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Call for Application: Alpine Performance Series: Speed Excellence
Val Gardena: Coach Speed Clinic

Dear Coaches,

As part of the **FIS Alpine Speed Education Strategy**, the Alpine Performance Series: **Speed Excellence** aims to advance speed disciplines in Alpine skiing by combining athlete development, coach education, and competition opportunities in one program. Rather than separating education from performance, the initiative creates environments where athletes and coaches learn, train, and grow together on the snow. At the heart of the program are the three interconnected modules of ***Coach Speed Clinic, Speed Academy***, and ***Race Experience.***

FIS and FESA are pleased to invite you to participate in the **Coach Speed Clinic in Val Gardena (ITA)** as part of the **Alpine Performance Series: Speed Excellence.**

Arrival: **26 November 2026**
Clinic: **27 – 29 November 2026**
Departure: **29 November 2026 after the official DH training (approx. 15:00)**

This Speed Clinic is conceived as a practice-oriented, on-snow educational initiative that supports the professionalization of coaching practice in alpine speed disciplines providing them with needed experience and learning fields.

The clinic focuses on foundational elements essential to safe and effective speed training, including:

- Safety installations
- Course preparation
- Course Maintenance
- Course Adaptation

On the hill, you will be actively involved in slope preparation, course setting, safety setup, and other tasks alongside the experts around Alexander Rabanser, Slope Manager for the Val Gardena World Cup Races, Italy's experienced TD Rainer Senoner, and Werner Perathoner, former World Cup Ski Racer. In a one-to-two (max) setting you will support the team hands-on in preparing and setting up the venue for the subsequent FIS Races in Val Gardena.

Preferably, the learning opportunity should be offered to young emerging and/or developing coaches. It is the discretion of the NSA to nominate suitable coaches.

If athletes are travelling with coaches to Val Gardena for the FIS races from 30 Nov – 01 Dec, please note that **there will be no opportunity for free skiing in Val Gardena prior to official training on 28 – 29 Nov**.

Cost of Participation:

Travel and accommodation is to be covered by the respective participants.

To support the capacity building for developing NSAs, the FIS development program covers the cost of full-board accommodation for all participants from FIS developing Nations (1-, and 2-vote NSAs) subject to a CHF 150 contribution per participant.

FIS and FESA cover the costs for the implementation of the Clinic as well as the lift passes for all coaches.

Accommodation:

Accommodation will be arranged at a fixed rate of EUR 150 per person per night, including half-board (breakfast buffet and dinner). Hotel details will be provided in the acceptance letter. Lunch will be on the mountain at approximately EUR 30 per person per lunch.

How to apply:

Overall participation is limited to 8 coaches to ensure meaningful engagement and expert-led guidance. There is no set quota per NSA. If the number of applications exceeds the number of available spots, FIS and FESA will select the participants ensuring a balanced mix between developing and developed NSAs.

NSAs can directly nominate their coaches here before **08 November 2026**:

Alpine Performance Series: Speed Excellence Coach Registration

Please complete a separate registration form for each coach you wish to register. All NSAs that register will be notified of their participation no later than one week after the registration deadline.

Postponement or cancellation of the Clinic

In the event of postponement or cancellation due to Force Majeure, FIS will promptly notify all registered participants. However, FIS is not liable for any costs incurred by NSAs as a result.

The team of FIS and FESA look forward to your participation and to welcoming you to Val Gardena.

Yours sincerely,

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