/>	no	<input type="radio"/>
to 50 %	yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	no	<input type="radio"/>

subsidies in Euro 50 000,-

#### 4. Will at least one adequate video screen be in use (suitable for daylight use)?

*(please mark with a cross)*

Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
No	<input type="radio"/>

#### 5. Will a VIP tent be available during all competition days?

*(please mark with a cross)*

Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	(if yes: approximate number of seats: 200)
No	<input type="radio"/>	

**6. Will there be any special areas arranged for VIP guests / Will stands be set up?  
(please mark with a cross)**

Yes  X  
No  O

**7. Which measures are planned in order to secure a high number of spectators?**

Sigulda is always ready to gather a larger number of spectators in the track. Spectators are an essential part for athletes and also competition organizers. We are planning to have our largest culture programme for this event, we will also invite popular music groups. Food court and of course various kid entertainment activities will be available.

**8. Which main activities will be staged as a fringe program for participants, thus transforming it into an „event“?**

We would ensure that the culture programme for the 2025 World Championship would have the opening parade for all participating teams.

We are planning to have a spectacular opening ceremony in which all the participants can take a part, additionally also sport friends will be able to take a part in. Furthermore, we would plan another special event with the municipality of Sigulda and a special after party.

**9. Have naming rights for the venue been granted to a sponsor?**

Yes  O  
No  X

If yes: Name of the sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Appointed name of the venue: \_\_\_\_\_

**The FIL expressively states that any naming right for the venue granted after the awarding of the event must be approved by the FIL. In particular, the FIL reserves the right to not use the name for this event.**

**10. Championships staged in the past 5 years**

<u>Year of Event:</u>	<u>Championships concerned:</u>
2021	52. FIL European Luge Championships
2018	49. FIL European Luge Championships
2015	45. FIL World Luge Championships

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  - the „Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights“ (IRO 2020)
  - the § 6 of the IRO „Medical Service“ (IRO 2020)
- **at least 60 minutes of the Championships will be broadcasted on public television of the host nation (only valid for World Championships).**
- **the possibility for participation by the athletes of all National Federation of the FIL is guaranteed.**

24.02.2021.  
Date

Stamp



President – Atis Strenge  
Signature of President  
or NF Secretary General

## Erika Votz

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**Von:** Jeff Potter <JPotter@orda.org>  
**Gesendet:** Montag, 22. März 2021 22:57  
**An:** Erika Votz  
**Betreff:** Lake Placid Bid Application & Questionnaire for 2025 FIL Championships  
**Anlagen:** bid application form for FIL Championships .pdf; Questionnaire for bidders of FIL Championships 2025.pdf

Good evening Erika –

Please find attached USA Luge and Lake Placid's Bid application and response to the questionnaire to bidders for the 2025 FIL Championships. We are very interested to host the World Championships and, if selected, we look forward to the opportunity to present a more formal proposal at this year's FIL Congress.

While we are not in a position to host a Junior World Championship in 2024 or 2025 we are interested in hosting a Junior World Cup in Lake Placid in the 2023-2024 season, should one be available. Additionally, we hope to continue to be a regular stop on the FIL World Cup tour.

Please let us know if you need additional information or have any questions. We look forward to your response.

Best regards,  
Jeff

**Jeff Potter**  
Director of Events

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# Bid to host FIL Championships - Artificial Track Luge -

USA Luge \_\_\_\_\_  
National Federation:

2025 FIL Championships  
Designated Championships:

Lake Placid Sliding Center @ the Olympic Sports Complex  
Planned Venue:

## 1. Benefits granted to teams during the international training week:

(such as costs for accommodation for a certain number of athletes; using the track without paying fees or receiving a reduced price; for organizing a party for athletes)

Space permitting, accommodations will be offered at the U.S. Olympic Training Center. We will offer the athletes five (5) days of international training, for which two (2) days of complimentary training and three (3) days of paid training offered at the FIL voucher rate for 2025. Any athlete planning to attend the World Championships, who have not previously raced World Cup or Nations Cup, will be offered five (5) days of complimentary training.

## 2. Benefits granted for teams during the Championships:

(such as costs for accommodation for a certain number of athletes; for organizing a party for athletes)

Space permitting, accommodations will be offered at the U.S. Olympic Training Center. Our focus will be on the athletes and the celebration of sport. To accomplish this we would engage with the community to host an athlete celebration in downtown Lake Placid, World Championship gift for all teams, daily awards ceremonies with live entertainment and a post event party for athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers.

## 3. Will the television production be provided and financed by a television station from the host nation?

(please mark with a cross)

to 100 %	yes	<input type="radio"/>	no	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
to 50 %	yes	<input type="radio"/>	no	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

subsidies in Euro \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Will at least one adequate video screen be in use (suitable for daylight use)?

(please mark with a cross)

Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
No	<input type="radio"/>

## 5. Will a VIP tent be available during all competition days?

(please mark with a cross)

Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	(if yes: approximate number of seats: <b>The new 50,000 sq. foot Mountain Pass Lodge at the base of the run will be our base of operations to include a VIP area that will easily accommodate 150-200 people)</b>
No	<input type="radio"/>	



**6. Will there be any special areas arranged for VIP guests / Will stands be set up?  
(please mark with a cross)**

Yes  X  
No  O

**7. Which measures are planned in order to secure a high number of spectators?**

Working with the Organizers we will develop a comprehensive advertising and promotional plan that will target a 2-hour radius around Lake Placid. All channels will be developed to include: social media, digital, print, radio and television as well as media plan. We will also engage the local school and youth groups within the Lake Placid Olympic Region to attend the events and promote a return visit with family members. On-venue entertainment, food and beverage as well as multiple video screens and viewing areas will be in place. We will heavily promote the new mountain coaster ride to all attendees during down time to extend their stay on venue.

**8. Which main activities will be staged as a fringe program for participants, thus transforming it into an „event“?**

Efforts will focus on the athletes with public recognition ceremonies, gifts, awards ceremonies with entertainment in the newly constructed awards plaza and post event celebration/party. Teams will be offered rides on our new mountain coaster.

**9. Have naming rights for the venue been granted to a sponsor?**

Yes  O  
No  X

If yes: Name of the sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Appointed name of the venue: \_\_\_\_\_

The FIL expressively states that any naming right for the venue granted after the awarding of the event must be approved by the FIL. In particular, the FIL reserves the right to not use the name for this event.

**10. Championships staged in the past 5 years**

<u>Year of Event:</u>	<u>Championships concerned:</u>
2016-2020 _____	FIL World Cup
2016-2020 _____	IBSF World Cup
2016-2020 _____	ECAC Men’s Ice Hockey Championship
2018, 2020 _____	US College Ski & Snowboard Championships
2017 _____	ISU Skate America – Figure Skating
2019 _____	ISU Junior Grand Prix – Figure Skating
2019 _____	FIS World Cup Freestyle

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  - the „Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights“ (IRO 2020)
  - the § 6 of the IRO „Medical Service“ (IRO 2020)
- at least 60 minutes of the Championships will be broadcasted on public television of the host nation (only valid for World Championships).
- the possibility for participation by the athletes of all National Federation of the FIL is guaranteed.

3/22/2021  
Date

Jim Leahy, Executive Director, USA Luge  
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Date \_\_\_\_\_  
  
 Signature  
 Jim Leahy, Executive Director USA Luge

## Questionnaire for Bidder of FIL Championships – Artificial Track

1. Which international competitions were carried out by the bidder in the past 5 years (General Class and Junior Class)?  
**General Class – FIL Word Cups: 2015 - 2019**
2. Which efforts were made by the bidder in the past 5 years in order to transform FIL competitions into “events“?  
**We have focused on the athlete experience to include gift items, athlete celebrations within the community as well as athlete parties. Additionally, we have maintained the track to provide the best possible experience in training and competition for the athletes. New York States \$80 million investment in Mt. Van Hoevenberg will include multiple video boards, a competition suite including: drug testing area, athlete warm-up and lounge area, enhanced spectator areas and improved food and beverage offerings. A dedicated awards and entertainment plaza. Plenty of on-site parking with dedicated areas for teams, officials, staff and volunteers, and spectators. A dedicated TV and media compound with state-of-the art connectivity**
3. Which contributions were made from the bidding nation in the past 5 years to the FIL Development Program and Sponsoring Program (Patenschaft Program)?  
**The USA has had several successful programs over the years working with Argentina, Australia and Slovakia. We are currently working with Japan to create a working agreement for their future.**
4. What has been done by the bidding nation in the past 5 years for the development of the sport in the areas of youth, junior and General Class?  
**The USA has hosted youth, junior and General Class World Cups at both USA sliding venues. We have also hosted nations in the past for training at our tracks during the off season. During stays we have also provided access to the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid.**
5. When was the last homologation of the track operated by the bidder?  
**The Lake Placid Sliding Center was homologated in the Summer of 2019.**
6. Which measures are planned to improve the track infrastructure in preparation of the Championships that you are applying for?  
**We just completed an upgrade to our main lodge to include a fieldhouse for athlete warmup, athlete training, athlete lounge.**  
  
**Additional shades and enclosures have been erected to further protect the track the elements.**  
  
**Purchasing several video boards to add to the seven (7) 55” outdoor monitors that are currently installed along the track (three (3) at the Start #1 – Men’s Start, one (1) at Start #3 – Women’s & Doubles Start, one**
7. Security Questions
  - 7.1 Is there a close-circuit television system? **X** yes 0 no
  - 7.2 Is there a telephone system along the track? **X** yes 0 no
  - 7.3 Is there a room for medical first care? **X** yes 0 no

8. General Questions

8.1 Is there a ranking display visible for athletes at the finish run?  yes  no

8.2 Is the lighting good enough for television broadcasts in the evening?  yes  no

8.3 Do you have enough manpower available i.e. by snow fall?  yes  no

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# Bid

## to host FIL Championships

### - Natural Track Luge -

RUSSIA

2023 World Championships

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**National Federation:**

**Designated Championships:**

MOSCOW NATURAL TRACK

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**Planned Venue/Track:**

RUSSIAN LUGE FEDERATION

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**Name of Organizing Club:**

#### 1. Technical Data from Track

**Homologation Date:** February, 2020

**Length of Track:** 520 m

**Sea Level at Start:** 190

**Sea Level at Finish:** 125

**Average Drop:** 11.2

**Maximum Drop:** 25

*(Please mark with a cross)*

**Existing road:**

**Existing foothpath at the track:**

**Heated start house:**

**Start house:**

**Provisional arrangement at start:**

**Heated finish house:**

**Finish house:**

**Provisional arrangement at finish:**

#### 2. Have naming rights for the venue been granted to a sponsor?

Yes

No

**If yes:** **Name of the sponsor:**

**Appointed name of the venue: VOROBYEVY GORY TRACK**

The FIL expressively states that any naming right for the venue granted after the awarding of the event must be approved by the FIL. In particular, the FIL reserves the right to not use the name for this event.

