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Comitato Civico Cortina
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Subject: Cortina Sliding Centre

Thank you for your letter of August 2022 concerning the Olympic Sliding Centre in Cortina d'Ampezzo.

Allow us to first underline the importance that the IOC places on sustainability. As an organisation dedicated to building a better and more sustainable world through sport, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) is fully committed to social, economic and environmental sustainability, and recognises its responsibility in this regard. Sustainability is a key pillar of Olympic Agenda 2020 and Olympic Agenda 2020+5, the strategic roadmap of the Olympic Movement.

The IOC works closely with the Fondazione Milano Cortina 2026, as the Organising Committee of the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games, as well as all other Games editions organisers. Our aim is to ensure that the Games are at the forefront of sustainability and use their global reach and visibility to showcase solutions for a sustainable future.

Sustainability and legacy are also at the core of Milano Cortina 2026, which aims to deliver sustainable Games with a strong and lasting legacy.

The delivery of permanent infrastructure falls outside the direct responsibility of the Organising Committee and the IOC. The infrastructure that will be used by the Games will be delivered by a combination of Local Government Authorities and Private Investors and the *Società Infrastrutture Milano Cortina 2020 – 2026* (SIMICO). We therefore invite you to contact these entities directly in order to receive further details.

In the case of the Sliding Centre, the IOC has been clear in its position that the provision of a new sliding centre in Cortina is not a requirement for the Games. The situation was already discussed between the IOC and the candidature committee at the time of Milano Cortina's election. It was also raised after the election by the Coordination Commission with the local authorities. We have been informed by the local authorities that this would be a touristic and sporting project, which would go ahead anyway, regardless of the Olympic Winter Games. Under these circumstances, the IOC agreed that the sliding centre would be used for the Games for cost and sustainability reasons, as it would make no sense to have such a sliding centre then to go elsewhere. As the centre was being built again, regardless of the Games, we therefore also agreed that this project would not be part of the budget of the Olympic Winter Games.

For any further details, we invite you to contact the Organising Committee of the Milano Cortina 2026 Olympic Winter Games.

With kind regards,



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