

To
- Members of the Sub-Committee for European Cup

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Oberhofen, 14.10.2022

**Minutes meeting of the Sub-Committee for European Cup held on Thursday,
29.09.2022**

Dear Ski Friends,

We have the pleasure sending you today the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee for the European Cup.

We kindly ask that you send any remarks to the FIS Alpine Office in Oberhofen by the **20th October 2022**.

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that the minutes are available on the Member Services section of the FIS Website: www.fis-ski.com.

Thank you very much for your valuable contribution and have a safe and healthy winter.

Kindest regards,



Herbert Mandl
Chairman Sub-Committee for European Cup

**INTERNATIONAL SKI FEDERATION
Sub-Committee for European Cup**

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1. Welcome and Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting with a warm welcome to all Committee Members and all present.

The Chairman informed the Sub-Committee about an online Meeting on 30th August 2022 with about 60 Chairs of all disciplines, led by the FIS secretary generals. The idea was to reorganize the structure of the Sub- Committees to make the work more efficient. There were no decisions done, it was more or less the request to think about and express new ideas until the spring meetings.

2. Roll-Call

Janez Fleré made the Roll-call (see enclosure)

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. The agenda, with no additions, was unanimously approved.

5. Approval of the minutes of the online meeting held on 10.05.2022

The minutes were unanimously approved.

6. Report of the Charman and the Coordinators

5.1. Chairman Herbert Mandl (AUT)

The Chairman expressed the relief after the seasons of pandemic restrictions.

He mentioned that alpine sport could do almost all their racing program compared to other sports.

Big thanks to the race directors Jordi Pujol and Wim Rossel for their tremendous work in times of pandemic. Big thanks as well to all organisers, who were able to serve with great competitions in difficult times.

The Chairman pronounced the difficulties for future calendar planning to do economic problems. Specially for speed events the organisers can't fulfil the requirements in terms of safety installations and financial efforts.

More media presence to rise the attention of sponsors would be needed to cover all the costs.

From sports side he is worried about the development in women downhill skiing.

The starting fields are getting smaller and smaller. We really have to think about how to develop more speed girls.

5.2. Coordinators

Jordi Pujol (FIS)

Jordi says that they have been some changes in the calendar during summer, finally he can present a solid proposal but still with two DH and one SG to be defined.

The main change compared to previous seasons is that, we will start in central Europe and finish with two GS, two SL and the big Finals in Scandinavia.

After two seasons with Covid 19 issues, now we're facing, with great motivation, a normal season but adapting as much as possible to the requirements and understanding the problems that the resorts and organizers have with the rise of energy prices.

We totally understand that the main goal for the resort is to have a good season in terms of clients and is not easy to insert European Cup races in their

schedule, specially, speed races; we know we have to be flexibles and try to help them as much as possible, also teams have to understand.

There are new sites this year on the calendar, Ponte di Legno (ITA) instead of Andalo, Chatel (FRA), Sarajevo/Bjelasnica (BIH), Suomu (FIN) and after many years we will return for the big Finals to Narvik (NOR)

Unfortunately, we lost one the main speed organisers, Passo San Pellegrino (ITA). Hopefully we will return in the future.

Almost all inspections were done on site, just a few have been done online but for sure I will visit them before the season starts. This summer I had been also in New Zealand and Argentina for the ANC and SAC races.

I was also with the inspection in St. Anton, who will be the World Juniors Championships organiser.

Thanks to the Nacional Ski Associations and to all the organisers and, of course thanks to my FIS colleagues. Looking forward for a great season

Wim Rossel (FIS)

Most of the summer inspection work has been done. Wim would like to thank all organisers for the good preparation job. As Jordi mentioned we are struggling to find good speed organisers. This is a topic we need to focus on for the future of the EC. A lot of efforts have been made to put in place a digital draw process on FIS Live Timing for all EC Events. Wim reminds all NSA's to respect the deadline to apply for future EC events. This would make it easier to work on longterm EC calendars. Wim is looking forward to an hopefully covid free season with a well balanced calendar and highly motivated organisers despite the difficult financial and energy situation.

7. European Cup calendars 2022/23

The calendars were presented and almost all sites are confirmed.

Val di Fassa (ITA) has already cancelled the downhill races due to economic problems.

8. European Cup calendar proposal 2023/24

Future calendar couldn't be presented. There are too many unsure spots and missing organisers. There were also discussions where to start the season. Our suggestion is to switch every second year from Scandinavia and Middle Europe.

9. Miscellaneous

Petra Kronberger (AUT) mentioned complains concerning preparation and safety of the warm up slopes and training possibilities in general for speed.

Srecko Medven (SLO) chairman Club 5 organisers placed the request to reorganize the second league in skiing – continental cups to create more value. TV productions should be forced to increase die economic situation.

10. Next meeting – to be announced

Alpine FIS Coordinator Janez Flere informed the Sub-Committee, that the FIS Spring Technical Meetings will take place from May 3rd – 5th 2023 in Dubrovnik, Croatia