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1. Opening and welcome

The President of the Luge Federation of Slovenia, **Mr. Milan Sirse**, welcomes the participants of the 67th FIL Congress as the host and wishes the Congress a successful event as well as the delegates and guests pleasant days in Ljubljana.

Mr Dejan Crnek, Deputy Mayor of Ljubljana, and **Bogdan Gabrovec, President of the National Olympic Committee of Slovenia**, also welcome the participants and express their pleasure that this year's FIL Congress is being held in Slovenia for the first time in the history of the FIL.

FIL-President Josef Fendt warmly welcomes the congress participants and officially opens the **67th FIL Congress 2019**.

Special greetings are addressed to honorary members **Hartmut Kardaetz and Svein Romstad**, to **Irina Gladkikh** of the IOC Sports Department, to the representatives of the OC of the Winter Olympics 2020 (BOCOG) **Zhang Xudong, Yang Yang** and **Normund Kotans**, to the newly elected and re-elected Presidents and Secretary Generals of national associations, athletes' representatives of the artificial track and natural track, the representatives of the agencies RGS and Infront as well as the organizers of FIL events present.

President J. Fendt thanks the Slovenian luge federation under President Milan Sirse and his team around **Secretary General Viljem Rakovec** as well as the **staff of the FIL office** for **preparing the congress well**.

President J. Fendt declares that the invitations and the agenda have been received by the NFs on time and as there is no comment, determines the **proper conduct of the convocation of the 67th FIL Congress**.

The participants of the congress rise in **silent memory of the luge officials or former athletes who passed away last year**.

President J. Fendt names representative:

- **Baron Eduard Oleg Alexandrowitsch von Falz-Fein**

FIL honorary member, treasurer 1962-1972.

Died November 17, 2018 at the age of 106 in a tragic fire accident.

- **Josef Feistmantl/AUT**

Olympic champion doubles 1964 in Innsbruck, World Champion 1969 in Königssee, European Champion doubles 1967 in Königssee, awardee of the IOC Fair Play Award, member of the FIL Hall of Fame.

Died March 10, 2019 at the age of 80.

- **Corrado Herin/ITA**

World Champion in doubles natural track 1986 and 1992.

Died on March 31, 2019 in an airplane crash at the age of 52.

- **Bettina Neumann born.: Schmidt/GER**

*Winner of the silver medal at the Olympic Winter Games 1984 in Sarajevo.
Died April 28, 2019 at the age of 59.*

- Karl Feistmantl/AUT

Silver medal in doubles at the ECh 1954 in Davos, decades long assistant to the luge athletes in Japan and elsewhere.

Died June 9, 2019 at the age of 92.

2. Roll call and right to vote

Secretary General E. Fogelis takes attendance. At the time of the opening of the congress there are **33 members/NFs with a seat and vote** in the meeting room.

3. Approval of the minutes from the last congress in 2018 (Bratislava/SVK)

Congress resolution 01/19

The minutes from the 66th FIL Congress are approved.

-unanimous-

4. Awards

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

FIL Medal of Honor in Bronze:

- ° Borut FEJFAR/SLO
- ° Viljem RAKOVEC/SLO
- ° Štefan ZADRAVEC/SLO
- ° Reto GILLY/SUI
- ° Käthi MAAG/SUI
- ° Heinz KOCHER/SUI
- ° Norbert LOCH/GER
- ° Gunta RUTKASTE/LAT
- ° Raimonds BEBRIS/LAT
- ° Rastislav Drajna / SVK
- ° Ján Harniš /SVK
- ° Walter Marx Jr. /SVK
- ° Dušan Gerdelán /SVK

FIL Medal of Honor in Silver:

- ° Doris SCHENKEL/SUI
- ° Edi SCHÄRER/SUI
- ° Andris SVALBE/LAT
- ° Normunds GRAVA/LAT

FIL Medal of Honor in Gold:

- ° Björn DYRDAHL/NOR

Congress resolution 02/19

At the request of the executive, the delegates of the national federations, by a written vote, on the eve of the congress, made the following resolution:

The FIL Medal of Honor in Gold with Diamond is awarded to:

° Svein Romstad/USA, FIL Secretary General for 24 years

-30 signatures with “yes” were obtained-

For his 25 years of service as President of the FIL, Josef Fendt receives a certificate of honor.

For his 30 years of service as a FIL Executive Board member, Geoff Balme receives a certificate of honor.

For his 25 years of service as a FIL Executive Board member, Einar Fogelis receives a certificate of honor.

Armin Zöggler/ITA, one of the most success luge athletes in the FIL’s history, was admitted into the FIL Hall of Fame by means of an Executive Board resolution on May 18, 2019. As a sign of this award, President Fendt presents Armin Zöggeler with an oil painting.

5. Admission of new members

There is no written application to become a full member of the FIL.

President J. Fendt informs that in May of this year the Executive Board admitted **Kuwait as a provisional member** of the FIL. The necessary conditions (association statutes, recognition by the NOC of Kuwait) were fulfilled.

Likewise, **Mongolia** submitted an application for admission into the FIL, but the confirmation of the NOC of Mongolia is still missing.

6. Reports from the members of the Executive Board

President J. Fendt and Secretary General E. Fogelis present their reports **(see enclosure 1 and enclosure 2)**, the reports from the other members of the Executive Board members and officials can be found in the congress dossier. The dossier was sent to all national federations per email on time ahead of the congress.

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

- The FIL must focus more on issues that are not directly related to sports (good governance, gender equality, WADA requirements).
- Anti-doping matters of the FIL were partially outsourced to the International Testing Agency (ITA).
- “Gender Equality” also entails an equaling of the number of participants in the singles discipline at the 2022 OWG in Beijing/CHN: 35 women/35 men
- Again very high level of FIL luge events on KB and NB, good TV, live streaming and social media results for the past season.
- Surprisingly pleasing development in women's doubles, great interest from young people in this new discipline (Youth Olympic premiere 2020 in St. Moritz). The standard doubles sled developed for this purpose has already proven itself.
- The continued use of our Olympic tracks has always been a big concern of the FIL. Efforts are being made regarding the re-commissioning of the track in

PyeongChang / KOR and Nagano / JPN, the track in Sarajevo / BIH is being renovated with public support.

- The natural track area has developed well sport-wise but has been without a main sponsor for 2 years. This despite considerable effort on the part of the FIL, such as financing the TV productions of the World Cup races and championships. An agency will now seek the sponsorship acquisition.