### 3. Previous International Competitions

<u>Year of Event:</u>	<u>Name of Event:</u>
2016	FIL luge World Cup
2017	GRM Group Luge World Cup
2019	FIL luge World Cup
2020	FIL European Championships

### 4. Benefits granted for teams during the Championships:

(i.e. covering accommodation costs for a certain number of athletes; organizing a party for athletes)

- FREE TRANSFER FROM/TO THE AIRPORTS TO THE OFFICIAL HOTEL,
- FREE TRANSFER FROM THE HOTEL TO TRACK AND BACK,
- PARTY FOR THE ATHLETES

### 5. Will a VIP tent be available during all competition days?

(please mark with a cross)

- Yes  (if yes: approximate number of seats: 100)
- No

### 6. Will there be special areas arranged for VIP guests / Will stands be built?

(please mark with a cross)

- Yes
- No

### 7. Which measures are planned in order to secure a high number of spectators?

- ADVERTISING AT PUBLIC AND SPORT SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES AND METRO BY THE EVENT POSTERS, INSTALLING ROLL-UPS,
- INFORMATION ABOUT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN SOCIAL MEDIA, IN THE ARTICLES, INTERVIEW AND MASS MEDIA

### 8. Which activities worth mentioning will be staged as fringe program for participants (transform the competition into an „event“)?

- OPENING AND CLOSED CEREMONY,
- INTERESTING PROGRAM FOR THE SPECTATORS (ADULTS AND CHILDREN) WITH PRIZES DURING THE COMPETITIVE EVENTS

With your signature, you are confirming that it will be recognized

- the IRO, especially
  - the „Regulations for Audio-Visual Media Rights“ (IRO 2020, Sep 2020)
  - § 6 of the IRO “Medical Service” (IRO 2020)
- the „Advertising Rules of the FIL“ (will be sent soon),
- the „Media Handbook of the FIL“ (will be sent soon)

19.03.2021

Date



Stamp

Signature of President  
or Secretary General of NF

# Fragebogen für Veranstalter - Naturbahn

(Welche Leistungen wurden bei früheren Veranstaltungen realisiert bzw. sind bereits vorhanden oder geplant)

**Rennbüro** Ja, vorhanden ● Nein, geplant

## Ausstattung:

Stromanschluss Ja ●  Nein  Anzahl 6 vorhanden/geplant  
WLAN Ja ● Nein  Anzahl  vorhanden/geplant  
Heizung Ja ● Nein  Anzahl  vorhanden/geplant  
Drucker Ja ● Nein  Anzahl 2 vorhanden/geplant  
Kopiergerät Ja ● Nein  Anzahl 1 vorhanden/geplant

## Zeitmessung

Firma

Anlage

Anzahl der Zwischenzeiten 3

## Zeitinformationen

LED Wall Ja ● Nein  Anzahl 1  
Reihungstafel Ja  Nein  Anzahl   
Zeittafel Ja  Nein  Anzahl   
Tonanlage Ja, vollständig vorhanden ●  
Ja, teilweise vorhanden   
Nein

Sprecher:

Fremdsprachen (welche) **ENGLISH**

**Dopingkontrolle** Ja ● Nein  welche Räumlichkeiten sind vorhanden:

The place will be announced later

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**Siegerpräsentation/-ehrerung als eigene Veranstaltung geplant?** Ja ● Nein

Örtlichkeit und Rahmen:

At the track

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Hymnen vorhanden Ja ● Nein

Livemusik geplant Ja ● Nein

Fahnen größtenteils vorhanden Ja ● Nein

**Vermarktung** eigene Ja ● Nein   
professionelle Ja  Nein   
Agenturname:

### Öffentlichkeitsarbeit

eigene Ja ● Nein   
professionelle Ja  Nein   
Welche:

### Pressebüro (unabhängig vom Rennbüro!)

Ja, vorhanden ● Nein, geplant

### Ausstattung:

Arbeitsplätze Ja ● Nein  Anzahl 6 vorhanden/geplant  
Stromanschluss Ja ● Nein  Anzahl 8 vorhanden/geplant  
WLAN Ja ● Nein  Anzahl  vorhanden/geplant  
Heizung Ja ● Nein  Anzahl  vorhanden/geplant  
Drucker Ja ● Nein  Anzahl  vorhanden/geplant  
Kopiergerät Ja ● Nein  Anzahl  vorhanden/geplant  
TV-Gerät Ja ● Nein  Anzahl   
Pressekonferenz Ja ● Nein  Anzahl

Pressebetreuung Ja ● Nein  Anzahl der Personen w  m   
Fremdsprachen (welche):

Pressechef Ja ● Nein  Qualifikationen (welche):

Fremdsprachen (welche): **ENGLISH**

Akkreditierungen mit Zoneneinteilung Ja ● Nein

### Unterkünfte:

Hotels mit WLAN ausreichend zur Verfügung Ja ● Nein

Quartiere sind vorwiegend

Hotels ● Pensionen  Privatquartiere  andere Unterkunft

Durchschnittliche Entfernung von der Bahn: the place of the accommodation  
will be announced later

Fahrtmöglichkeit zur Bahn: free transfer will be provided by the organizers



**Verpflegung/Betreuung:**

Jury/TD-Betreuung Ja ● Nein   
Eigener Juryraum Ja  Nein ●  
Verpflegung für Jury und TD Hotel ● Gasthaus   
VIP-Zelt Ja ● Nein  VIP-Raum Ja  Nein

**Sonstiges**

Ausschreibung-Einladung online/mail ● Post ●  
Programmheft extra Ja ● Nein   
Ergebnislisten Format **PAPER, by e-mail**  
Gastgeschenk Ja ● Nein   
Gastgeschenke für Ehrengäste Ja ● Nein   
Anstecknadeln zur Veranstaltung Ja ● Nein   
Eigene Website für die Veranstaltung Ja  Nein All the information will  
be at the site Russian luge Federation

Geplante Maßnahmen zur Gewinnung großer Zuschauerzahlen:

- **ADVERTISING AT PUBLIC AND SPORT SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES AND METRO BY THE EVENT POSTERS, INSTALLING ROLL-UPS;**
- **INFORMATION ABOUT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN SOCIAL MEDIA, IN THE ARTICLES, INTERVIEW AND MASS MEDIA.**

Zuschauertribünen: Ja ● Nein

19/03/2021

Datum

Stanislav Tyurin, Executive Director

Name und Unterschrift





# Antrag auf Ausrichtung von FIL-Meisterschaften - Bereich Naturbahn-Rennrodeln -

ÖRV \_\_\_\_\_  
Nationale Föderation:

Junioren WM 2024 \_\_\_\_\_  
Vorgesehene Meisterschaft:

Winterleiten \_\_\_\_\_  
Geplante(r) Austragungsort/Rennstrecke:

SC-Obdach/Rodeln \_\_\_\_\_  
Name des ausrichtenden Vereins:

## 1. Technische Daten der Rennstrecke

Homologierungsdatum: 2020 ..... Bahnlänge: 864m .....

Seehöhe Start: 1705m ..... Seehöhe Ziel: 1627m .....

Durchschnittsgefälle: 11,5% ..... Maximalgefälle: 15% .....

*(Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)*

Auffahrtstraße vorhanden:

Fußweg an der Bahn vorhanden:

Starthaus mit Wärmeraum:

Starthütte:

Startprovisorium:

Zielhaus mit Wärmeraum:

Zielhütte:

Zielprovisorium:

## 2. Besteht eine Vereinbarung mit einem Sponsor bezüglich Namensrecht am Austragungsort?

Ja

Nein

Wenn ja: Name des Sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_

Vereinbarter Name des Austragungsorts: \_\_\_\_\_

Die FIL weist ausdrücklich darauf hin, dass nach der Vergabe abgeschlossene Vereinbarungen über ein Namensrecht am Austragungsort von der FIL genehmigungspflichtig sind. Insbesondere behält sich die FIL ein Recht zur Nichtverwendung des Namens für diese Veranstaltung vor.

### 3. Bisherige internationale Veranstaltungen

<u>Jahr der Durchführung:</u>	<u>Name der Veranstaltung:</u>
7 Weltcup _____	Allgemeine Klasse _____
9 Weltcup _____	Junioren _____
2018 _____	EM allgemeine Klasse _____
2019 _____	FIL Jugendspiele _____
_____	_____
_____	_____

### 4. Gewährte Vergünstigungen für die Teams bei den Meisterschaften:

(z.B. Übernahme Aufenthalt für eine bestimmte Anzahl von Athleten; Durchführung eines Sportlerabends)

Eröffnungsfeier \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### 5. Steht an allen Wettkampftagen ein VIP-Zelt zur Verfügung?

(Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)

Ja  (wenn ja: ungefähre Anzahl der Sitzplätze: .....150.....)

Nein

### 6. Werden für die VIP-Gäste spezielle Zonen geschaffen/ Tribünen aufgebaut?

(Zutreffendes bitte ankreuzen)

Ja

Nein

### 7. Welche Maßnahmen sind zur Sicherung einer hohen Zahl von Zuschauern vorgesehen?

Werbung in Sozialen Medien, Homepage, TV, Presse, Shuttlebus \_\_\_\_\_

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### 8. Welche nennenswerten Aktivitäten werden als Rahmenprogramm für die Teilnehmer stattfinden

(Gestaltung der Veranstaltung zu einem Event)?

