

Nicol Delago triumphs in Tarvisio: Friuli Venezia Giulia celebrates the return of the World Cup

On the Di Prampero course, the skier from Val Gardena claims the first World Cup victory of her career in front of more than 4,000 spectators. Weidle-Winkelmann finishes second, the legendary Vonn third. Tomorrow's Super G will close a record-breaking weekend

Tarvisio, January 17, 2026 – Italy celebrates in the best possible way the return of the **Audi FIS Ski World Cup** to Tarvisio, fifteen years after the last edition. In the fifth downhill race of the season, in front of over three thousand spectators, Nicol Delago delivers a remarkable performance, claiming her first career victory on the **Di Prampero** course in the top international circuit.

The 30-year-old from Selva di Val Gardena, who started from the gate wearing bib number three and had already set the fastest time in the final training run, confirmed her outstanding feeling with the snow of Tarvisio on race day. A solid and fast run, marked by excellent glide, allowed her to cross the finish line in a winning time of **1:46.28**.

Behind her came Germany's **Kira Weidle-Winkelmann**, second at 0.20 seconds, the USA's **Lindsey Vonn**, third at 0.26, and Austria's **Nina Ortlieb**, fourth at 0.42. For Delago, this is the sixth World Cup podium of her career, the fifth in downhill, and a return to the top three after her third place in the Saalbach Finals in March 2024.

Strong results also came from the rest of the Italian team, with three athletes finishing inside the top eleven. **Laura Pirovano** placed sixth at +0.85, tied with American **Breezy Johnson**; **Nadia Delago** finished tenth at +1.15; while **Sofia Goggia** ended the race in eleventh place at +1.35, ex aequo with Austria's **Mirjam Puchner**.

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Tomorrow's program

On **Sunday, January 18**, the Tarvisio stop will conclude with the **Super G**, starting at **11:15 a.m.** The public bib draw is scheduled for this afternoon, following the prize-giving ceremony set for **6:15 p.m.** in the Di Prampero finish area.

The event, which has enjoyed great public attendance and unanimous praise from athletes and teams, is promoted by the **Friuli Venezia Giulia Region** through **PromoTurismoFVG**, with the support of **FISI**, **FISI**, the **Municipality of Tarvisio**, and the **Tourism Promotion Consortium of the Tarvisiano, Sella Nevea and Passo Pramollo**.

The morning will be opened by violinist **Pierpaolo Foti**, who entertained the Di Prampero audience with performances blending electronic and rock influences with a strong classical foundation. In the afternoon, after the race, fans and spectators enjoyed music on the snow with the DJ set by **RTL 102.5**, an experience that will be repeated on Sunday as well, following the race and the awards ceremony.

The awards ceremony

The athletes on the podium will receive the "**Guerriero della Val Saisera**" (Warrior of Val Saisera), a unique, non-replicable trophy carved by Tarvisio-based artist **Ennio Veluscek** from Swiss pine wood and iron recovered from trees felled by natural events. The work is inspired by a story by **Maurizio Bait** about the legendary lineage of the Saisera Warriors, paying tribute to courage, individual strength and the ability to rise again—values shared by both the champions and the territory.

Alongside the main trophy, the event's solidarity dimension was represented by a mosaic artwork created by the **StazioneRiva day center of Rivignano Teor (C.A.M.P.P. – ASUFC)**, symbolizing inclusion and creativity, as well as by the presence of the information stand of **IRCCS Burlo Garofolo of Trieste**, highlighting the connection between sport, research and community.

Adding to the ceremony's atmosphere, the hostesses wore the traditional costumes of the Valcanale – **Kanaltaler Tracht**, provided by the Valcanale Cultural Association. The refined **Damen Tracht**, with its golden yellow silk apron and precious hand-embroidered **Haube**, and the elegant **Männer Tracht**, featuring a chestnut-brown jacket, dark red waistcoat and

traditional details, turned the podium into a living showcase of local identity, offering the international audience an authentic image deeply rooted in the history of the Alpine "Little Europe".

Where to watch the race

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 top brands such as **Generali, Vredestein, Skechers, Forst, Würth, Liqui Moly and Grana Padano**.

More than **150 accredited media representatives**—journalists, photographers, TV and radio crews, web outlets and content creators from Italy and abroad—are covering the event. Seven TV broadcasters (**Rai, Eurosport, ZDF, ORF, RSI, SRF and RTV Slo**) and one radio station (**ORF**) are providing live commentary on site, using the images supplied by **Infront**, the event's media partner and rights holder. The event will enjoy unprecedented international TV coverage, with broadcasts in over **25 countries** across Europe, Asia and the Americas, reaching a global audience of millions.

Digital info and updates

All information on the program and venues is available on the official website

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