Secretary General Einars Fogelis in his first speech to the FIL Congress in this function, underlined the importance of good cooperation between the FIL and the international sports world. In particular, the cooperation of the FIL with the IOC, the other Olympic winter sports federations, with the WADA and ITA was addressed here. He also regrets that the application for the addition of natural track luge to the Olympic program was not successful, although the financial means for natural track luge has been massively increased in the past years. Einars Fogelis also announced the development of an updated strategy plan for the FIL, with the involvement of the member federations.

7. Discussion on the reports

Thomas Schwab/GER informs that the IBSF has the same problem concerning the **social media evaluation of the IOC for the 2018 OWG in PyeongChang** and proposes finding a common working level with the IBSF in the field of social media. He mentioned as an example the development of a "FIL-IBSF app" with all information about events, results, etc.

President J. Fendt finds the proposal an interesting one that should be discussed by the experts.

Concerning the topic "**Sprint race artificial track**", Thomas Schwab notes that there are sometimes contradictory perceptions in the working reports. From "the format must be more understandable" to "is very well received by the viewers". In TV, according to Thomas Schwab, the sprint is conveyed very badly.

Furthermore, Th. Schwab addresses the topics head strap artificial track, race shoe problem, and the current regulations. The rules lead to increased disqualifications, such as gaps exceeded.

The Technical Commission is instructed to reconsider the regulation regarding the exclusive admission of the 2019 model race shoes in the general class for the coming season. Some associations have even larger stocks of the 2018 race shoes, which cannot be used up in the youth and junior sector.

VP A. Zöggeler informs that **no uniform head strap** is being developed by the helmet manufacturer UVEX, but that getting rid of the head strap is to be discussed at least on certain tracks.

He also informs about the **new version of the race shoe and about the reintroduction of a training shoe.**

M. Prock / AUT emphasizes that **in Austria and on Austrian television, the sprint competition is well received** and that it probably depends on the TV commentators, how to convey the sprint to the television audience.

Furthermore, M. Prock asks why advertising is placed on the race shoe and the associations still have to buy each pair at full price.

Markus Prock notes that the disqualification of David Gleirscher at the World Championships in Winterberg due to a carelessness of a supervisor should be

reviewed if it makes sense, since the athlete certainly did not gain any advantage here.

Jim Leahy/USA supports SG E. Fogelis's idea to **develop a new strategy plan for the FIL**. He asks specifically how the national federations are to be involved here. SG E. Fogelis replies that a working group with representatives from national federations will be established by the Executive Board at their meeting in September 2019.

Thomas Schwab/GER notes that at the Viessmann World Cup Final in Sochi / RUS good ratings were also achieved on Russian TV. He asks N. Gart why **Russian TV barely broadcasts at other FIL competitions**.

N. Gart / RUS answers that the Russian Federation is working to improve its TV presence in Russia.

On the report by Executive Board member **D. Bell / USA** (included in the congress dossier) and here on cost efficiency in sports, **Th. Schwab / GER** notes that a **later start of the season and a later season end (mid-March) would bring significant energy savings to the tracks**. An appropriate agreement with all track operators should be sought in this regard.

President J. Fendt has a supplement to his oral report: He informs the delegates about a **sponsorship of Telesport/RUS**. A corresponding contract was handed over yesterday by **N. Gart**, a detailed examination of some contract contents must still be done by the FIL.

8. Pre-discussion of the motions

There are now **34 delegates from 34 national federations** in the congress hall.

2/3 majority: 23 votes

Simple majority: 18 votes

Pres. Fendt proposed the following as **tellers**:

- **Vlasta Vavruskova (Audit Commission)**
- **Günther Beck (Audit Commission)**
- **Norbert Hiedl (Ethic Authority)**

The congress approves this proposal, there are no counterproposals.

8.1 Motions to the statutes

- **Motion 1-3 (applicant Ethics Authority/Executive Board) II § 2.7.8, III §7, §7 Article 6 (NEW) to the Ethics Code (= component of the FIL statutes)**

This addition to the FIL Ethics Code is a consequence of a recommendation from the IOC's "Olympic Movement Unit on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions" to include the complete "Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions" in the FIL Ethics Code.

N. Hiedl, FIL Ethics Authority, explains these changes to the FIL Ethics Code. The Code of Ethics is part of the FIL Statutes. He proposes that the first vote be

taken on motion 3, since motions 1 and 2 would constitute logical conclusions in the event of the approval of motion 3.

Congress resolution 03/19

**Motion 3 on III paragraph 7 article 6 of the FIL Ethics Code is approved.
-33 in favor, 1 abstention-**

Next, motions 1 and 2 to the FIL Ethics Code are voted on.

Congress resolution 04/19

Motion 1 to II paragraph 2.7.8 and motion 2 to III §7 of the FIL Ethics Code are approved.

-33 in favor, 1 abstention-

- **Motions 4 and 5** (applicant Ethics Authority and Chairman of the Legal Committee, Executive) **§ 1.7 and § 1.7.4 of the statutes** (languages and written form)

The written form is not yet sufficiently defined in the statutes.

N. Hiedl explains these additions to the statutes, which are necessary for a clear definition regarding the correct transmission of, for example, motions.

Congress resolution 05/19

Motion 4 to paragraph 1.7 and motion 5 to paragraph 1.7.4 of the FIL statutes are approved.

-unanimous-

Motion 6 (applicant Chairman of the FIL Legal Committee, Executive Board) to the **FIL Anti-Doping Code**

Changes to the FIL Anti-Doping Code are necessary due to the FIL's cooperation with the International Testing Agency (ITA) and the Court of Arbitration for Sport Anti-Doping-Division (CAS-ADD).

Dr. Ch. Krähe, Chairman of the FIL Legal Committee, explains the necessity of the **changes and amendments** to the **FIL Anti-Doping Code** as a **result of the FIL's cooperation with the ITA (International Testing Agency) and CAS-ADD (Court of Arbitration for Sport Anti-Doping Division)**. This also effects parts of the **statutes** as well as the **FIL's Rules of Procedure (motion 7)**.

Congress resolution 06/19

Motion 6 regarding changes and amendments to the FIL Anti-Doping Code and motion 7 (accompanying amendments to the FIL statutes as well as the Rules of Procedure are approved.

-unanimous-

Motion 8 (applicant Russia) to § 4 of the statutes

Both Executive Board members without titles (members at large) should be called "Vice President"

President J. Fendt explains that the English term "members at large" under 4.5.1 of the FIL statutes is unfortunate and in any case will be changed to "**2 Executive Board Members**".

On the part of the applicant Russia, **A. Shakhnazarov** explains the motive for this request. The title "Vice President" would strengthen the authority and competence of these two members of the Executive Board in outward appearance.