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Mit der Unterschrift unter diesen Antrag wird bestätigt, dass anerkannt werden:

- die IRO, ganz besonders
  - die „Regelung der Rechte für audiovisuelle Medien“ (IRO 2020 - Druck Sep 2020)
  - § 6 der IRO „Medizinischer Dienst“
- die „Werbeordnung der FIL“ (wird nachgeschickt)
- das „Medienhandbuch der FIL“ (wird nachgeschickt)

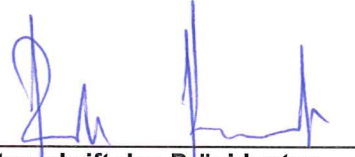
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08.03.2021

Datum

Stempel



Unterschrift des Präsidenten  
bzw. des Generalsekretärs der NF





# Fragebogen für Veranstalter - Naturbahn

(Welche Leistungen wurden bei früheren Veranstaltungen realisiert bzw. sind bereits vorhanden oder geplant)

**Rennbüro** Ja, vorhanden  Nein, geplant

## Ausstattung:

Stromanschluss Ja  Nein  Anzahl  vorhanden/geplant

WLAN Ja  Nein  Anzahl  vorhanden/geplant

Heizung Ja  Nein  Anzahl  vorhanden/geplant

Drucker Ja  Nein  Anzahl  vorhanden/geplant

Kopiergerät Ja  Nein  Anzahl  vorhanden/geplant

**Zeitmessung** Firma: Simon Mall / SC Obdach

Anlage: Alge 8001

Anzahl der Zwischenzeiten: 3

**Zeitinformationen** LED Wall Ja  Nein  Anzahl

Reihungstafel Ja  Nein  Anzahl

Zeittafel Ja  Nein  Anzahl

Tonanlage Ja, vollständig vorhanden

Ja, teilweise vorhanden

Nein

Sprecher: Heinz Luneschnik

Fremdsprachen (welche) Englisch

**Dopingkontrolle** Ja  Nein  welche Räumlichkeiten sind vorhanden:

Sanitätsraum \_\_\_\_\_

**Siegerpräsentation/-ehrung als eigene Veranstaltung geplant?** Ja  Nein

Örtlichkeit und Rahmen:

Hymnen vorhanden Ja  Nein

Livemusik geplant Ja  Nein

Fahnen größtenteils vorhanden Ja  Nein



**Vermarktung** eigene Ja X Nein   
professionelle Ja  Nein X  
Agenturname:

**Öffentlichkeitsarbeit**

eigene Ja X Nein   
professionelle Ja X Nein   
Welche:

**Pressebüro (unabhängig vom Rennbüro!)**

Ja, vorhanden X Nein, geplant

**Ausstattung:**

Arbeitsplätze Ja X Nein  Anzahl  vorhanden/geplant  
Stromanschluss Ja X Nein  Anzahl  vorhanden/geplant  
WLAN Ja X Nein  Anzahl  vorhanden/geplant  
Heizung Ja X Nein  Anzahl  vorhanden/geplant  
Drucker Ja X Nein  Anzahl  vorhanden/geplant  
Kopiergerät Ja X Nein  Anzahl  vorhanden/geplant  
TV-Gerät Ja X Nein  Anzahl   
Pressekonferenz Ja X Nein  Anzahl

Pressebetreuung Ja X Nein  Anzahl der Personen w  m   
Fremdsprachen (welche):

Presseschef Ja X Nein  Qualifikationen (welche):  
Fremdsprachen (welche): Englisch

Akkreditierungen mit Zoneneinteilung Ja X Nein

**Unterkünfte:**

Hotels mit WLAN ausreichend zur Verfügung Ja X Nein

Quartiere sind vorwiegend

Hotels X Pensionen  Privatquartiere  andere Unterkunft

Durchschnittliche Entfernung von der Bahn: 20 km

Fahrtmöglichkeit zur Bahn: PKW



**Verpflegung/Betreuung:**

Jury/TD-Betreuung Ja X Nein   
Eigener Juryraum Ja X Nein   
Verpflegung für Jury und TD Hotel X Gasthaus   
VIP-Zelt Ja  Nein X VIP-Raum Ja X Nein

**Sonstiges**

Ausschreibung-Einladung online/mail X Post   
Programmheft extra Ja X Nein   
Ergebnislisten Format\_ A4 \_\_\_\_\_  
Gastgeschenk Ja  Nein X  
Gastgeschenke für Ehrengäste Ja X Nein   
Anstecknadeln zur Veranstaltung Ja  Nein X  
Eigene Website für die Veranstaltung Ja X Nein

Adresse: \_\_\_\_\_ www.rc-obdach.at \_\_\_\_\_

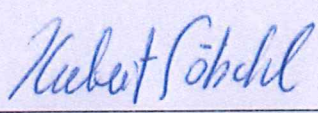
Geplante Maßnahmen zur Gewinnung großer Zuschauerzahlen:

\_\_\_\_ Gewinnspiel \_\_\_\_\_

Zuschauertribünen: Ja  Nein X

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Datum

Hubert Götschl  \_\_\_\_\_

Name und Unterschrift

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# 2021/2022 - FIL - SPORT CALENDAR

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FIL/IBSF

2021	SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER	2021	NOVEMBER	2021	DECEMBER	2022	JANUARY	2022	FEBRUARY				
KW 39	27	KW 44	01	KW 49	06	Travel day	KW 01	03	Travel day	KW 05	31	1st TCM	
	28		02		07			04		February 01	Tr		
	29		03		08	Eberspächer WC		05	Eberspächer WC		02	Tr	IBSF- OWG
	30		04		09	Altenberg/GER		06	Sigulda/LAT		03	Tr	Training
Okt	01		05	FIL ITW OWG	10	# 4		07	# 7		04	Tr	Opening XXIV. OWG
	02		06	Yanqing/CHN	11	T-R		08	Sprint		05		Yanqing/CHN
	03		07		12			09			06		
KW 40	04	KW 45	08	KW 50	13	Travel day	KW 02	10	Travel day	KW 06	07		
	05		09		14			11	Travel day		08		
	06		10		15			12			09		
	07		11		16	Eberspächer WC		13	Eberspächer WC		10		
	08		12		17	Innsbruck/AUT		14	Oberhof/GER		11		
	09		13		18	# 5		15	# 8		12		
	10		14		19	Sprint		16	Sprint & T-R		13		
KW 41	11	KW 46	15	KW 51	20		KW 03	17	Travel day	KW 07	14		
	12		16		21			18			15		
	13		17		22			19			16		
	14		18		23			20	Eberspächer WC		17		
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	16		20	Yanqing/CHN	25			22	# 9		19		
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KW 43	25	KW 48	29						General class competitions	KW 09	28		
	26		30	Eberspächer WC					9 WC	March 01			
	27		Dez 01	Sochi/RUS					6 Team Relay WC		02		
	28		02	# 3					4 BMW Sprint WC		03		
	29		03	Sprint					53. FIL ECh/WC St. Moritz		04	Sepp Benz Memorial Race	
	30		04	APCh					11th APCh/WC Sochi		05	St Moritz/SUI	
	31		05						XXIV. OWG Yanqing/CHN		06		

# 2021/2022 - FIL - SPORT CALENDAR

## Junior/Youth A Class

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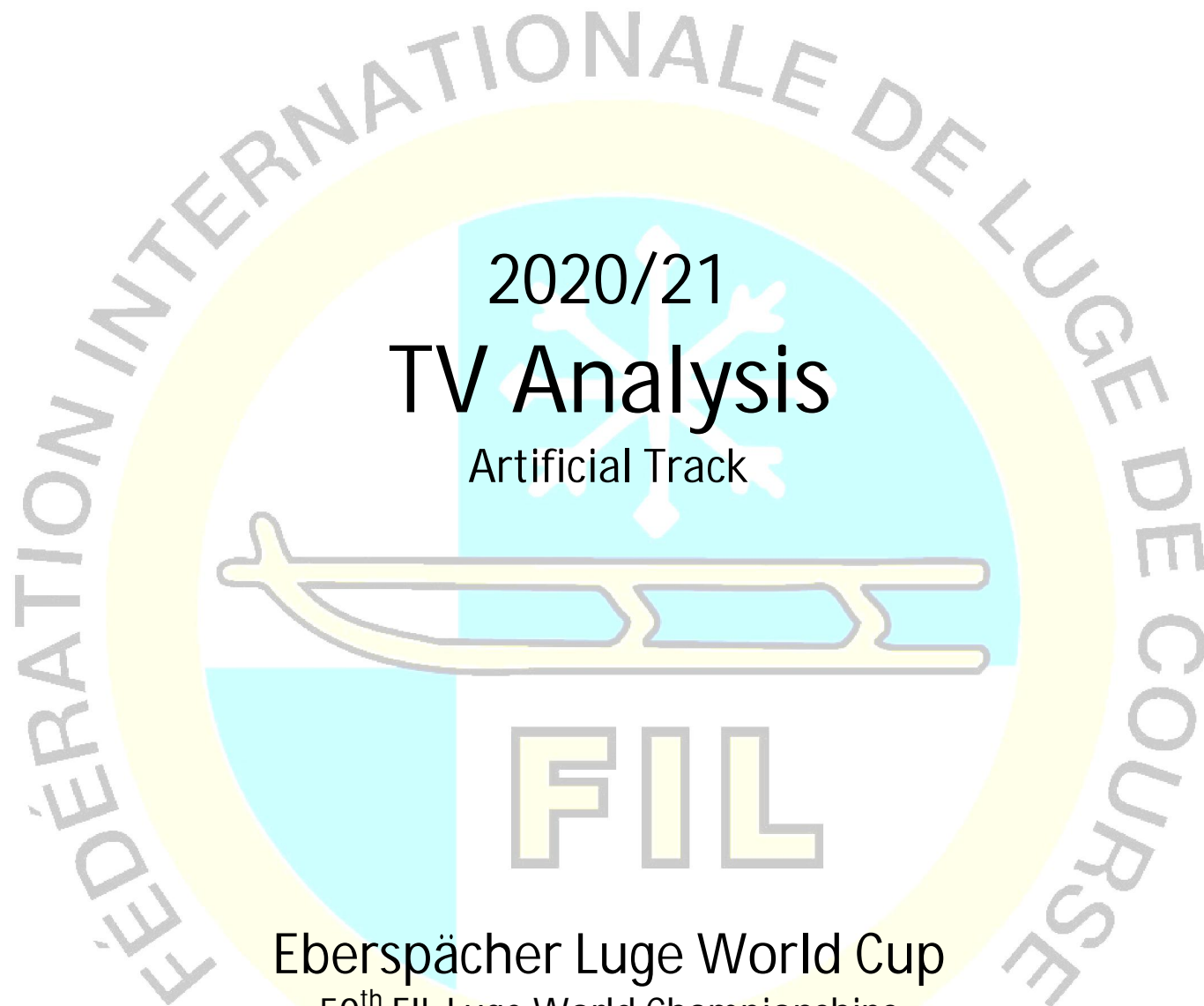
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	26		30							JWC 1 & 2
	27	Dez	01							La Plagne
	28		02							
	29		03							
	30		04							
	31		05	Travel day						

