

President Bach, distinguished IOC Members, dear colleagues and friends.

It is my great pleasure to present you the Dolomiti Valtellina proposal for hosting the 2028 Youth Olympic Games: a unique opportunity to inspire the next generation, showcase the power of sport, and set new standards for sustainability and inclusivity in global events. As we stand at the intersection of tradition and innovation, these Games will honor the legacy of the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics while carving out their own space as a transformative experience for athletes, spectators, and communities alike.

At the heart of the Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Youth Olympic Games is a powerful vision:

"Empowering the Future: Fostering Youth Excellence and Sustainability in the Heart of Nature."

This statement reflects our commitment to creating a platform where the youth of today can excel, where sustainability isn't just an aspiration but a way of life, and where the majestic Italian Alps provide the perfect stage for this global celebration. Our vision aims to leave a profound legacy — not just for the host regions but for the world, inspiring the values of

friendship, inclusivity, and shared responsibility for our planet.

To bring this vision to life, we've built our strategy around five key pillars: The 5S framework, which ensures the Games' impact transcends the competition itself.

The Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 YOG will be a **spin-off event** that builds on the remarkable achievements of the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Olympics. The infrastructure, expertise, and lessons learned will form the backbone of our effort, ensuring not only continuity but also innovation. We will take what worked, improve upon it, and tailor it for the unique needs of the Youth Olympic Games.

Sustainability is not a secondary consideration. It is at the core of everything we do. From carbon-neutral goals to minimizing waste, the Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 YOG will set a new benchmark for sustainable event management.

In addition, one of our central missions is to promote a lifelong commitment to **sport and healthy living**. We aim to inspire young people to embrace physical activity not only as a source of competition but as a path to holistic well-being. By integrating programs

like UNESCO's "Fit for Life," we will provide equitable access to quality physical education and emphasize the value of health, resilience, and teamwork.

Social Engagement is the forth pillar of our vision. We are aware that Sport has the power to bring people together, and the 2028 YOG will harness this potential to drive social engagement. Our Games will champion the values of diversity, gender equality, and inclusion, creating a platform where everyone feels represented and valued.

Finally, the 2028 YOG will be a celebration of **solidarity** and friendship. By bringing together young athletes from all corners of the globe, we will foster intercultural exchange and mutual understanding.

The concept for the Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 YOG reflects our commitment to excellence, inclusivity, and sustainability. Events will be hosted across three stunning clusters: Trentino, Cortina d'Ampezzo, and Valtellina. By utilizing existing venues from the Milano Cortina 2026 Games, we will minimize environmental impact and maximize operational efficiency.

But the Games are not just about competition, they're about creating an unforgettable experience for athletes, spectators, and communities. Athletes will not only compete but also engage in cultural exchanges, educational programs, and community-building activities. Fans will enjoy immersive on-site festivals, interactive zones, and digital innovations that bring them closer to the action while celebrating the Olympic spirit.

In closing, the Dolomiti Valtellina 2028 Youth Olympic Games are more than an event, they are a movement. Guided by our vision, we are blending tradition and innovation to shape a brighter future for sport, sustainability, and global unity. I invite you all to join us in making this vision a reality and ensuring that the impact of the Games is felt far beyond 2028. Together, let us celebrate the power of sport to unite, inspire, and transform.

Thank you.