In the discussion which followed before the vote, there were the following comments:

- **K. Damian/ITA:** The FIL already has 7 Vice Presidents including the to be newly elected VP Marketing. Here it is more about the title than the content, this hurts the FIL's image. K. Damian asks what the 2 Vice Presidents without an area of responsibility are supposed to do? He proposes forming a WG to change the FIL statutes. Under the title "Gender Equality", K. Damian would find it good if a female athletes' representative would also be a member of the Executive Board.
President J. Fendt counters that both Executive Board members did receive areas of responsibility and this at the 1st Executive Board meeting after the election last year.
- **Th. Schwab/GER:** Every Executive Board member must have a clearly defined task. The task is more important than the mere title. The Executive Board should not be enlarged. Th. Schwab has no problem with the renaming of "Executive Member" in "Vice President".
- **M. Prock/AUT:** This motion has its pros and contras and he understands the intention of this motion from Russia – the position gains significance with "Vice President".
- **J. Leahy/USA:** He supports the arguments from Th. Schwab and M. Prock.

After consultation with the Chairman of the FIL Legal Committee Ch. Krähe, President J. Fendt proposes that **a secret ballot will be taken** on this motion, since 2 officials in the hall are personally affected. There is no objection to this approach.

The result of the vote is as follows:

In favor: 20

Against: 11

Abstentions: 3

Congress resolution 07/19

Motion 8 change to 4.5.1 of the FIL statutes (2 Vice Presidents instead of 2 further members of the Executive Board) is rejected as the necessary 2/3 majority of 21 votes in favor was not reached.

8.2. General motions

No general motions were submitted to congress.

9. Finances

9.1 Annual Statement of Accounts (April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019)

Vice-President Harald Steyrer explains the annual accounts for 2018/19 and explains the reasons for lower income (lower interest income, default of main sponsor for natural track, no agreement with Telesport as FIL sponsor as of March 31, 2019) and lower spending (fewer athletes took part in FIL competitions).

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

He informs about the **external audit of the balance sheet**, which will be sent to any interested national federation upon request.

9.2 Budget draft (April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020)

In his comments on the **2019/20 budget**, VP H. Steyrer once again points to the need to reduce the **annual net outflow to a maximum of € 4.8 million**. Otherwise, the financial reserves will be completely used up in 6 years and it would even require an interim financing to secure a season until the arrival of the next IOC funds financially. The present 2019/20 draft budget includes savings in some areas compared to previous years. The sport operations are not affected massively. VP H. Steyrer also points out in the future to **build up appropriate financial reserves**.

Comments on VP H. Steyrer's statements:

J. Leahy/USA asks for information on position 7201 in the 2018/19 annual statement of accounts (creation of a provision helmets Jurk).

VP H. Steyrer informs that this is a part of the costs for the helmet production going back many years which will be due for payment soon.

T. Schwab/GER states that expenditures of Euro 5 million per year are too high in the long run – where does this large increase in spending come from?

VP H. Steyrer informs that this has been a creeping process since 2013/14 and he has already pointed out in the past the need to take countermeasures.

Congress resolution 08/19

- **The 2018/2019 annual statement of accounts is approved.**
- **The 2019/2020 budget is approved in the submitted form.**

-unanimous-

President J. Fendt thanks VP H. Steyrer for his **dedicated, conscientious, and prudent financial management** for the past 23 years for the financial benefit of the FIL.

10. Report of the Audit Commission and Release of the Executive Board

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

She thanks the members of the Presidium, the Executive Board, the Commissions, the officials, and the FIL office for their cooperation and recommends the release of the Executive Board.

Finally, V. Vavruskova presents the motion to the Congress for the release of the Vice President for Finance, the Presidium, the whole of the Executive Board, as well as the Audit Commission.

Congress resolution 09/19

The Vice President for Finance, the Presidium, the whole of the Executive Board, and the Audit Commission of the FIL are released.

-unanimous-

11. Setting the membership fee

Congress resolution 10/19

The annual membership fee remains as previously at € 100.--.

-unanimous-

M. Prock/AUT speaks up and **vigorously denies rumors that Austria would violate the Fair Play Code**. There are allegations made by athletes' representative Ch. Mazdzer that the Technical Director Ch. Eigentler passes on knowledge from his work for the FIL to the Austrian federation.

President J. Fendt informs that immediately after this statement at the coaches' meeting in Winterberg, he denied such allegations against Ch. Eigentler regarding this and that on the part of the Presidium this topic was dealt with. Ch. Eigentler was given full confidence in his work.

These claims have been made in the past about the predecessors of Ch. Eigentler, without ever presenting any evidence of accuracy. If there is no more trust in the officials, then this function must be filled with a person from a country that is not represented in the luge sport. This cannot be the solution.

Ch. Mazdzer emphasizes that this **was not an accusation from him personally** and that he only passed on the opinion of individual athletes at this coaches' meeting.

President J. Fendt closes the first day of meetings and wishes all congress participants a pleasant afternoon and refers to the invitation of the Slovenian luge federation to the sightseeing program in Ljubljana this afternoon followed by dinner.

Saturday, June 16, 2019

8:30 am

At the beginning of the second day of the meetings, **President J. Fendt** presents a **memento to Irina Gladkikh** (Head of Winter Sports at the IOC) and thanks her for the excellent cooperation and her interest in the sport of luge.

Simple majority: 18 votes

The vote is held openly as there is only one applicant for the staging of the 2023 and 2021 World Championships respectively.

Congress resolution 11/19

The congress awards the 2023 FIL World Championships on Artificial Track to the German Bobsleigh and Sled Federation with the event organizer Oberhof.
-unanimous-

Congress resolution 12/19

The congress approves the motion from the Canadian Luge Association to relocate the 2021 FIL World Championships on Artificial Track from Calgary/CAN to Whistler/CAN.
-unanimous-

N. Loch/GER comments. He is afraid the track in Calgary will remain closed for a longer period.

President J. Fendt informs that at every opportunity, the FIL emphasizes the importance of keeping the track in Calgary in operation. Some time ago, the Canadian luge federation was offered help for this.

Stephen Harris/CAN answers that Canadian federation has already worked out a strategy for corresponding negotiations with Winsport, the track operator in Calgary.

Jim Leahy/USA emphasizes the importance of the track in Calgary for North America and thinks that awarding several World Cups per season to North America is important for the continued survival of these tracks.

16. Elections

Vice President Marketing

President J. Fendt informs the delegates that **Th. Schwab/GER is the only candidate** for this position in the FIL Executive Board which was created at last year's congress.

Next **Th. Schwab introduces himself to the delegates** and explains his **goals and ideas** how he would like to carry out this function (enclosure 4).

P. Knauseder emphasizes that **natural track also must be considered** in these goals. **Th. Schwab** answers that this naturally applies to all branches

As there is only one candidate for this elected position, the vote is held openly.

