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TWO HUNDRED ALREADY ENTERED REPRESENTING SIXTEEN NATIONS

**Marciagranparadiso has a new organizing committee.
The races are scheduled for the weekend of February 5th.**

They come from all over Europe with a significant presence of Russian cross-country skiers. The 36th edition of Marciagranparadiso to reckon just a month before the first of three expected of races, the skating version, of February 3rd. «*We have sixteen nations represented and already two hundred registered - says Christine Cavagnet, COO of the new organizing committee. The inclusion of the date in the Euroloppet Series circuit is bringing to Cogne many cross-country skiing enthusiasts.*».

Italy, France, Switzerland, Great Britain, Austria, Germany, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Russia, Czech Republic, Sultanate of Oman, Denmark, Andorra, Estonia and Spain are the nations represented. «*We hope to maintain the numbers of last year - explains Cavagnet - and reach 1500 skiers on the three days of racing.*» Competition starts on Friday, February 3rd, with Marciagranparadiso Skating. There are two courses: the long one (called Marathon) of 45 km and the short one (called Light) of 25. Saturday 4th will be time for the baby skiers to get on track in Minimarciagranparadiso, reserved for youth categories. Sunday 5th, finally, the renowned Marciagranparadiso Classic, again with the choice between the long or the short course. In 2016 edition Alan Martinelli won the Skating and Fabio Clementi the Classic; Elisa Brocard, skier of the national XC-skiing team, got both victories among the ladies.

Registration is open since last July, and it is possible to finalize it on-line following the URL: <http://www.marciagranparadiso.it>. 55,- € till January 31st. The first who entered is Cristiano Cantu, who got in on July 14th. The new O.C. is composed by: Christine Cavagnet – president, Andrea Cavagnet – vice-president, Claudia Abram, Lorella Charrance, Mauro Danna, Massimo Grappein, Nicolas Berard and Bruno Zanivan.

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 #MGP2017.

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