

Delago fastest of all: Tarvisio lights up the downhill eve

The Italian skier tops the final training run, with Ortlieb and Štuhec chasing. Anticipation builds for the stars set to race on the Di Prampero. A cross-border safety and rescue team is already at work to ensure races meet the highest international standards

Tarvisio, 16 January 2026 – Nicol Delago set the fastest time in the second and final official training run ahead of the Tarvisio downhill, scheduled for tomorrow with a start at **10:45**, bringing the **Audi FIS Ski World Cup** back to the **Di Prampero** course after almost fifteen years. The skier from Val Gardena stopped the clock at **1:45.32**, edging Austria's **Nina Ortlieb** by just **four hundredths of a second**. Ortlieb, already the fastest in the first training run, once again confirmed her strong feeling with the Tarvisio track. Slovenia's **Ilka Štuhec** placed third, **0.33 seconds** behind. Fourth place went to the younger of the Delago sisters, **Nadia Delago**, **0.46 seconds** off the pace. Among the Italians, **Laura Pirovano** finished ninth at **1.02**, tied with **Lindsey Vonn**. Further back, **Elena Curtoni** was 16th at **1.39**, followed by **Sofia Goggia** (+1.52). **Roberta Melesi** crossed the line **2.77 seconds** behind, while **Sara Thaler** and **Sara Allemand** finished at **4.24** and **5.23** respectively.

All eyes are now on tomorrow's race, which promises spectacular action on a course once again at the heart of international alpine skiing.

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Saturday's programme

On **Saturday 17 January**, the **Downhill** is scheduled to take place, starting at **10:45**. During today's Team Captains' Meeting, the bib numbers for the starting order were drawn. On **Sunday 18 January**, the Tarvisio stop will conclude with the **Super G**, starting at **11:15**. The event is promoted by the **Friuli Venezia Giulia Region** through **PromoTurismoFVG**, with the support of **FIS**, **FISI**, the **Municipality of Tarvisio**, and the **Tourism Promotion Consortium of the Tarvisiano, Sella Nevea and Passo Pramollo**.

The slope

The **Di Prampero** slope is the longest track on the World Cup circuit, stretching **3,920 metres** down to Camporosso (**817 m**), and is considered one of the most technical and spectacular courses in the Eastern Alps. It features jumps, steep sections and fast gliding stretches, with gradients ranging from **7% to 47%** and a width varying between **28 and 108 metres**.

Its constant changes in terrain and predominantly north-facing exposure ensure excellent snow quality and ideal surface conditions, key requirements for top-level international racing. The course is enriched by iconic sections that reflect its history and the surrounding landscape: from **La Cappia**, named after the Slovenian word *Kaplja* (drop), to the **Muro dei Cervi**, frequented by local wildlife; from the **Baita Forestale**, the Super-G start area, to the **Schmalzl Curve**, dedicated to Helmut Schmalzl, a historic figure in international skiing. Standout sections also include the **Muro Lungo**, the steepest part of the course, the **Salto Lazzaro**, named in honour of Luciano Lazzaro, who played a key role in the construction of the course in 2000, followed by the **Muro di Luki**, the final jump and the concluding schuss leading directly to the finish line.

Safety and rescue operations

Alongside the Tarvisio World Cup Organising Committee, a wide range of discreet yet essential forces will be operating before, during and after the races, coordinated by the **Chief of Race**. This is the major emergency, rescue and safety system, united in a single cross-border team, reflecting the very nature of this territory. Involved are the **Italian Army**, the **State Police** from the Udine Police Headquarters and piste rescue personnel, the **Carabinieri**, the **Guardia di Finanza** with its Alpine rescue unit, the **Fire Brigade** with specialists in snow and ice rescue, and the **CNSAS – National Alpine and Speleological Rescue Corps**.