Congress resolution 13/19

Thomas Schwab/GER is elected Vice President Marketing.

-unanimous-

Th. Schwab thanks the delegates for their trust that they bestowed him in this election.

17. Awarding of the 2021 FIL Congress

Mr. YU Guo, Assistant Team Leader of the Chinese national luge team, informs the delegates on the **willingness of China to host the 2021 FIL Congress**. He received this promise by telephone from his leadership. There are no other candidates.

Congress resolution 14/19

The 2021 FIL Congress is awarded to China with likely Beijing as the congress city.

-33 in favor, 1 abstention

18. Miscellaneous

Senad Omanovic/BIH and his daughter report on the **current status of the renovation work on the Olympic track in Sarajevo** and on the difficulties that needed to be overcome in the past.

S. Omanovic has been working on this project now for 12 years. He especially thanks the NFs from Slovakia and the Czech Republic who come again and again to Sarajevo to train and Germany for their help especially in the years 1993-1996.

President J. Fendt thanks S. Omanovic for his tireless efforts to revitalize this Olympic venue.

It is a historic project to revitalize an Olympic venue which has been badly damaged from war.

Manfred Heinzlmaier/BEL informs on the **current situation regarding the track construction project in Bludenz/AUT**. Completion of the track is now planned for the year 2021. Extensive preparations for the construction of the track have already taken place, as well as the groundbreaking ceremony as a sign of the official start of construction.

President J. Fendt reiterates the importance of this project with new, innovative technology and significantly lower construction and operating costs. The successful completion of the track in Bludenz is extremely important for the further internationalization of our sport

In his closing words, President J. Fendt thanks the organizers for the excellent congress conditions, the delegates for the friendly and constructive atmosphere during the days in Ljubljana, and the interpreters for their strenuous work.

He presents mementos to:

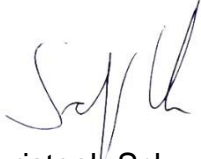
- **Milan Sirse**, President of the Slovenian federation

- **the staff** of the Slovenian federation
- **the interpreters Christa Zander and Andreas Berning**

President J. Fendt officially ends the 67th FIL Congress and wishes all participants a nice afternoon and evening here in Slovenia (excursion program Planica and Bled and evening program at the invitation of the Slovenian federation).

See you again on Monday, June 15 and June 16 and Tuesday, June 16, 2020 in Berchtesgaden/GER for the 68th FIL Congress!

For the minutes:



Christoph Schweiger

The President



Josef Fendt

4 enclosures

President's report given to the 67th FIL Congress Ljubljana/Slovenia (June 14-16, 2019)

Ladies and gentlemen, sports fans

In my report this year I will touch upon a few points, some of which will be mentioned with criticism and some which will give information from our day-to-day operations. Our newly appointed Secretary General Einars Fogelis will make further comments in his presentation. I would also like to take this opportunity to recommend the excellent and detailed reports from our Executive Board and experts included in the dossier.

It is important to note that the sport is becoming more complex and many more tasks are now fall within the scope of the International Federations (IFs) and with that, also the FIL. The challenges are greater; the staffing needs and the time and effort, which is required alongside our sport specific tasks, is becoming more extensive. At this point I would like to allow myself a few critical remarks and question whether all these changes are really useful and necessary. The invitations, sometimes even demands, from various organisations to attend seminars or workshops have risen sharply and it is not always easy for us to distinguish what is really important for us and our sport.

A large and also important area of responsibility is our cooperation with WADA, the World Anti-Doping Agency. The catalogue of requirements alone has increased enormously and no distinction is made as to whether a sport is to a greater or lesser extent at risk of experiencing cases of doping. A recent WADA enforced audit at the FIL offices comprised of several days of inspections by WADA experts and confirmed that we are working correctly and accurately. However, in order to fulfil all WADA requirements, we have, as have many other international federations, begun contractual cooperation with the newly founded International Testing Agency (ITA). This all requires additional financial resources and funding and our anti-doping budget had to be considerably increased.

“Good governance”, meaning the broadest possible transparency in all activities of an international association, was also of great importance. We know that we in the FIL have a few deficiencies in this area, which we are working on, but I think that there are limits to be made. The umbrella term “good governance” includes, for example, all topics related to the areas of ethics, corruption, sports betting etc. It is interesting to note that online (legal) sports betting in the sport of luge is already being offered.

An equally important area is the international sports jurisdiction, also known as the Court of Arbitration (CAS), where we as FIL have our own agreement with the separate Anti-Doping Division (CAS ADD). Dr Christian Krähe, Chairman of the FIL Legal Committee has been a valuable help in this area.

“Gender equality”, strongly promoted by the IOC or equal opportunities and the role of women in the sport, generated a lot of discussion. When it comes to our federation, we do not meet the desired ideals of having, for example, an Executive Board with 50% female members. Our current quota at 20% female members with voting rights, which is not

satisfactory, it is however similar to that of other federations and organisations. Even the IOC does not have a better quota with only 26% of its Executive Board being female. Of course, we welcome female participation in a range of elected positions, but we make final decisions based on the candidates available in a secret ballot. In our new FIL Athlete Committee 3 out of the 5 members with voting rights are female. So, when looking at this in terms of gender equality we even have a deficit in male participation

In order to conform to gender equality requirements, we had to closely coordinate with the IOC Sports Department and adapt our participant numbers for the next Winter Olympic Games in Beijing. We had agreed on equal maximum participant numbers for the women's and the men's singles (from 30 female and 40 male to 35 male and 35 female participants). To prevent the real possibility of having a purely male doubles discipline we even had serious thoughts about creating a new women's doubles discipline. More on this later.

On a positive note we are able to report that we were able to maintain all of our previous 4 disciplines for the Winter Olympic Games in Beijing 2022, and here I would like to express my thanks to the IOS Sports Department for their continuing cooperation.

At a recent "PyeongChang Olympic Data Collection Workshop" held in St. Moritz with IOC experts we had to acknowledge that, in comparison to other international Olympic winter sport federations, we have not produced good results in television broadcast and social media, although we have made considerable improvements in the area of social media. We know that in large markets, our sport has limited to no media presence (for example; India, China, Russia, France, Scandinavia, and Africa). We are of the opinion that it is important to keep in mind that a traditional winter sport with a long history (such as the sport of luge) cannot be practiced all over the world and that the commercial interests of manufacturing companies are lacking.

Our cooperation with the "Olympic Channel" has developed well for FIL and we have the best contacts with the senior managers at this organisation. Here we are predominately represented by our TV Representative Britta Semmler-Dzösch.

