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# RETURN TO THE FULL COURSE AND MAJOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS AHEAD FOR THE 43<sup>RD</sup> MARCIAGRANPARADISO

*From the satisfaction of returning to the full course, to the great enthusiasm surrounding the MiniMarcia and SkiriMini, and the presence of high-profile guests: Cogne is truly ready for a top-level edition.*

The snowfall of recent weeks, combined with constant and highly qualified work carried out across the municipal area, has finally allowed the **MarciaGranParadiso** to return to its **full course**, restoring one of the most distinctive elements of the event.

The possibility of fully preparing the course and once again passing through **Epinel** and the village centre of **Cretaz** is in fact the result of the tireless and outstanding efforts made jointly by the **Municipality of Cogne** and the company responsible for the ski lifts and trails, **Pila S.p.A.** Working in close cooperation, they have ensured optimal **conditions of safety and quality**, despite the challenges caused by the flooding of June 2024.

Although scheduled within a particularly intense calendar, close to the major Olympic event of Milano–Cortina 2026, the **MarciaGranParadiso** is also preparing to welcome several **top-level athletes** from the national and international cross-country skiing scene.

It is also worth noting that the **43<sup>rd</sup> MarciaGranParadiso** represents the second stage of the first edition of the **NordicTorVDA circuit**, a new project dedicated to cross-country skiing in the Aosta Valley. The circuit began on January 11 in Gressoney-Saint-Jean with the 3rd Trofeo Mont Nery, while the third and final stage, which will award the overall prize, is scheduled for March 28 in Saint-Barthélemy with the Memorial Sergio Favre. Participation in the circuit is reserved for FISI-registered athletes who completed their registration by January 6. To be included in the overall men's and women's rankings, athletes must complete all scheduled races (or two out of two in the event of a stage cancellation). The final standings will be determined by the sum of race times. Category awards are also planned, ranging from athletes born in 2007 up to over-70 competitors, along with special prizes for the most represented Ski Club. The circuit will conclude with a convivial closing event, featuring an official ceremony and a prize draw reserved for participants attending the final dinner.

Great attention is also being given to the **youth sector**. The **MiniMarcia** and, in particular, the **SkiriMini** combined event are approaching Cogne in a climate of strong enthusiasm. The **Sci Club Gran Paradiso**, organiser of the event, recently took part in the first of the two stages of the combined competition, the **SkiriTrophy** at Passo di Lavazé, recording a particularly high level of participation.





These numbers point to a highly attended edition of the combined event, further increasing anticipation for **the second stage** in Cogne, where young athletes and families will find an ideal setting to experience sport in a safe, well-organised environment immersed in nature.

Alongside the traditional cross-country skiing races, the event continues to establish itself as a true **community gathering**, capable of bringing together athletes, families, companions and enthusiasts for a weekend dedicated to sport, nature and authentic alpine spirit.

Set in one of the most evocative Alpine landscapes, **the course** remains **the beating heart of the event**: meticulously prepared tracks, high-quality snow conditions and a unique natural setting make the MarciaGranParadiso one of the most appreciated long-distance races on the national and international stage.

Ultimately, however, it is **the overall experience** that makes the difference. Hospitality, logistics, side events and attention to participants are central elements of a project that continues to grow year after year, while remaining deeply rooted in the Aosta Valley territory.

**Registrations** are available online through the official event portal by following the instructions at the following link: <https://www.marciagranparadiso.it/pagina.php?id=2>.

You can follow the event dedicated to adults on the **Facebook** page @Marcia Gran Paradiso, on the **Twitter** profile @MGranparadiso and on the **Instagram** profile @marciagranparadiso. Three are the official hashtag for the event: **#marciagranparadiso**, **#MGP2025** and **#SkiClassicsChallengers**.

You can follow the event dedicated to youngsters on the **Facebook** page @MiniMarciagranparadiso, on the **Twitter** profile @MGranparadiso and on the **Instagram** profile @marciagranparadiso. Three are the official hashtag for the event: **#MiniMarcia**, **#MiniMGP2025** and **#SkiriMini**.

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