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Swiss battle for gold: 1st and 2nd Staedler and Liehner in the 15-year Xco

Fight in the 'family' in Switzerland in the 15-year Xco of the European Youth Mountain Bike Championship in Pila (Valle d'Aosta), gold won thanks to a perfect progression by Sirin Staedler, who preceded compatriot Lara Liehner and bronze that goes to the Austrian Eva Herzog.

First stages of the race with five athletes to dictate the pace, with the two Swiss, Sirin Staedler (Ka Boom Switzerland 2) and Lara Liehner (Tsp Zurisee) to alternate in command; on their wheels the blue Beatrice Temperoni, Arianna Bianchi (Lombardia 3) and the Austrian Eva Herzog, all in single file trying to make a selection. In the last, the two Swiss create the first hole and complete the lap with a time of 14'55 "; Eva Herzog accuses 11 "late, 16" Beatrice Temperoni: four to fight for the podium, while the fifth is another rossocrociata, Sereina Hosner, who already accuses 1'05 "from the head of the race.

At the beginning of the second lap the forcing of the two Swiss, who proceed in pairs up to the 'feed zone', with the gap that widens significantly. For the podium it now seems to be done: Eva Herzog, always third, increases the advantage over Beatrice Temperoni, while all the others are distant. At the 'Plan Bois', a decided extension by Sirin Staedler, who begins the final round - passage in 29'58 "- with a margin of 26" over Lara Liehner and 1'03 "over Eva Herzog. Temperoni is fourth, at 1'38 "from the top and 35" from the bronze medal.

Sirin Staedler stretches significantly on the last lap, thanks also to a fall by Lara Liehner; Staedler closes with an overall time of 44'54 ", with silver to Liehner, delayed by 1'06". third step of the podium to Eva Herzog, at 2'36 ". Fourth and fourth place goes to Beatrice Temperoni (at 2'59 ") and, after a great comeback, to Elisa Lanfranchi (Valgandino cycling; at 3'15").

At the end of the awards ceremony, the awards were given to Denmark, the largest delegation and to the top UEC, with the president Enrico Della Casa and the vice president Delmino Pereira at the end of the three-year European youth championship in Pila.

The continental festival returns, at 2 pm, with the Xco reserved for 16-year-old women.