With regard to our TV situation in general, I recommend Britta's report in the dossier. What we can take away from this is that the total airtime in comparison to last year has risen significantly and that we received worldwide over 370 broadcast hours with over 260 million viewers. However, competition for airtime in winter sports is becoming stronger as more sports, disciplines and race formats are being added.

Our live-streams from the sport of luge on the artificial and the natural track has developed very well and is attracting interest mainly due to the interesting co-commentators from our circles of athletes.

Equally positive are the developments that have been made in our social media efforts managed by our experienced and engaged staff, as already mentioned, on the sport of luge on the artificial and the natural track.

Our Vice President (VP) Harald Steyer will give a detailed overview of our complex finances. Beforehand, however, I would like to make a few fundamental comments. When it comes to finance we have always acted very responsibly and built up untouchable reserves as a contingency. We have always followed the simple economic principle that outgoing funds should not exceed incoming funds. Greater expenditures coupled with a non-increasing income and a drop in sponsorship funds (hopefully only temporary) has made us look to the future and ensure we manage our finances carefully and be strict with our budgetary policies. The Presidium and the Executive Board have been intensely involved in budgetary developments and planning for the FIL undertaken by VP Harald Steyrer and we are well aware of our responsibility for the FIL finances, not just for today but for the coming years. VP Steyrer will give a detailed report with explanations to the budgetary policies and financial statements

Looking back on our sporting achievements: All in all, we once again had a good 2018/19 season in the sport of luge on artificial and natural track. Although in both sports at certain events we experienced weather conditions which we had not been confronted with before. To quote some statistics, the sport of luge on the artificial track (including the juniors) saw more than 30 competitions (World Cups, Nations Cups, Championships) and in the sport of luge on the natural track more than 10 events which were all well organised and successfully carried out. Here I would also like to express my thanks to all organisers and functionaries, without whom our sport would not be able to operate. However, we were not satisfied with the low participation numbers, but this is something we have come to expect after Olympic Seasons.

The sport of luge on natural track is developing well, thanks to great efforts of those responsible for the athletic element. Despite this, this attractive sport causes us some concern. Although we at the FIL have made great efforts and given increasing financial support, for example by carrying the full costs of the considerably expanded TV productions and broadcasting distribution, the sport of luge on the natural track has not had the same broad resonance with the public. For the last two years we have not had a main or title sponsor, despite calling in a specialist agency. The one remaining small sponsor has not met their financial obligations for the last two years. We have, therefore, transferred the sponsorship rights to a new interested party and hope that this will be more successful this year. Our Secretary General Fogelis and VP Steyrer will also cover this topic in their statements.

The past winter season saw us celebrate an important anniversary: 50 years of the artificial ice track at Königsee. The bold move to build the world's first artificial ice track for the sport of luge (and also two-man bobsleigh) set important foundations for the preservation and development of the sport of luge on the artificial track and for the existence of the sport as an Olympic sport. This extremely important and pioneering work cannot be appreciated enough and I pay my thanks to German Bobsleigh and Sledding Sports Association for the well-organised anniversary festivities.

The idea of introducing a new discipline of “women’s doubles” meant that a new doubles sled had to be developed. Working in close collaboration with our technical department, the company Kästle was able to successfully carry out the required changes. Initially, this new women’s discipline is intended for the Youth Class A and is already a recognised discipline for the Youth Olympic games in Lausanne/St. Moritz. It is very pleasing to see that there is already a surprising amount of interest from young people in this women’s doubles discipline.

The YOG (Youth Olympic Games) are, along with the World Championships on Artificial Track in Sochi and the European Championships on-Natural Track in Moscow, our highlight event for the coming 2019/2020 season.

Under the constant watch and supervision of our experts, the building of the new Olympic artificial track in Beijing/Yangqing is progressing well and we should allow ourselves to expect very modern sport facilities. We hope that this Sliding Centre will remain in operation to encourage the future development of the sport of luge in China and be used for international events.

The continued use of our Olympic tracks was and is still a considerable concern for the FIL. Until recently, all 12 Olympic tracks, since the opening of the first Olympic artificial ice tracks in Igls in 1976, have been in use and have hosted international events. We are in close contact with BIH Federation and the regional local government regarding the reconstruction work on the Olympic track used at the 1984 Sarajevo Olympics, which was destroyed in the war (the President of the BIH Federation Senad Omanovic will provide the Congress with an update report). I also had personal and interesting talks with our Japanese Federation President Mr Kitano, who is very committed to the continued use of the artificial ice track from the Nagano Winter Olympics. I am also confident that the talks already being held regarding the winter use for the Olympic tracks in Pyeongchang and Calgary will be successful.

Our many international connections, for example to the IOC and the international federations and organisations remain good. Since our last Congress, I had the opportunity, together with our new Secretary General Einars Fogelis, to hold many meetings and attend sports conferences which have further fostered and widened our connections.

In a week’s time, the IOC Session in Lausanne will take place and the decision of where to hold the 2026 Winter Olympics will be announced. Secretary General Einars Fogelis and I will also be in attendance. Candidate cities are Stockholm/Sweden and Milan-Cortina/Italy. In Sweden our events would take place at the artificial ice track in Sigulda/Latvia and in Italy a new track is due to be constructed in Cortina.

Einars Fogelis and I will also be representing the FIL at the July IOC Coordinator Commission meeting in Beijing.

I am certain that with our work and responsibilities, the FIL is on the right path. We couldn't have done this without the support of our member nations, the Executive Board, all Expert Commissions and other FIL committees, for which I would also like to express my sincere thanks. I would also like to express a personal thanks to my closest colleagues, the FIL Presidium and the entire team in the FIL office.

Many thanks for your attention.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josef Fendt'. The script is cursive and somewhat stylized, with the first name 'Josef' written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name 'Fendt'.

Josef Fendt

67th FIL Congress
Ljubljana, June 14 – 15, 2019

Dear friends, dear Congress delegates,

A year has passed since the last Congress in Bratislava when you entrusted the luge sports leadership to a new team in the new Olympic quadrennial.

Upon entering the new Olympic cycle, I would like to reflect on the strategic plan of our federation, to evaluate the progress we have made in realizing our plans, and to consider the present situation, in general.

Over the recent years the federation has consequently followed its strategic tasks and upheld its place in Olympic winter sports family. Our latest Olympic discipline – the team relay is widely accepted by athletes, spectators, mass media and supporters. It refers also to the sprint race - today we cannot imagine the World Cup and World Championships without this event. However, we still have a lot of work to do in this area to make the sport of luge image more fascinating in the eyes of our spectators and supporters, including also TV viewers, but at the same time keeping in mind one of our ultimate goals - recognition of this discipline as part of Olympic Games programme.

