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## COGNE OPENS THE SEASON OF XC-SKIING WITH A 2 KM TRACK

Waiting for the 35<sup>th</sup> Marciagranparadiso Rossignol Race in Cogne, Valle d'Aosta, despite the total lack of snow, you can enjoy a ring of 2 km.

Cogne steps on the gas and turns on snow cannons for the winter season 2016. Pila Ltd., in collaboration with the Municipality of Cogne has made available a 2 km long track for the seasonal debut of cross-country skiing lovers.

The raw material, the **snow**, at the moment is not part of the core of the Valdaostan village at the foot of the Gran Paradiso National Park.

However, the cold temperatures during last week have favored a massive artificial snow production on the meadow of S. Orso, the heart of the Valdaostan cross-country skiing and the location of the start line of Marciagranparadiso Rossignol Race scheduled for the next February 5-6-7, 2016.

**Massimo Borettaz**, track and technical director, is optimistic: *«At the time we had no snowfall, but thanks to the work made by the staff of Pila Ltd. and the Municipality of Cogne, it was possible to open the season on November 28 with a ring of 2 km, which could become in a few days 3.3 km, since a regional competition is scheduled for December 13 in Cogne. Certainly an important first step looking at Marciagranparadiso. This is a good omen and a motivation for everyone. Surely the best way to enter the vibe of our race which it will be part of Euroloppet circuit in 2016».* 

**Registrations** to the Valdaostan classic ski competition continue to rise and are scoring nine countries and 8 Italian regions representing the participants.

To register as participant, simply click on the new official website at www.marciagranparadiso.it The event will be covered also on the official Facebook page "Marcia Gran Paradiso" and on the official Twitter account @MGranparadiso with two main hashtags: #marciagranparadiso and #MGP2016.

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