## Rennkalender Weltcup und Juniorenweltcup 2021/2022 Naturbahn

		Dez 21				Jan 22				Feb 22				Mrz 22			
Tag		Weltcup	Junioren Weltcup			Weltcup	Junioren Weltcup			Weltcup	Junioren Weltcup			Weltcup	Junioren Weltcup		
1	Mi			1	Sa	ITW FILGruppe Allgemeine Winterleiten (AUT)	ITW FILGruppe Junioren Latzfons (ITA)	1	Di			1	Di				
2	Do			2	So					2	Mi			2	Mi		
3	Fr			3	Mo					3	Do			3	Do		
4	Sa			4	Di					4	Fr			4	Fr		
5	So			5	Mi		2. JWC Latzfons (ITA)	5	Sa	JWM Jaufental (ITA)		5	Sa		FIL Jugendspiele Kühtai (AUT)		
6	Mo			6	Do			6	So			6	So				
7	Di			7	Fr	1. Weltcup Umhausen (AUT)		7	Mo				7	Mo			
8	Mi			8	Sa				8	Di			8	Di			
9	Do			9	So				9	Mi			9	Mi			
10	Fr			10	Mo			10	Do	EM LAAS (ITA)		10	Do				
11	Sa			11	Di			11	Fr				11	Fr			
12	So			12	Mi			12	Sa				12	Sa			
13	Mo			13	Do			13	So			13	So				
14	Di			14	Fr	2. Weltcup Seiser Alm (ITA)		14	Mo			14	Mo				
15	Mi			15	Sa				15	Di			15	Di			
16	Do			16	So				16	Mi			16	Mi			
17	Fr			17	Mo			17	Do			17	Do				
18	Sa			18	Di			18	Fr	5. Weltcup Mariazell (AUT)		18	Fr				
19	So			19	Mi			19	Sa				19	Sa			
20	Mo			20	Do			20	So				20	So			
21	Di			21	Fr	3. Weltcup Vatra Dornei (ROU)		21	Mo			21	Mo				
22	Mi			22	Sa			3. JWC Navis (AUT)	22	Di			22	Di			
23	Do			23	So					23	Mi			23	Mi		
24	Fr			24	Mo			24	Do	6. Weltcup Moskau (RUS)		24	Do				
25	Sa			25	Di			25	Fr				25	Fr			
26	So			26	Mi			26	Sa				26	Sa			
27	Mo		ITW FILGruppe Junioren Winterleiten (AUT)	27	Do			27	So	Verfolgung		27	So				
28	Di				28	Fr	4. Weltcup Deutschnofen (ITA)		28	Mo			28	Mo			
29	Mi			29	Sa			FINALE JWC Umhausen (AUT)					29	Di			
30	Do		1. JWC Winterleiten (AUT)	30	So									30	Mi		
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# TV Analysis