Hence I pay your attention to the very successful and constructive cooperation between our Federation and IOC during this past year. Following the IOC recommendations in the gender equality area, we have successfully started development of a new discipline – women's doubles. It involves completely new technical improvements. The sled has become steadier, safer and easier to operate. It is also more accessible to the National Federations. Since the very first year of the project women's doubles have helped us to involve young female athletes from at least 11 nations. But from the future Olympic perspective of this particular discipline, the next year and our young females' performance in YOG 2020 Lausanne - St Moritz will be decisive.

As it is evident from our colleagues' activities and general developments in other sports, it

is the success of Youth Olympic Games competitions that lays foundation for the inclusion of the respective sports discipline in the Olympic Games programme.

But when considering our perspectives, we may not ignore the actual situation of the post-Olympics year. To be frank, it has become almost “tradition” that after Olympic Games in certain disciplines the number of participants declines. Here I am particularly referring to the doubles. It is time to discuss reasons and solutions to improve the situation. The reasons definitely are not just financial, taking into account the fact that the FIL support over the recent period has increased in the NF-managed and development programmes. Therefore, I would be very happy to have your opinion and suggestions in this regard.

Following the IOC recent indications, we also have to focus on presentation of our sports, especially during the next Olympic Games in Beijing, as well as in the social media environment, in general.

I would certainly like to point out the very constructive collaboration between the FIL, IOC and BOCOG over the past year when preparing for the Olympic Games 2022. I highly value the IOC initiative to invite at the very beginning the representatives of all the International Federations to the Coordination Commission meeting. It provided operative exchange of information at all levels, and, as a result, effective preparations are now underway in the sport of luge to facilitate the track homologation process in March 2020.

Am very pleased to mention the close cooperation with our relatively closest federation IBSF, especially regarding track building issues. I highly appreciate also the mutual collaboration between all winter sports federations (AIOWF). Thank you all.

In order to successfully prepare for next Olympic key event, our colleagues, under the guidance of the FIL Vice President- Sport Claire DelNegro, have undertaken a very careful analysis of the National Federations’ applications and their needs within the Development Programme. This is a very essential activity when considering the future of our federation. We have to find ways ow to make our contributions (support) more effective within the limits of existing resources; how to offer more training opportunities for the athletes of the countries which do not have the their own tracks. As one of the options I would suggest development of training centres in Europe and America as part of the Partnership Programme. Apart from that we are considering perspectives for the regions of Asia, where, after a track in Beijing has been put into operation, we would theoretically have

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three centres available. Unfortunately, I have to admit, that the situation concerning the Nagano and PyeongChang heritage and sustainability is not perfect. Last year we had several meetings between President Fendt, myself and our Japanese colleague - president Kitano, regarding reopening of the track in nearest future. We have received a positive feedback from Korea, too. I am convinced that these three tracks are very essential not only for the regions of Asia, but also for Oceania.

By the way, in the entire China, which has been delivering very intensive backing to winter sports there are involved around 300 000 000 people in this programme!

From this viewpoint, the natural track luge is a distinctive strategic issue within the FIL activity framework. I think that we need to convene a special session to address this issue. In comparison with the past period, the FIL support has increased twice (6 Mio Eur), but we have not yet fulfilled all the IOC criteria to achieve the Olympic discipline status. As it was in the case of the artificial track doubles, we have to think about making this fascinating and interesting discipline simpler, easier to manage and financially more accessible.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all member federations for your contribution in our sport of luge development.

I would like to particularly acknowledge the input of competition organizers during the last season, having provided excellent event quality and luge sport presentation at the highest level.

Certainly I would like to thank my colleagues who ensured an increased quality of cooperation with WADA and ITA.

In conclusion I would like to wish all the athletes, coaches and the whole FIL family to reach new goals and to meet new challenges!

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Einars Fogelis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Einars Fogelis



Enclosure 3

67th FIL Congress, Ljubljana Beijing 2022 Presentation



ZHANG Xudong

Sliding Sports Manager
Beijing 2022



Enclosure 3 Yanqing National Sliding Centre





Yanqing NSC Construction Progress



- U-beam 97%
- Shotcrete works 90 %
- Earth works 95%
- Buildings 50%
- Refrigeration System 40%
- Overall Construction 70%





Yanqing NSC Construction Progress

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Start House



Finish House



Yanqing NSC Construction Progress

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C3-4



C6-10 & Spiral



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Yanqing NSC Construction Progress



Village



Highway



IF Site Inspection Visits

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- 6 site inspections since last congress
- Mock up test
- Profile checks before and after shotcrete
- Safety deflector and crash barrier planning
- Timing, video, audio, lighting planning
- Operations and equipment planning





Pre-homologation and Test Events

- March 9-15, 2020 Pre-homologation
- 1st International Training Week, Season 2020/21
- World Cup, Season 2020/21
- 2nd International Training Week, Season 2021/2022
- Olympic Games, February 2022



Workforce and NTO Training

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- Sliding Sports Team during Games over 300 people
- Track Crew training next season by venue owner
- 1st National Technical Official Seminar in October 2018
- Key NTO Education During 2019 FIL World Championships in Winterberg.
- The International Judge and NTO lessons lead by FIL TD in June 2019.
- Continue education in China and abroad until the Beijing 2022 Games





Infrastructures

- Beijing 2022's main gateway airport is Beijing Capital International Airport (BCIA) .
- Beijing Daxing International Airport (BDIA, new) is locates 46km south of the city centre, as a supplement to BCIA, and will be open by the end of 2019.



