

## FIS COUNCIL MEETING 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025

### SUMMARY MINUTES

#### 1. Opening of the Meeting

President Eliasch opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

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#### 2. Members present

Johan Eliasch, President (FIS)  
Deidra Dionne (CAN)  
Tove Moe Dyrhaug (NOR)  
Alex Fiva, Athletes' Representative (SUI)  
Anna Harboe Falkenberg (DEN)  
Adam Hall, Athletes' Representative (NZL)  
Michael Huber (AUT)  
Freddy Keirouz (LBN)  
Karin Mattsson (SWE)  
Tzeko Minev (BUL)  
Aki Murasato (JPN)  
Alexander Ospelt (LIE)  
Dexter Paine (USA)  
May Peus (ESP)  
Jean-Philippe Rochat (SUI)  
Flavio Roda (ITA)  
Fabien Saguez (FRA)  
Enzo Smrekar (SLO)  
Franz Steinle (GER)  
Fiona Stevens (NZL)  
Verena Stuffer, Athletes' Representative (ITA)  
Martti Uusitalo (FIN)

Michel Vion, Secretary General (FIS)

#### Observers:

Aoife Keane, FIS General Counsel  
Stefan Ruf, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer  
Charlotte Varela, FIS Paralegal

### **3. Approval of the Agenda**

The Council approved the agenda.

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### **4. Minutes of the Council Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

The Council approved the confidential minutes of the Council Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

The summary minutes were published on the FIS Website on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

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### **5. President's Report**

#### **FIS World Ski Championships 2025**

We proudly reflect on three successful World Ski Championships, each setting new benchmarks. From innovative formats and the historic inclusion of Para events to thrilling sport-entertainment concepts and outstanding fan engagement, these championships showcased what's possible. A heartfelt thank you to Ski Austria, the Norwegian Ski Federation, and Swiss-Ski, along with their LOCs, for their dedication, innovative vision and great cooperation.

#### **AI-Powered Protection Against Online Abuse**

FIS has partnered with Signify Group's AI-powered Threat Matrix and security experts Quest to protect over 1,000 athletes and officials from online abuse. After a successful pilot, Threat Matrix is now monitoring social media across six ski and snowboard disciplines until the 2026-27 season, including the Milano-Cortina 2026 Olympics. The service detects threats, works with platforms on enforcement, supports law enforcement actions, and enhances FIS security and policy strategies.

#### **Ski Jumping suits incident Trondheim 2025**

The investigation by the Independent Ethics and Compliance Office remains ongoing. Meanwhile, FIS will collaborate with key stakeholders to develop a research project on competition suits, aiming to further mitigate the risk of manipulation and ensure equal opportunities for all athletes while prioritizing safety. The project's scope will be finalized by the Equipment Committee in early April, with additional steps and decisions to follow when the Ski Jumping Committee convenes at the Technical Spring Meetings in Vilamoura/Portugal.

#### **FIS Ski Jumping on TikTok**

At the start of the 2024/25 season, FIS launched the @fisskijumping TikTok channel, which has far exceeded expectations. The channel has reached over 200 million people. In less than six months, it gained 206,500 followers, making it the most popular FIS channel on the platform. The largest audience comes from the United States (13.4%), followed by Brazil (3.6%) and Algeria (3.2%).

The success is driven by Ski Jumping's viral potential and TikTok's accessibility. The most viewed video is Daniel Huber's jump in Vikersund last year, with nearly 110 million views and an 8.6% engagement rate. A recent video of Nika Prevc breaking the women's world record

at Vikersund has already surpassed 15 million views with a 10.5% engagement rate and may set a new record.

TikTok has proven to be a highly effective platform for expanding the sport's reach and engagement, and it will remain a key focus in FIS digital strategy.

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## **6. Working Groups "Product Development"**

The Council decided to invite the Media Rights Executive Board to the Council Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 to give a presentation on their current projects. Based on this information the Council will then discuss and decide on the next steps.

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## **7. 56<sup>th</sup> International Ski Congress**

### **7.1 Proposals 2025**

The Council acknowledged the proposals submitted by the National Ski Associations, the ESG Committee as well as the FIS Management.