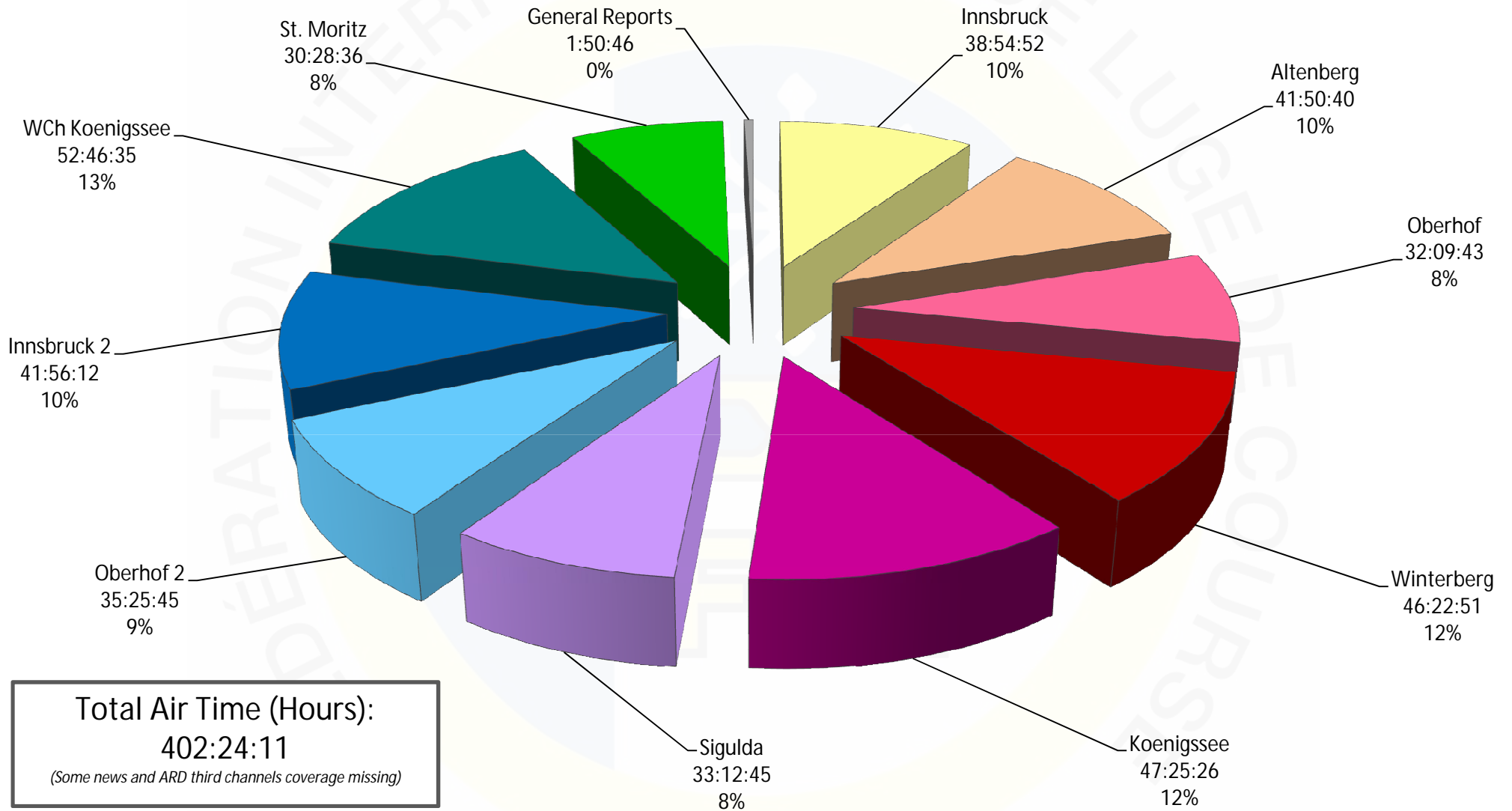
Artificial Track

Eberspächer Luge World Cup

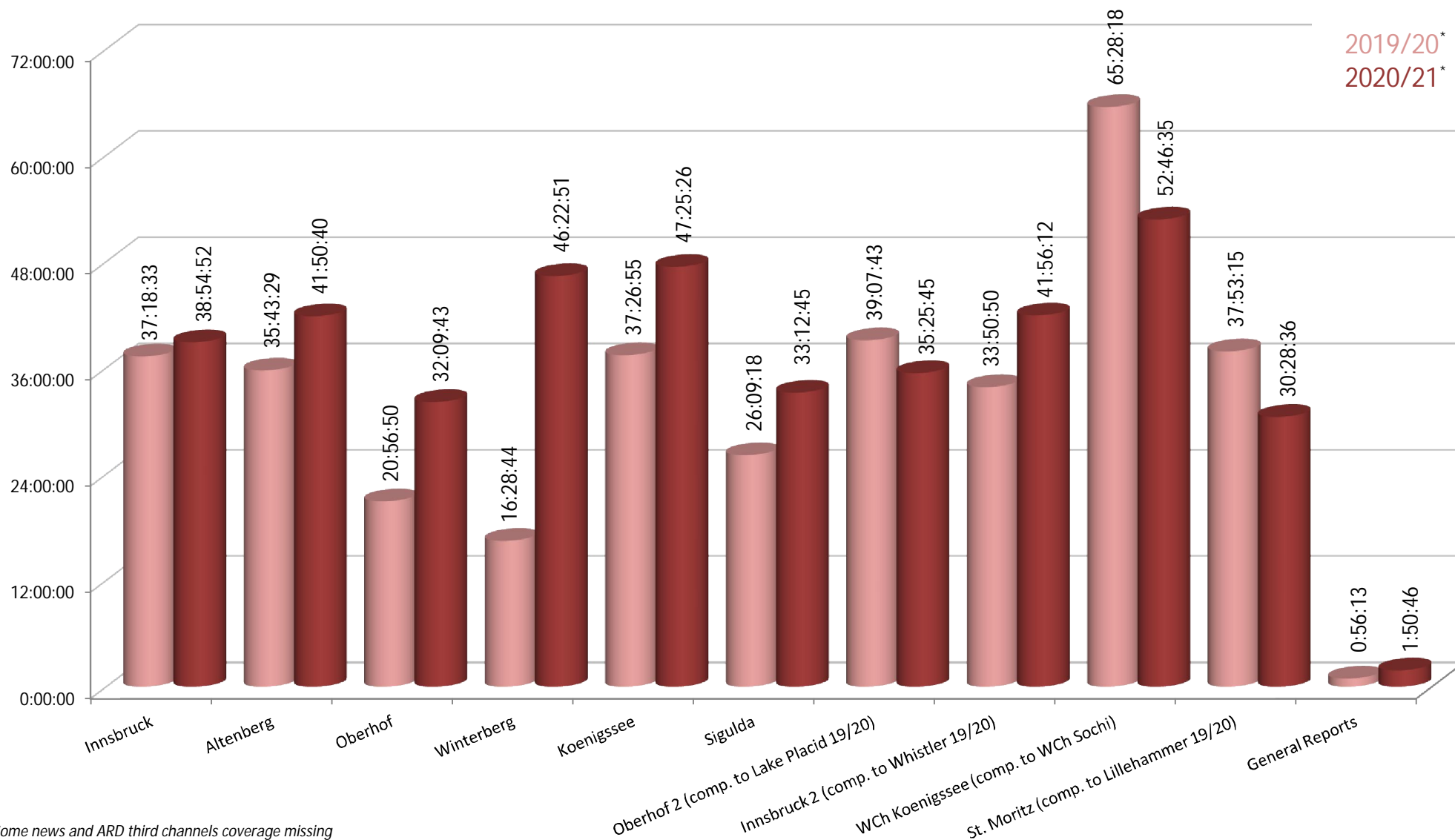
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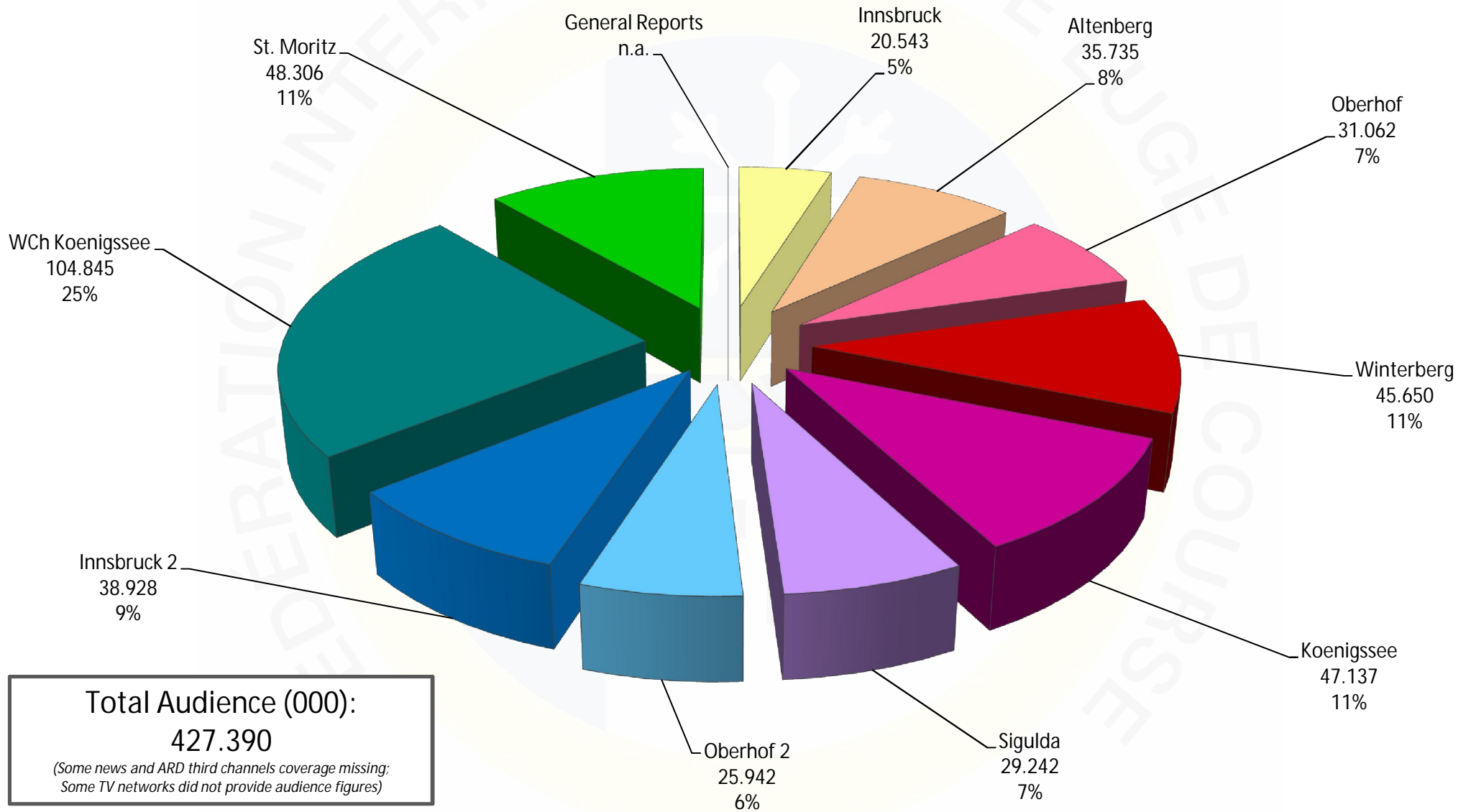
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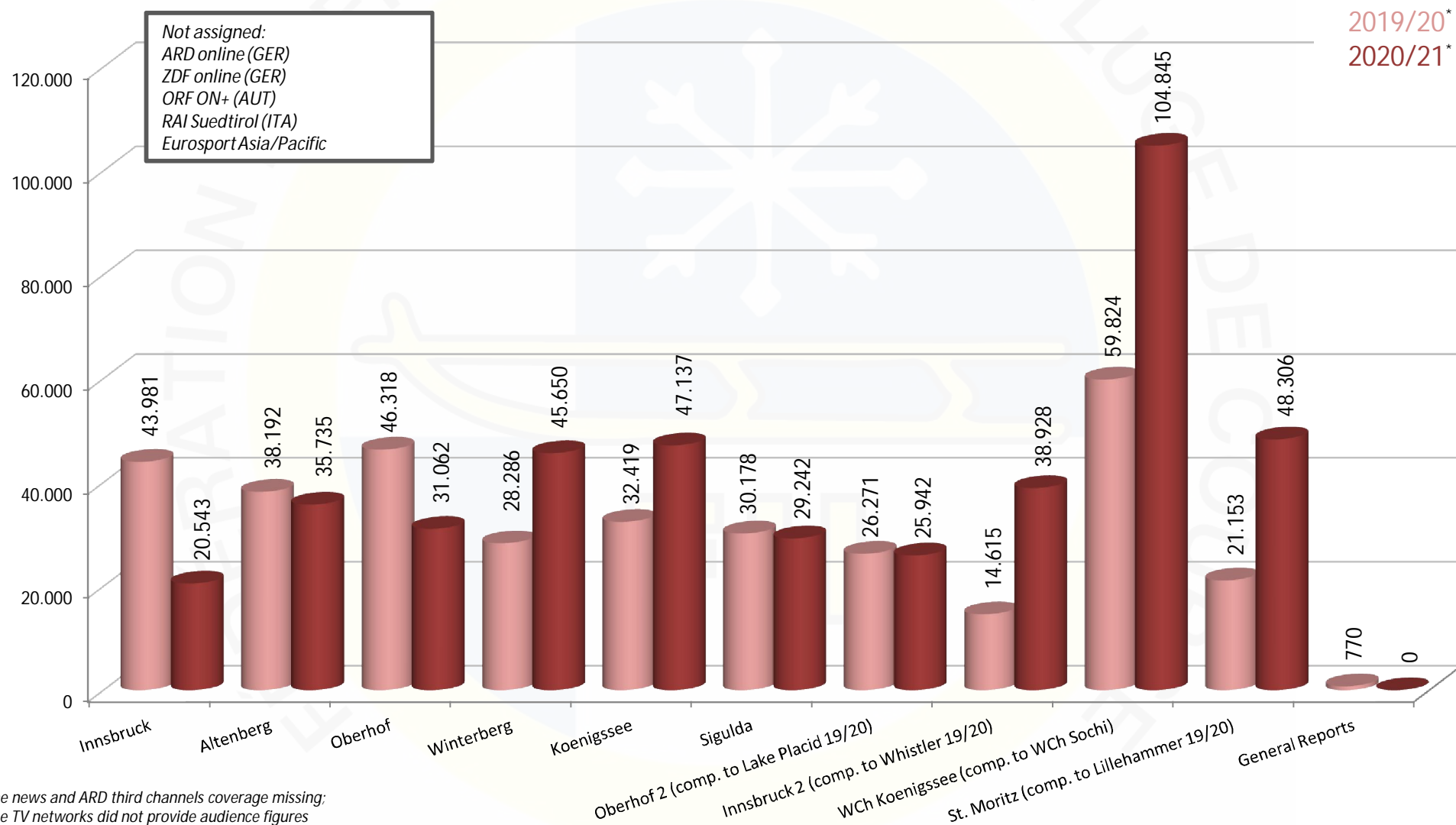
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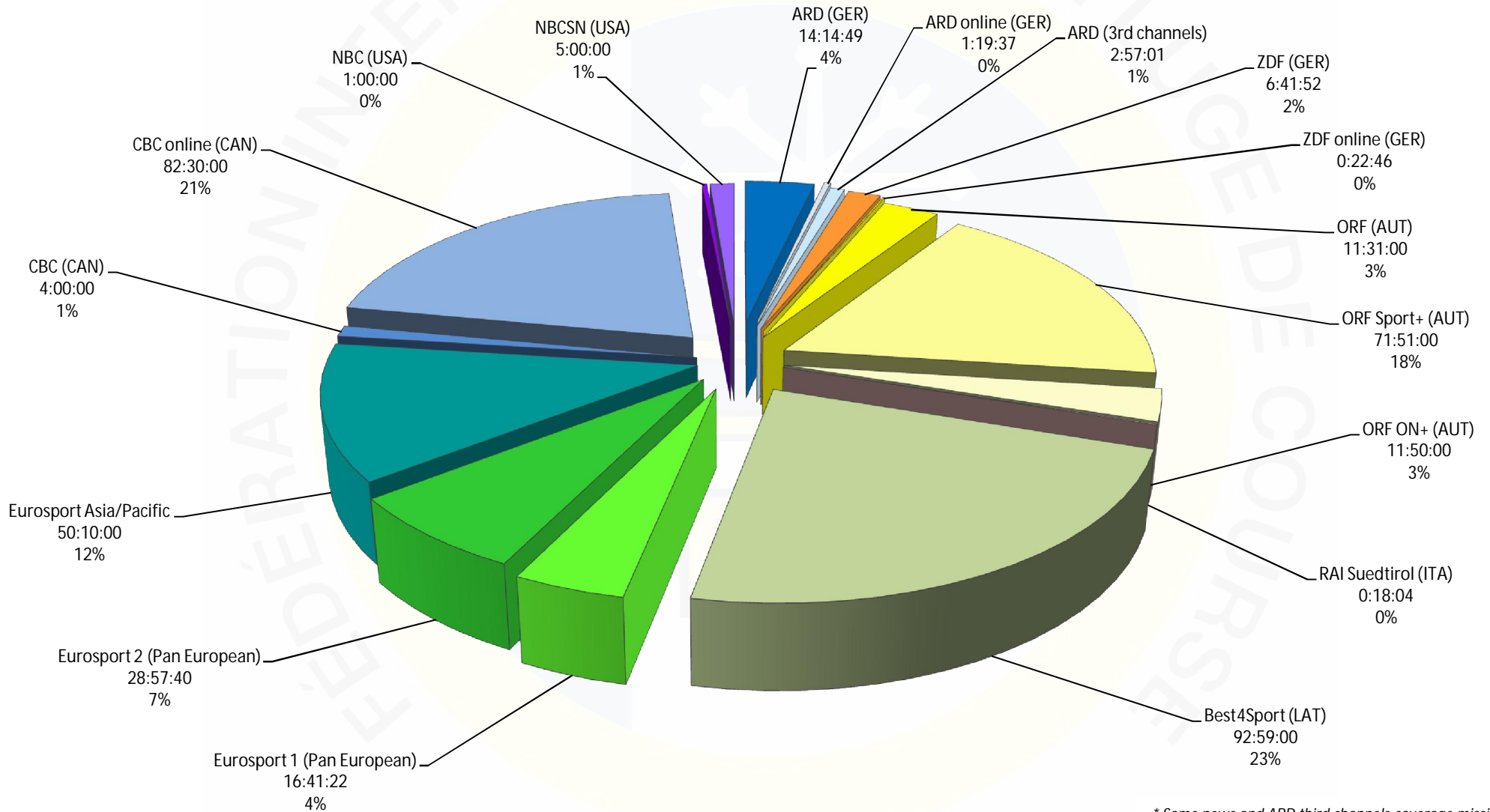