Beijing Daxing International Airport Beijing Capital International Airport

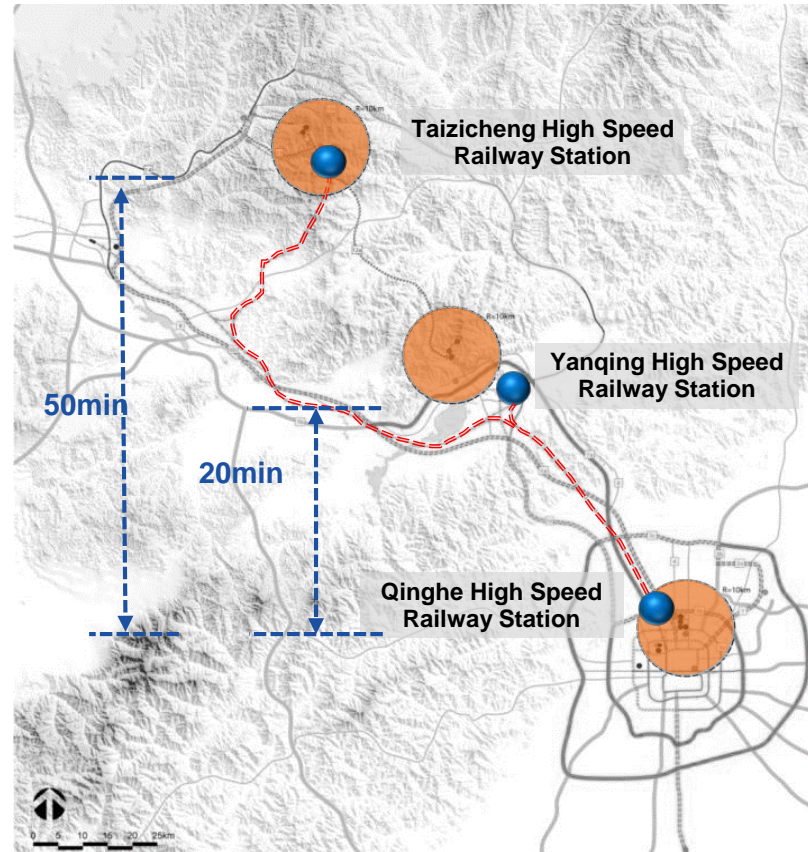


High-speed Rail

- The Beijing-Zhangjiakou High Speed Rail and the Chongli Line are 70% finished.
- The projects will be finished by the end of 2019.

Train time (Station to Station)

- Beijing-Yanqing: 20 minutes
- Beijing-Zhangjiakou: 50 minutes
- Max speed around 350KM/H



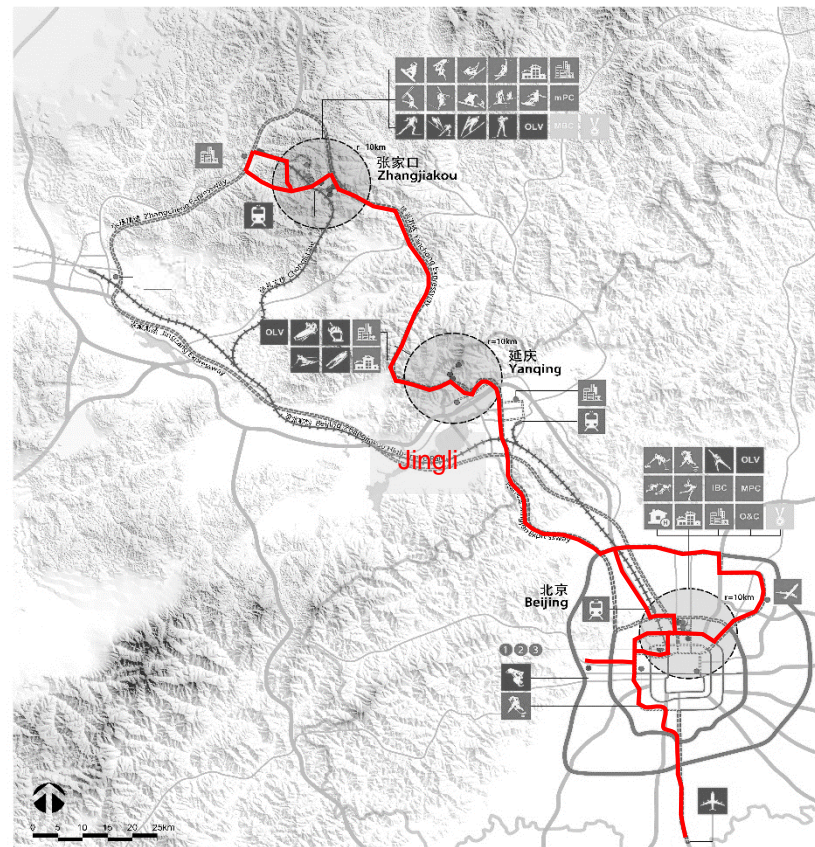


Expressway

Jingli Expressway

- Olympic lanes will be set on Jingli Expressway
- Distances and Bus Travel Times

OLV-OLV	Distance (km)	Time (minutes)
Beijing-Yanqing	109	94
Yanqing-Zhangjiakou	85	75
Beijing-Zhangjiakou	186	160



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Thanks!





GOALS
VP MARKETING

OVERVIEW Area of responsibility VPM

- Clarification of task distribution
- Analysis of the FIL's current status
- Establish goals
- Challenges
- Implementation
- Up-to-date strategies to modernize our sport





1. TASKS VPM

- The FIL VP Marketing is a volunteer office.
- Close cooperation with the Executive Board, the staff, and the agencies (RGS, Infront, FIL marketing group)
- Assignment from the Executive Board to the marketing group with the question: Where does the FIL stand in comparison to its competitors?
- Based on the analysis, joint development of new strategies for:
 - Consistent optimized public image of the FIL
 - Consistent optimizing of the FIL's products (sport, sport events)
 - Setting marketing goals
 - Assisting in the marketing of the our NFs' sport and events
 - Generating new advertising opportunities and partners (cooperation with the FIL's agencies)



2. ANALYSIS FIL'S CURRENT STATUS

- **Internal perception of the FIL's marketing:**
- **View** NFs, athletes, partners, and event organizers?
- **External perception of the FIL's marketing**
- **View** IOC, agencies, sponsors, media, and spectators?

- **Where does winter sport stand?** What is the current overall situation in winter sport? Where does the FIL stand in this setting?

PERCEPTION OF THE FIL?

SIGNALING EFFECT OF THE FIL?

WHERE DOES OUR PRODUCT STAND?

- **Internal:** What signals are we sending to our NFs, athletes, partners, event organizers?
- **External:** What signals are we sending out: public, media, sport, IOC, sponsors?

- **Our disciplines:** women, men, doubles, Team Relay, sprint race, women's doubles?
- Where do the strengths and weaknesses of our sport lie?
- Where do we see potential for change and improvement?



3. THE FIL'S GOALS

HOW DO WE WANT TO BE SEEN?

