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## The European Youth MTB Championship is a sign of a great restart

To restart, it takes courage, passion, organization. And summer sport restarts with the MountainBike European Youth Championships, an international event, dedicated to young people and the green. Yesterday, in the hall of the Valdostana Cooperative Credit Bank, the event was presented, which will see - from 28 June to 3 July - almost 500 young athletes representing 18 nations on the new, safer and more spectacular tracks in Pila.

*“There is full satisfaction from the municipal administration - said the mayor of Gressan, Michel Martinet - for this edition of the European championships, they will be a formidable showcase for Pila, perhaps best known for winter sports. Thanks to all those who managed, despite the objective difficulties related to the Covid-19 pandemic, not to lose heart and organize the event in the best possible way”.*

The return in promotional terms is also evoked by the president of the Regional Committee of the Italian Cycling Federation, Francesca Pellizzer: *“It will have a formidable tourist appeal, but what matters most is that it will be centered on an ecological and clean sport. We wondered if we would have made it; the challenge was difficult, but it was our task to complete what we started in 2019. We worked hard - thanks also to the many volunteers - and the utmost attention will be paid to the implementation of protocols to contain the spread of the pandemic; we will set up a 'hub' on site where we will carry out swabs and let everyone compete in maximum safety”.*

*“Unfortunately, this will be the third and last year - added Felice Piccolo, president of the organizing committee -; the 2022 edition will be held in Switzerland for a two-year period, and the Aosta Valley was the only region to complete a three-year period. All this was possible thanks to the support of the Region, sponsors and volunteers”.*

*“We have always believed in the seasonal adjustment of the tourist offer - underlined Davide Vuillermoz, president of Pila spa - and we continue to do so. We want to continue investing in the summer season and this is happening outside the large presences we record in July and August. We have many teams today who are on the tracks to train: Paolo Pesse's proposal to set up a Cross country course, launched four years ago, is bearing fruit”.*

*“National and international attention will be entirely on the Aosta Valley - commented Corrado Jordan, secretary of the Regional Council - and this is a source of pride. It will be nice to welcome these athletes and let them discover the treasure trove of territory, environment, nature and gastronomy that is the Aosta Valley”.*





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*“The year of the pandemic was difficult on every front and someone called it 'a war' - began the councilor for Sport Jean-Pierre Guichardaz - and that it starts again with an event dedicated to the youngest is a symbolic element and a message of great hope. We know and believe that sport in a region like ours is a driving force for tourism and the promotion of the territory. Sport is connected to culture, to the growth of the new generations and the idea of providing elements that go beyond the athletic gesture promote personal growth. The Cycling Federation is an authentic war machine, it has demonstrated organizational skills and a commendable ethics. The compliments should also be extended to Pila spa, which sees far, has excellent intuitions and has been able to invest in the bicycle“.*

*“It is known how the Nove Mesto course - relaunched Paolo Pesse, technical director of the European Championships - is the most beautiful and appreciated of the entire World Cup circuit. Our starting point was just copying that track and getting to those levels. The idea we had four years ago is working and now we are not far from the difficulty, spectacularity of the Czech route. With the changes this year, the track is safer: we have four new lines and widened the entire track by one meter. It will be a very different, more spectacular championship, characterized by many overtakes and it will be difficult to keep the lead“.*

The European Championship is organized by the European Cycling Union in collaboration with the Pila Bike Planet and the Italian Cycling Federation and the substantial contribution of the Department of Cultural Heritage, Tourism, Sport and Commerce of the Autonomous Region of Valle d'Aosta, of the Regional Council of the Aosta Valley, the Municipalities of Gressan and Aosta and the Pila spa.

For any type of information, the official website of the event, [www.PilaBike.it](http://www.PilaBike.it), the website of the European Federation, [www.uec.ch](http://www.uec.ch) (event section, [uec-mtb-youth-european-championships](http://uec-mtb-youth-european-championships), and the Facebook page, can be consulted). [@uecmtbyouthchampionships](https://www.facebook.com/uecmtbyouthchampionships).