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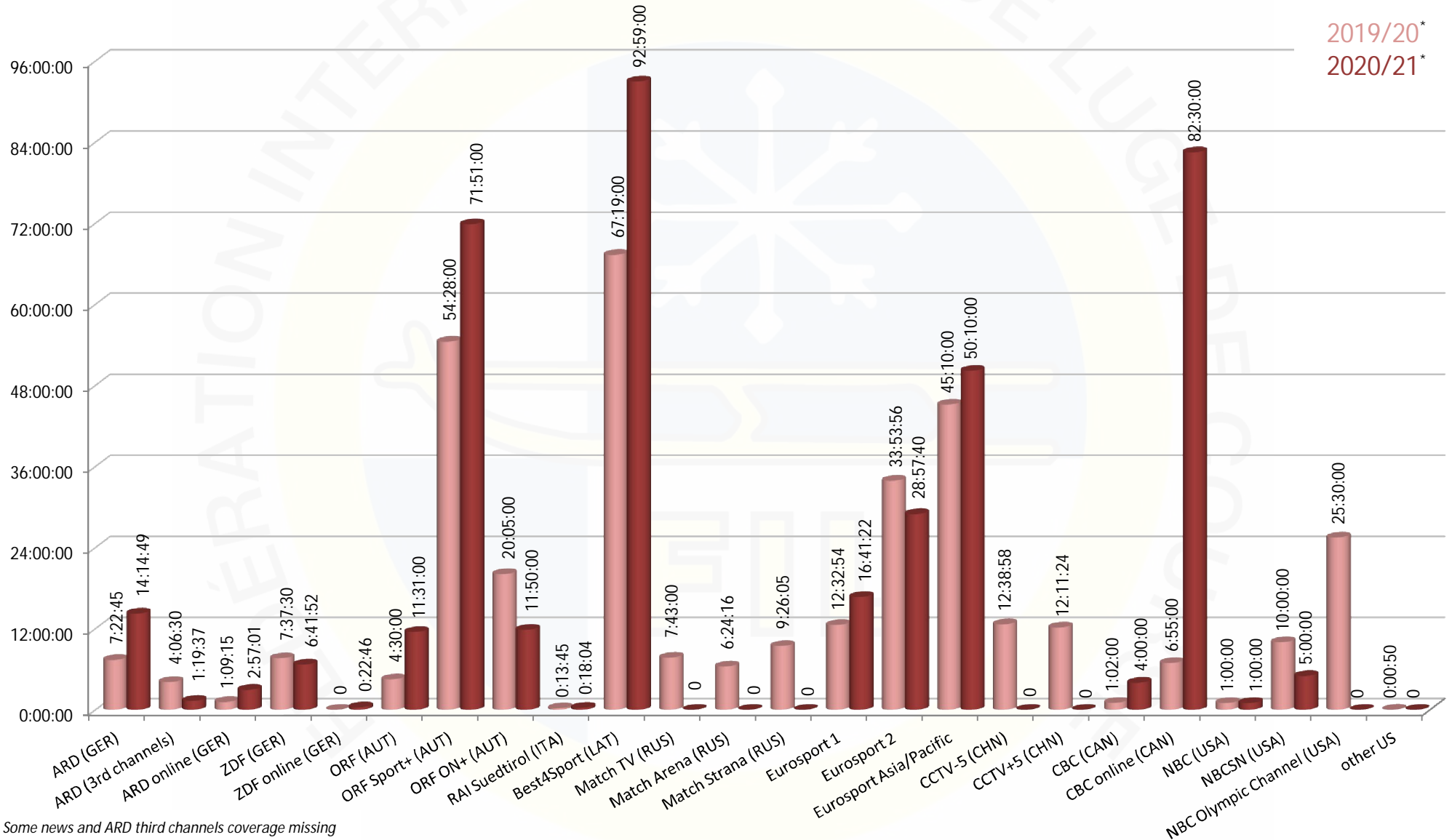
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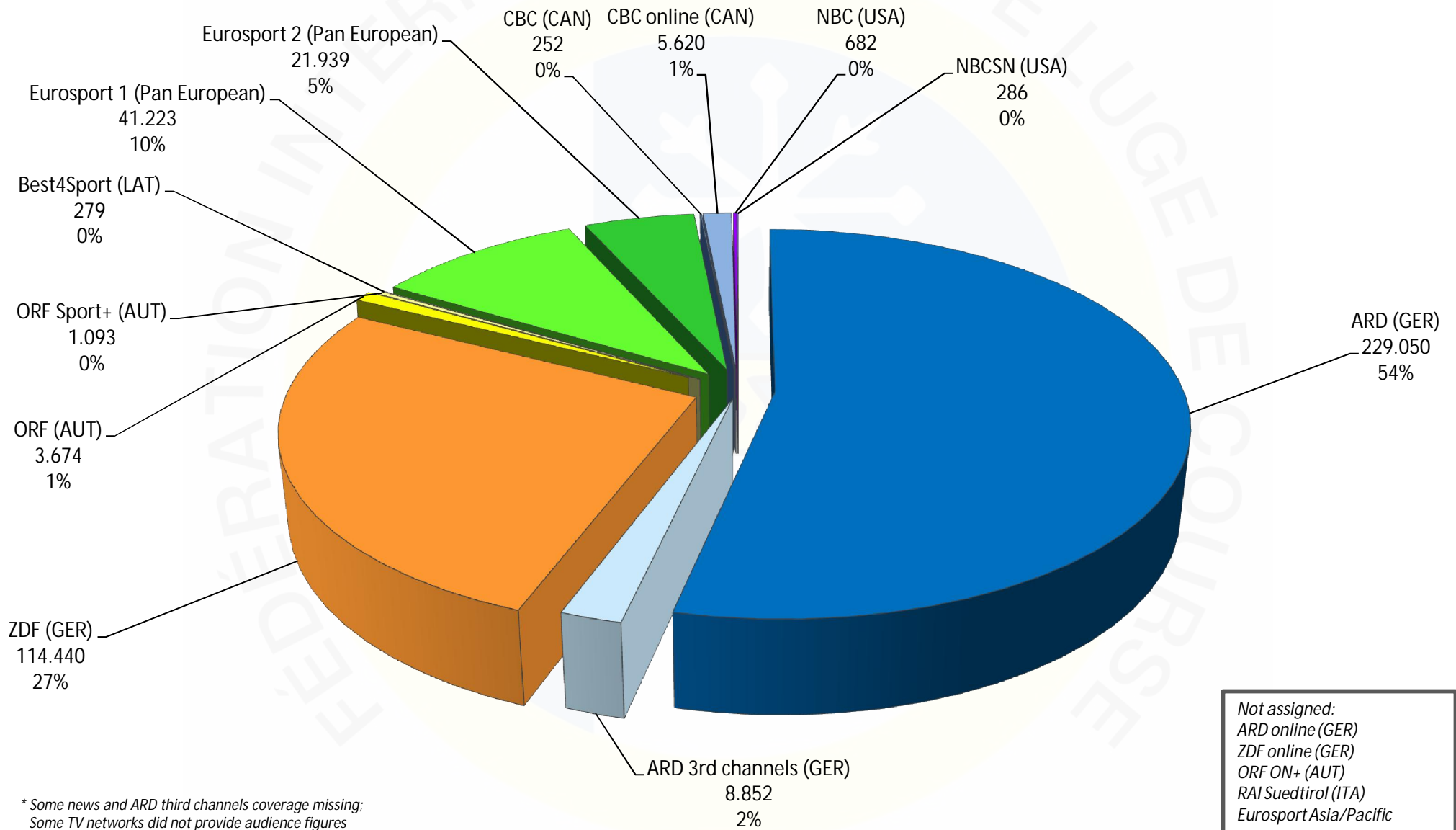
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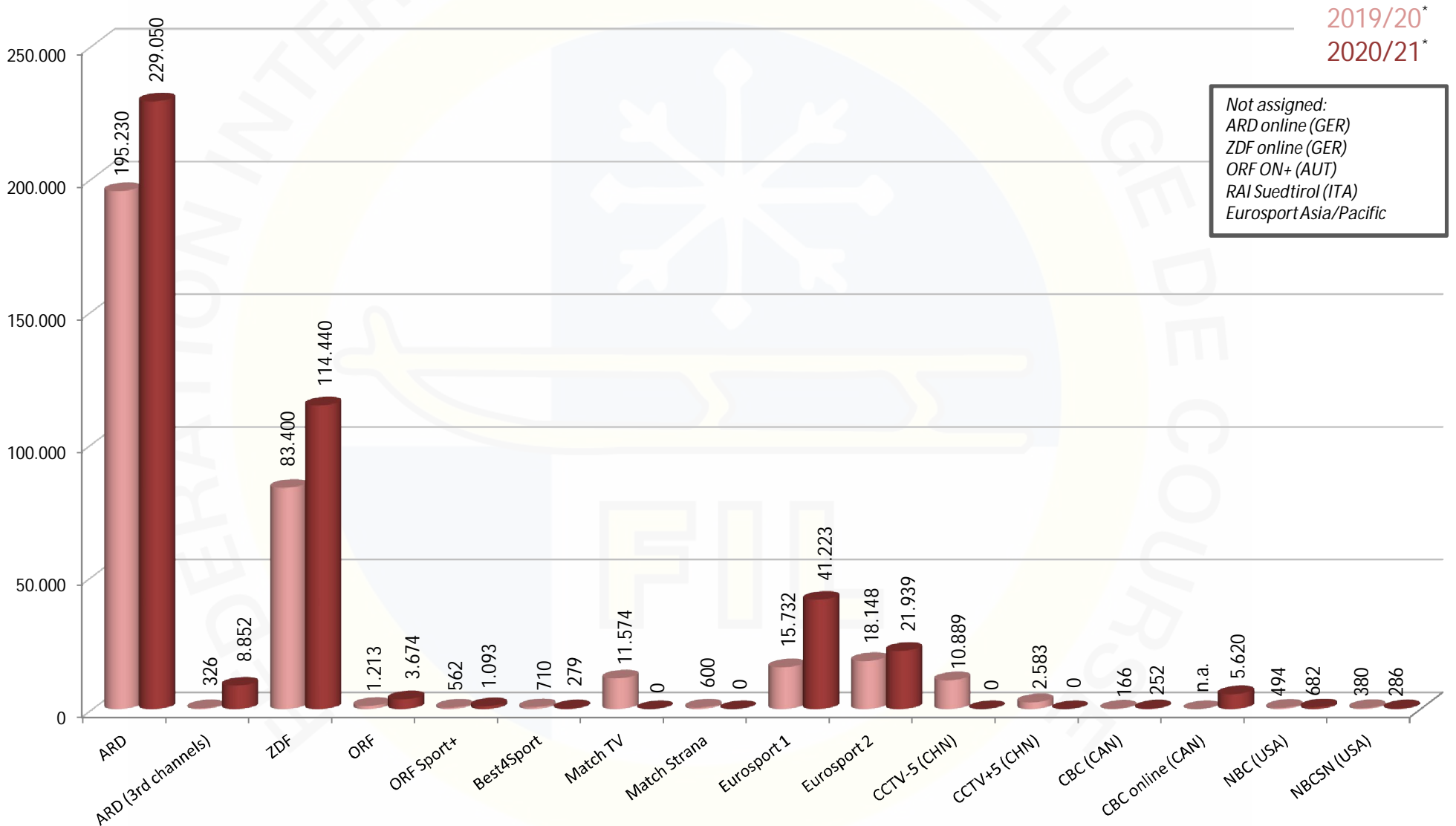
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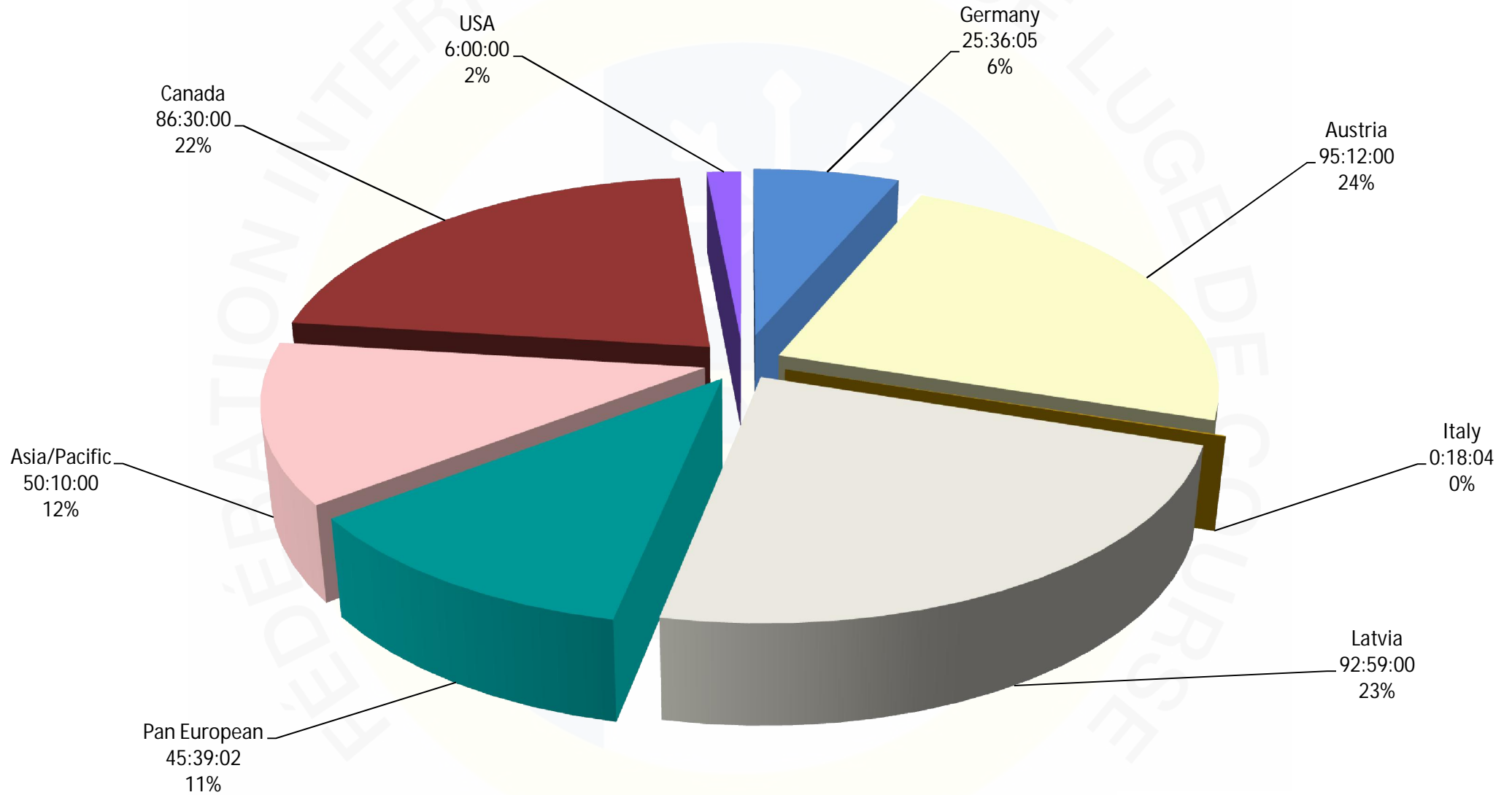
