

## FIS COUNCIL MEETING 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026

### 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)  
Danielle Aravich, Athletes' Representative (USA)  
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) - online  
Flavio Roda (ITA)  
Fabien Saguez (FRA)  
Franz Steinle (GER)  
Fiona Stevens (NZL)  
Verena Stuffer, Athletes' Representative (ITA)  
Martti Uusitalo (FIN)

Michel Vion, Secretary General (FIS)  
Urs Lehmann, CEO (FIS)

Observers:

Aoife Keane, FIS General Counsel  
Marcus Hausen, Director of Presidential Affairs and Strategic Planning & Deputy SG

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

The Council approved the agenda.

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### **4. Minutes of the Council Meeting 15 April 2026**

The Council has approved the confidential minutes of the FIS Council Meeting 15 April 2026.

The summary minutes were published on the FIS Website on 28 April 2026.

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

The FIS President reported on a highly successful 2025/26 season across several areas of the organization. The report had been circulated in writing together with the agenda in advance of the meeting and no noteworthy comments were made by Council members when invited to provide feedback.

Highlights of the season included Italy's Valentina Greggio setting a new women's Speed Skiing world record of 248.270 km/h, further extending her dominance in the discipline. The FIS Masters World Cup season concluded with an exciting finale in Levi, Finland, showcasing the competitiveness of Masters racing through several closely contested overall standings and tie-break decisions.

The Council also noted the continued progress in preparations for future FIS World Championships, with Coordination Group Meetings successfully held with the organizers of Narvik 2029, Lahti 2029, and Montafon 2027 to review operational readiness and ensure alignment with FIS standards and timelines.

In addition, FIS further strengthened its focus on education and athlete safety through joint Speed Clinics organized together with FESA in Saalbach and Sölden. The clinics brought together coaches from eight nations and marked the first practical implementation of the developing FIS Speed Coach Education Framework, with a strong emphasis on course safety, event preparation, and international knowledge exchange.

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### **6. 57th International Ski Congress**

#### **6.1 Programme**

The Council took note of the programme and schedule for the 57th International Ski Congress in Belgrade (9–11 June 2026).

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## 6.2 Congress Documents

The Council acknowledged:

- Distribution of certified minutes of the 56th International Ski Congress,
- Timelines for circulation of the Congress Agenda, Congress Book 2026, and Financial Statements.

In order to avoid debating proposals that could be amended or withdrawn, it was agreed to revisit the matter of proposals at the next FIS Council meeting prior to the Congress. It was noted that, in the absence of unanimous recommendations, no recommendations are given and the proposals go straight to the Congress to vote upon.

## 6.3 Nominations to be submitted to the FIS Congress

The Council expressed the wish to review some of the proposals regarding the nomination of the Congress officials.

## 6.4 FIS Management and ESG Proposals

The Council provided feedback, which was incorporated into the relevant proposals.

## 6.5 Application for Full Membership

The Council approved the proposal for Guinea-Bissau for change of Associate to Full Member and Belize for Associate Member.

The proposal is subject to approval of the FIS Congress.

The Council agreed to review the criteria to be met by future applicants for admission.

## 6.6 Financials

The amendment of the FIS Calendar and Registration Fees 2026/2027 were approved by the Council and will be submitted to the Congress.

Further to the approval of the proposed prize money support during the last Council Meeting, the Council approved the prize money calculation framework as presented.

The Council agreed on a budget for the 2026/2027 season to be presented at the FIS Congress.

## 6.7 Dates and Place FIS Congress 2027 and 2028

The Council took note that:

- The 58<sup>th</sup> International Ski Congress 2027 will take place online with an in-person Council meeting,

- The 59<sup>th</sup> International Ski Congress 2028 will take place in the first week of July in Vilnius (LTU).

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## 7. FIS World Ski Championships

### 7.1 Proposed dates for FIS World Ski Championships

The Council approved the dates for the FIS World Ski Championships 2029 as follows:

FIS Snowboard, Freestyle & Freeski World Championships Zhangjiakou 2029:	28 January - 11 February 2029*
FIS Alpine World Ski Championships Narvik 2029:	13 - 25 February 2029
FIS Nordic World Ski Championships Lahti 2029:	28 February - 11 March 2029

*\*Dates have been amended in coordination with the organiser*

### 7.2 FIS Para World Championships 2029.

The Council approved the allocation of the FIS Para World Championships 2029 to Bardonecchia (ITA).

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## 8. Miscellaneous

### 8.1 Legal Update

The Council acknowledged the legal update provided by FIS General Counsel Aoife Keane.

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## 9. Next FIS Council Meeting

10 June 2026 – in person, Belgrade (SRB)

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**10. Closing of the meeting**

President Eliasch closed the meeting at 17:55 hrs.

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Oberhofen, 12 May 2026

Michel Vion  
Secretary General