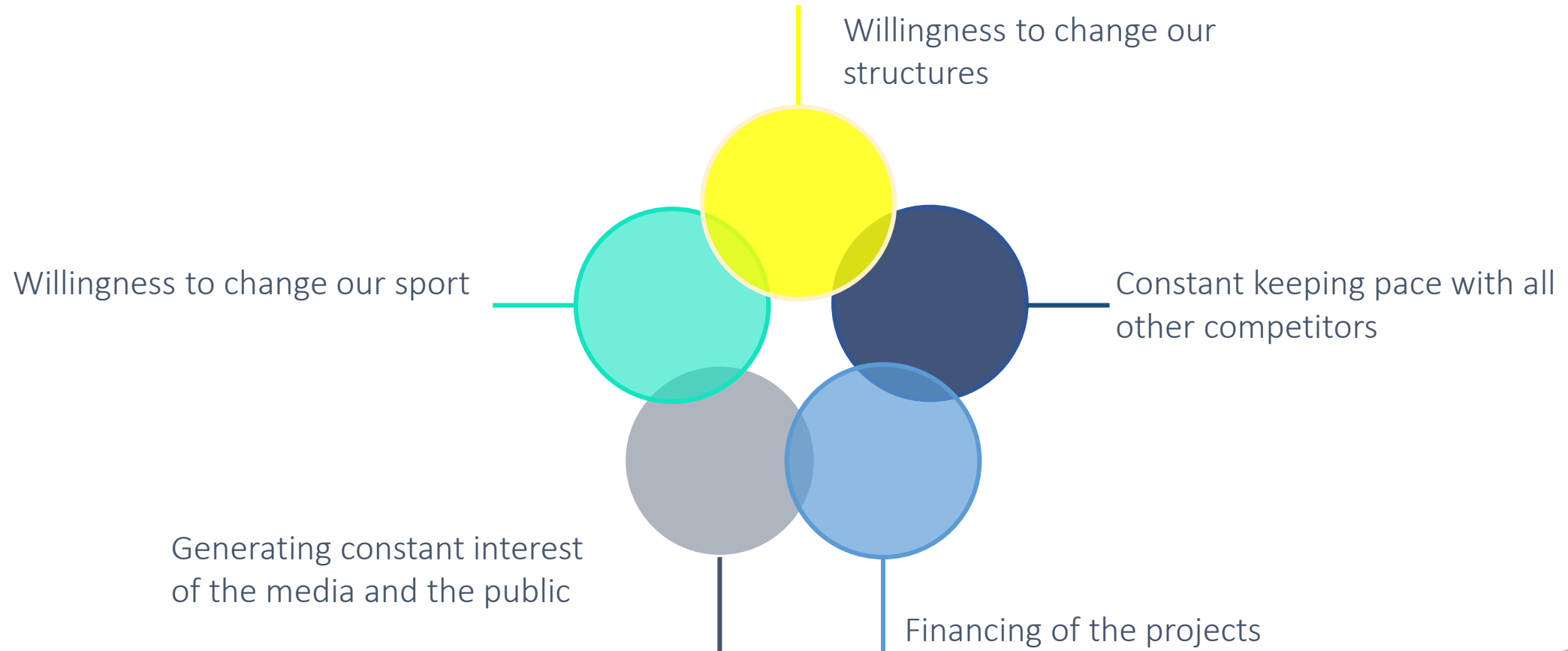
- Modern association with a clear strategic orientation in federation management, marketing, and communication
- Professionally managed federation with a clear working structure: Executive Board, FIL office, marketing, sports departments (NT, AT) and communication
- **Transport of destinations via:** website, the TV format, the sponsors, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, logo ...

PRODUCT GOAL (Sport)

- Attractive sport with strong spectator interest
- Exciting competition through improvement of core product and new competitions formats
- Increase or defense of the share of the winter sport market achieved so far
- Generation of youth's interest in our sport

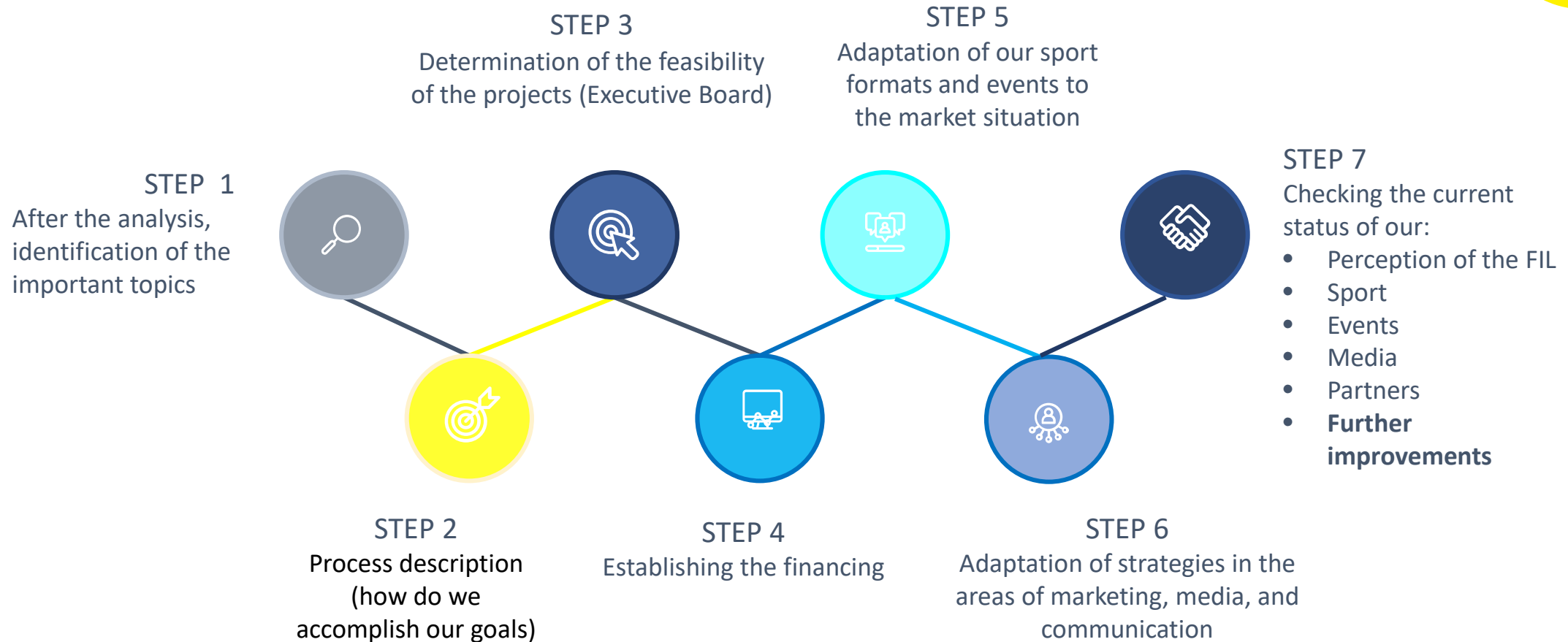


4. CHALLENGES





5. IMPLEMENTATION





6. CURRENT DISCUSSION WITH AGENCIES AND PARTNERS

Improved presentation of our sport through simpler rules?



Increase in the sprint race's attractiveness, but how?

Does the FIL need another attractive competition?

Positioning of new competition formats in the IOC

Joint competitions with the IBSF (Team Ech or WCh)





THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
ATTENTION!

Thomas Schwab