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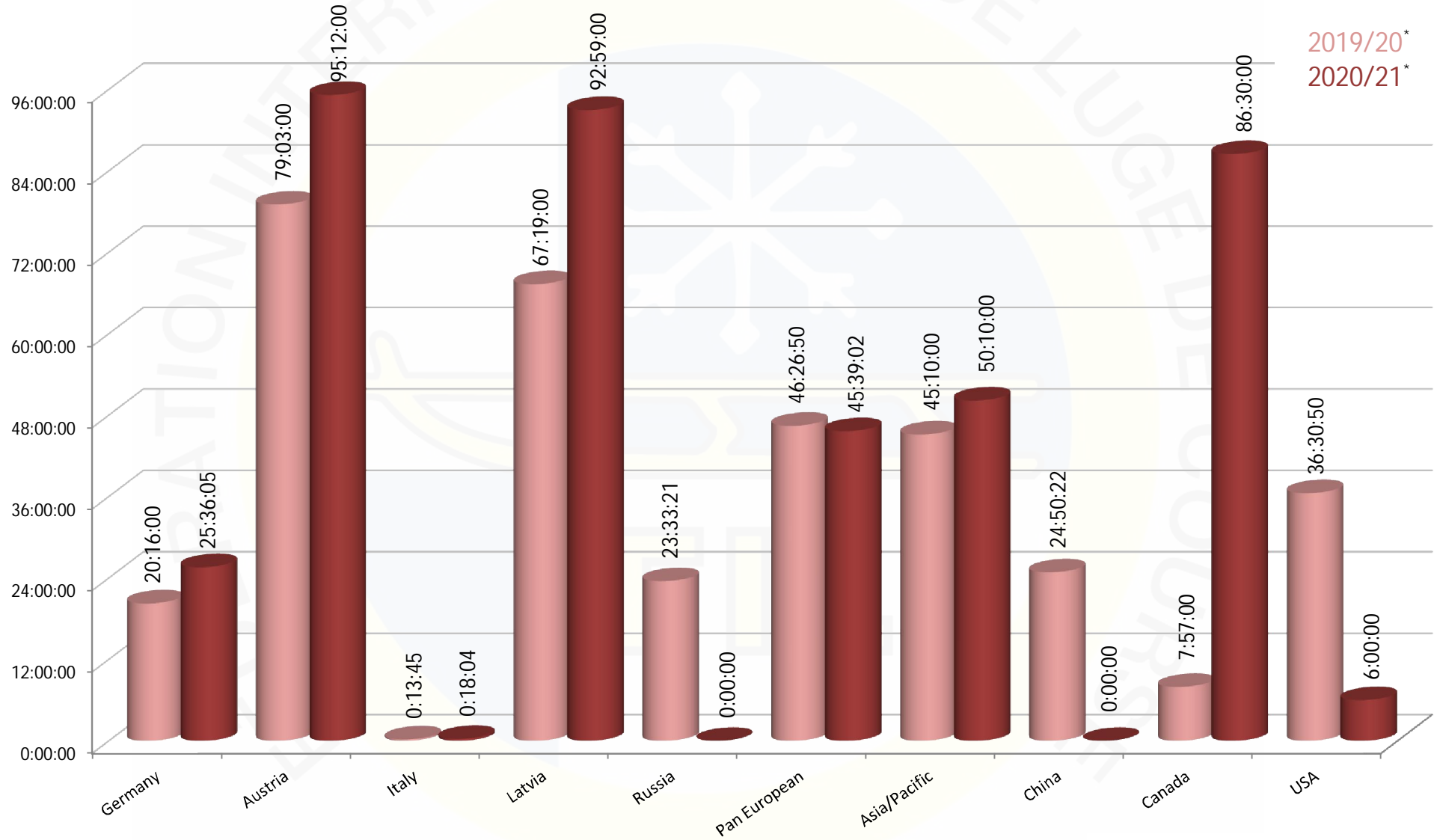
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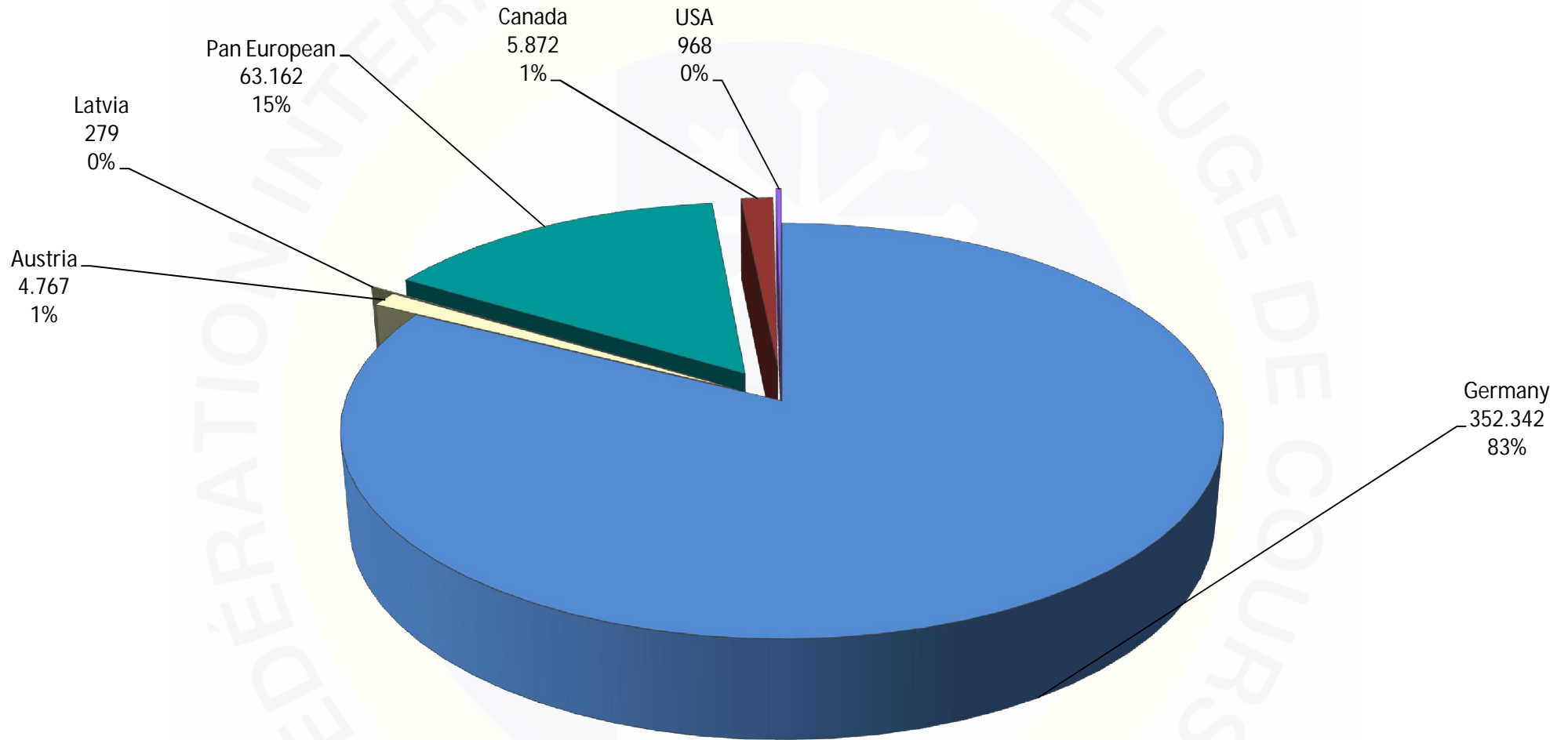
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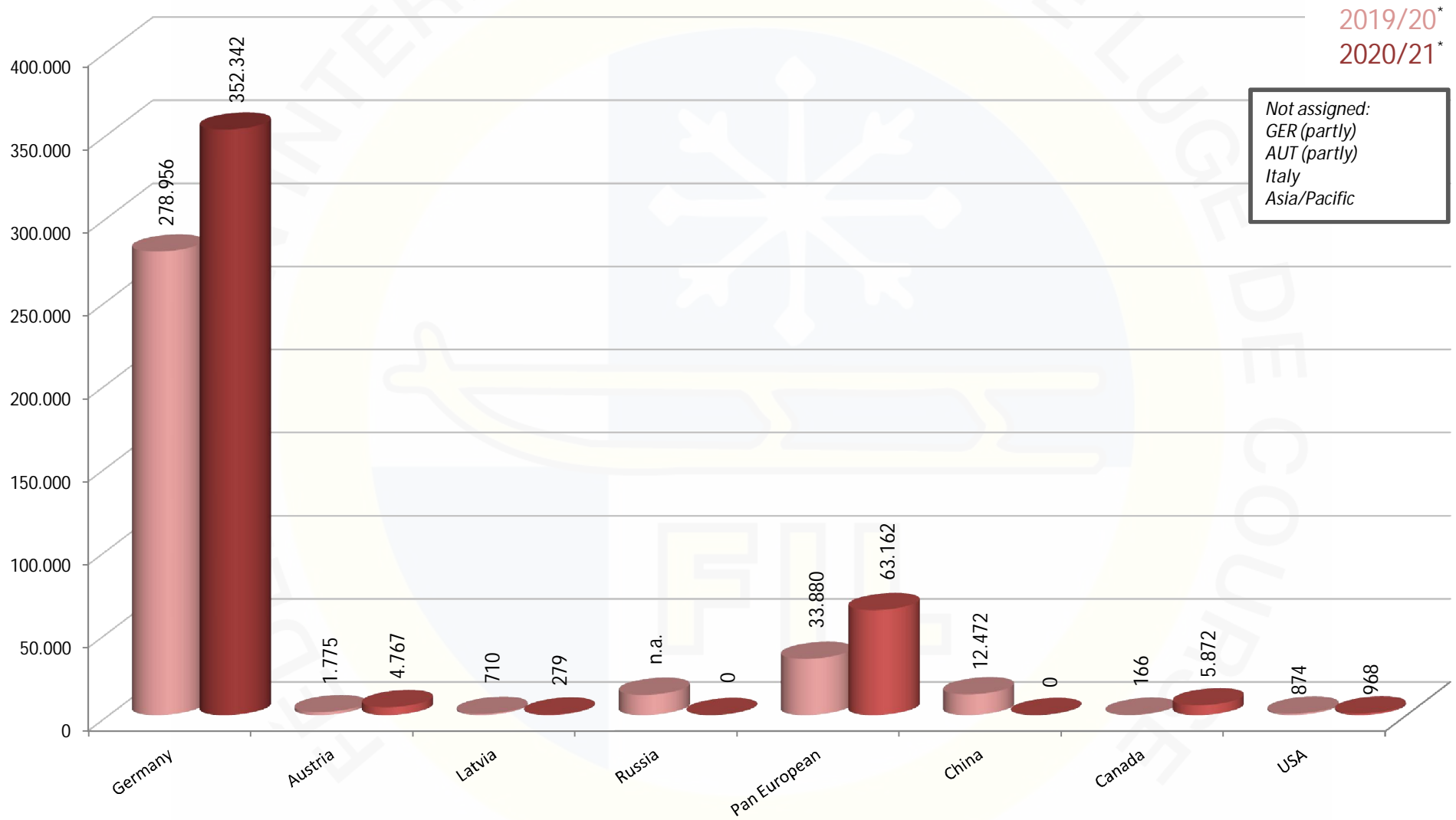