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### **7.2 Membership of FIS**

The Canadian Ski Association (CSA) has submitted their withdrawal as member of FIS due to ongoing restructuring of ski and snowboard sports in Canada.

A new organization – Canada Ski & Snowboard (CSS) – has been established with the request to be the new member association for Canada.

The withdrawal of CSA and provisional membership of CSS will become effective approval by the FIS Council.

The Association Sportive de Ski D'Abomey-Calavi Benin has filled for an Associate Membership with FIS.

The Saudi Wintersports Federation has filed for a change from Associate Member to Full Member.

The Council approved the provisional member status for Canada Ski & Snowboard as well as for the Association Sportive de Ski D'Abomey-Calavi Benin.

The Council members were informed that a review of the FIS Statutes regarding the qualification for membership (full and associate) will be undertaken by FIS Staff and proposals will be prepared for the FIS Congress 2026.

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8. FIS Digital & Innovation Update Report

The report can be found under annex 8 “FIS Digital & Innovation Update Report”.

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9. Financial Report

The Council acknowledged the preliminary and summarized Financial Report for 2024.

The detailed Financial Report with the report of the external Auditors as well as the reports of the Finance Committee and Audit Committee will be submitted to the FIS Council for its meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

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10. Application for FIS Junior World Championships

The Norwegian Ski Federation together with Narvikfjellet has applied for the organisation of the FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships 2026 from 5<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

The Council approved the candidacy of the Norwegian Ski Federation.

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11. Nominations for FIS Technical Committees

Sub-Committee Cross-Country Rules and Control

Jakub Vodrazka (CZE) to be replaced by Petra Skalická (CZE)

Sub-Committee for Cross-Country World and Continental Cups

Chris Jeffries (CAN) to be replaced by Julia Ystgaard (CAN)  
Xabier Deal Val, (AND), member

Sub-Committee for Cross-Country Youth & Children's Questions

Xabier Del Val, (AND), member

Committee Ski Jumping

Alexander Stöckl (POL) to be replaced by Lukasz Kruczek (POL)

Sub-Committee for Ski Jumping Hills

Marco Sontacchi (ITA), member

#### Sub-Committee for Jumping Equipment and Development

Thomas Thurnbichler (POL) to be replaced by Lukasz Kruczek (POL)

#### Executive Board Alpine

Walter Vogel (GER) to be replaced by Wolfgang Maier (GER)

#### Committee Alpine

Tomas Kraus (CZE) to be replaced by Jan Fiedler (CZE)

#### Sub-Committee Alpine World Cup

Walter Vogel (GER), Chair to be replaced by Wolfgang Maier (GER), member  
Niina Haaslahti (CAN) to be replaced by Jean-François Rapatel (CAN)  
Tomas Kraus (CZE) to be replaced by Tomas Bank (CZE)

#### Sub-Committee for Alpine European Cup

Tomas Kraus (CZE) to be replaced by Tomas Bank (CZE)

#### Committee Snowboard, Freestyle, Freeski

Heejin Park, (KOR) for FS – new Conference member  
Jože Torkar (SLO) to be replaced by Anže Polanec (SLO)  
Oleksandr Abramenko (UKR), Conference member

#### Sub-Committee for Park & Pipe

Seungwon Paik (KOR) – new Conference member

#### Sub-Committee for Snowboard Cross

Petr Knapp (CZE) to be replaced by Adam Vetricek (CZE)

#### Sub-Committee for SBFSFK Youth & Children's Questions

Lucinda Jagger (CAN), Vice Chair to be replaced by Kim Krahulec (CAN), member

#### Para Snowsports Committee

Olivia Stoffel (SUI) to be replaced by Christof Baer (SUI)

#### Sub-Committee for Para Cross-Country

Eileen Carey (USA) to be replaced by Nicholas Michaud (USA)

#### Committee Telemark

Franc Horvatiček (SLO) to be replaced by Jure Aleš (SLO)

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The Council approved the change of nominations for FIS Technical Committees.

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12. Any other business

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13. Next FIS Council Meeting

The next FIS Council Meeting will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025, 13.00 hrs (CET) in Vilamoura (POR).

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14. Closing of the meeting

President Eliasch closed the meeting at 14.40 hrs (CET)

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Oberhofen, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Michel Vion  
Secretary General