On the medical side, healthcare professionals from the **Friuli Venezia Giulia Air Rescue Service**, coordinated by the **Regional Emergency Operations Centre (SORES)**, together with staff from **ASUFC – Friuli Centrale University Health Authority**, the **Italian Red Cross** and **Croce Verde Goriziana**, will be on duty. Highly specialised technicians and professionals share procedures,

expertise and a constant presence along the entire race course. From prevention to rapid on-slope interventions, from spectator assistance to the coordination of helicopter rescue and operations centres, every detail is designed to ensure an event that meets the highest international standards. A dedicated medical structure harmonises all these professional roles into a single operational framework. Thanks to this collective, discreet yet fundamental effort, world-class skiing can take place in total safety, turning Tarvisio into a global stage where sport, mountains and professionalism come together.

Ski clubs and ski instructors

The Organising Committee has promoted a strong network of collaborations that reflects the model of sporting and territorial cooperation typical of the **Three Borders** area. Seven ski clubs from Friuli Venezia Giulia, under the umbrella of **FISI FVG** — Sci Cai XXX Ottobre, ASD Sci Club Monte Lussari, US Camporosso, ASD Cimenti Sci Carnia, Sci Club Monte Canin, ASD Sci Club 70 and ASD Sci Club Monte Dauda — together with the **Friuli Venezia Giulia Ski Instructors' Association**, are playing a key role with technicians, instructors and volunteers involved in every operational phase, from organisation and logistics to piste preparation and grooming.

Supporting the event is also the **Landesskiverband Kärnten**, the Carinthian state ski federation, which is providing volunteer skiers and promoting the participation of Austrian ski clubs and schools, invited to attend the races alongside local fans.

Where to watch the races

The **Audi FIS Ski World Cup Tarvisio 2026** is made possible thanks to the support of a strong network of international partners and sponsors. **Audi**, as Title Sponsor, and **Longines**, Official Timekeeper, lead a line-up that includes major brands such as **Generali**, **Vredestein**, **Skechers**, **Forst**, **Würth**, **Liqui Moly** and **Grana Padano**.

A total of **150 accredited media representatives** — journalists, photographers, broadcast operators, web and digital media, and local, national and international content creators — are covering the event. Seven television broadcasters (**RAI**, **Eurosport**, **ZDF**, **ORF**, **RSI**, **SRF** and **RTV Slovenia**) and one radio station (**ORF**) will comment live from the venue, using images provided by **Infront**, the event's media partner, rights holder and producer of the broadcast signal for both races. The event will enjoy unprecedented international TV coverage, with broadcasts guaranteed in **over 25 countries across Europe, Asia and the Americas**, reaching a global audience of millions of viewers.

Side events

To welcome the athletes and the audience, at 10:00 a.m. **Pierpaolo Foti** will perform — a talented violinist and composer from Trieste (born in 1997), known for his fusion of styles ranging from electronic to rock, while maintaining a strong connection to classical music. After the race, from **14:30**, the atmosphere will heat up in the **Finish Area in Camporosso, Tarvisio**, with the official après-ski hosted by **RTL 102.5**: a large public party featuring presenters **Angelo Baiguini**, **Jessica Brugali** and **DJ Sautufau**, for an afternoon of high-energy music and entertainment. In the evening, at **18:15**, again in the Finish Area, the **Downhill prize-giving ceremony** will take place, followed by the **Super G bib draw**, a symbolic and eagerly awaited moment marking the handover to the next day's race. The event concludes on **Sunday 18 January** with the **women's Super G**, scheduled for **11:15** on the Di Prampero course. After the race, the prize-giving ceremony will be followed by the final big celebration with **RTL 102.5**, bidding farewell in music to athletes, spectators and volunteers and closing a weekend of top-level international sport.

Digital info and updates

All information on the programme and venues is available on the official website www.tarvisioskiworldcup.it. The build-up to the race weekend will also be shared on social media via **Facebook** and **Instagram** [@tarvisioskiworldcup](https://www.facebook.com/tarvisioskiworldcup), as well as on the official FIS channels.

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