Not assigned:  
GER (partly)  
AUT (partly)  
Italy  
Asia/Pacific

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## **FIL Congresses**

### **Financial and organizational expenditure for the host of a FIL Congress**

- **Date:** in the middle / at the end of June
- **Total number of attending persons: approx. 120**  
(NF representatives, Executive Board, other FIL officials, media, agencies, OWG host, bidders for championships, organizers of championships in the upcoming season, guests)
- **Meetings:**
  - Wednesday: Presidium (4 persons)
  - Thursday: Executive Board (approx. 15 persons)
  - Friday and Saturday: Congress
- **Congress room:** if possible in the hotel, in which the delegates are staying / presentation equipment must be available.
- **Expenses to be covered by the Congress host:**
  - Taking over of expenses for one delegate per NF from Thursday to Sunday morning (approx. 34 persons),
  - Providing meeting rooms (Congress: approx. 110 persons; Executive Board meeting: approx. 15 persons; Presidium: 4 persons),
  - Manufacturing and/or providing one banner and a lectern ,
  - Guaranteeing simultaneous interpreting in German and English
  - Guaranteeing transportation to and from airport / train station,
  - Providing a small office with two assistants (copying and fax machines, telephone, PC),
  - Organization and financing simple accreditations for the participants of the Congress,
  - Welcome-Dinner für all Congress participants on the day of arrival (Thursday evening)
  - Organization of a program of cultural events (usually on the first day of the Congress in the afternoon and/or evening).

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