

Tarvisio closes the World Cup on a high note: Aicher wins the Super G, organizational success for Friuli Venezia Giulia

Behind the German skier, Lindsey Vonn and Ester Ledecká shine and thrill the Di Prampero crowd. Five thousand spectators, extensive international media coverage and a model of cross-border cooperation: the Audi FIS Ski World Cup 2026 bids farewell to Tarvisio with sport, safety and the territory in the spotlight

Tarvisio, 18 gennaio 2026 – Tarvisio, January 18, 2026 – Emma Aicher claimed a superb victory in today's SuperG on the "Di Prampero" course in Tarvisio, closing the second and final spectacular day of the **Audi FIS Ski World Cup** and securing her second career win on the World Cup circuit. The German skier edged out an outstanding and much-applauded **Lindsey Vonn** (+0.27), back on the podium after finishing third in Saturday's downhill, while **Ester Ledecká** of the Czech Republic completed the podium in third place (+0.94). **Sofia Goggia** was the best of the Italian athletes in sixth position and captured the Super G red bib from **Alice Robinson**, who crashed just before the finish. Also placing high in the standings were France's **Romane Miradoli** (+1.04) and American **Keely Cashman** (+1.11). Behind Goggia finished **Kajsa Vickhoff Lie** (+1.17), **Kira Weidle-Winkelmann** (+1.22), **Mirjam Puchner** (+1.25) and **Laura Pirovano** (+1.26), rounding out the top ten. It was a difficult weekend for **Cornelia Hütter**, who placed only twelfth (+1.46). **Roberta Melesi** delivered a solid performance to finish eleventh (+1.30), thanks in part to a strong opening section of the course. For Italy, points were also scored by **Elena Curtoni**, sixteenth (+1.63), and **Sara Allemand**, twenty-eighth (+2.10). **Nicol Delago**, winner of Saturday's downhill, did not finish. Robinson lost the lead in the Super G standings, remaining on 188 points. **Goggia** now leads the discipline standings with 200 points, followed by **Vonn** on 190.

SUPER G RESULTS

The balance

The event concluded in front of **5,000 spectators**, following the **4,000** who attended on Saturday, marking an emotional weekend for **Friuli Venezia Giulia**, which hosted a Women's Alpine Ski World Cup event for the first time in **15 years**. The organization received widespread praise and positive feedback from athletes, the **International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS)** and the **Italian Winter Sports Federation (FISI)**. Spectators arrived from across the region, neighboring **Austria** and **Slovenia**, as well as from the **United States, the Czech Republic and Germany**, confirming the international appeal of the event. The World Cup stop was organized by the **Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia** 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. On Saturday morning, the event atmosphere was once again set by violinist **Pierpaolo Foti**, who entertained the crowd on the Di Prampero course with performances blending electronic and rock influences with strong roots in classical music. In the afternoon, after the race, fans and spectators enjoyed music on the snow with a DJ set by **RTL 102.5**.

Safety and rescue services

Alongside the Organizing Committee of the Tarvisio Women's Alpine Ski World Cup, a complex, discreet and essential system was in operation: the safety, rescue and emergency network. Active before, during and after the races, the system was coordinated by the **Chief of Race** and built on a model of cross-border cooperation reflecting the identity of this territory. Operational support was provided by the **Italian Army**, the **State Police** – including the Udine Police Headquarters and on-slope rescue personnel – the **Carabinieri**, the **Italian Finance Police** with its Alpine Rescue unit, the **Fire Brigade** with specialists in snow and ice rescue, and the **CNSAS – Italian National Alpine and Speleological Rescue Corps**. On the medical side, the organization relied on the **Friuli Venezia Giulia Helicopter Emergency Medical Service**, coordinated by the **Regional Emergency Medical Operations Center (SORES)**, as well as staff from **ASUFC – Friuli Centrale University Health Authority**, the **Italian Red Cross** and the **Croce Verde Goriziana**.

Highly trained technicians and professionals worked side by side, sharing 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 operational control centers, every detail was planned to ensure safety standards fully aligned with international World Cup protocols. A central medical structure harmonized all professional roles into a single operational framework, guaranteeing speed, efficiency and continuity. Thanks to this collective, often unseen but crucial effort, Tarvisio was able to host the world's best alpine skiing in complete safety, uniting sport, mountains and top-level professionalism.

Ski clubs and ski instructors

The Organizing Committee built and enhanced a strong network of collaborations, one of the event's defining features and a true expression of the 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**, played a central role throughout all operational phases. Technicians, instructors and volunteers were involved from organization and logistics to course preparation, management and grooming, contributing decisively to the overall quality of the event.

Further strengthening the international and cross-border dimension, the **Landesskiverband Kärnten**, the Carinthian State Ski Federation, provided its own volunteer skiers and promoted the participation of Austrian ski clubs and schools, invited to attend the races alongside local fans.

This collective effort confirmed that the Tarvisio World Cup was not only a major sporting event, but also a virtuous example of cooperation among institutions, associations and communities, transforming the mountains into a place of shared passion and sport without borders.

The awards ceremony

Once again today, the athletes on the podium received the **“Guerriero della Val Saisera”**, a unique and non-replicable trophy sculpted by Tarvisio 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*: a 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 social 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, and by the presence of an information stand from the **IRCCS Burlo Garofolo of Trieste**, highlighting the connection between sport, research and community.

Adding to the atmosphere, the hostesses wore traditional **Valcanale costumes (Kanaltaler Tracht)** provided by the **Valcanale Cultural Association**. The refined **Damen Tracht**, with its golden yellow silk apron and 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”.

Media coverage

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

More than **150 accredited media representatives** – journalists, photographers, broadcast crews, web outlets and content creators from local, national and international media – covered the event. Seven television broadcasters (**RAI, Eurosport, ZDF, ORF, RSI, SRF and RTV Slovenija**) and one radio station (**ORF**) provided live commentary on site, using images supplied by **Infront**, the event's media partner and rights holder.

The event enjoyed unprecedented international TV coverage, with broadcasts in **over 25 countries across Europe, Asia and the Americas**, reaching a global audience of millions of viewers. Thousands of social media interactions were generated through



the official **Facebook** and **Instagram** profiles [@tarvisioskiworldcup](#), as well as through FIS channels, alongside strong traffic to the official website www.tarvisioskiworldcup.it, the central hub for information on the program and venues.

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