Our sport is endangered

Dear Mr. Eliasch,
Dear FIS Council members,

As FIS athletes we are already experiencing the effects of climate change in our everyday lives and our profession. More and more often competitions have to be canceled due to extreme weather events or lack of snow. Pre-season training slopes are getting rarer and shorter every year, because glaciers are shrinking at a frightening pace. A heatwave in January brings the next lack of snow to Europe. Soon we won’t be able to produce artificial snow at some classic World Cup slopes anymore as winter temperatures rise above zero in low altitude ski resorts more frequently. The public opinion about skiing is shifting towards unjustifiability. This will also bring the industry into trouble.

Our sport is threatened existentially and urgently.

That’s why we as a winter sports community have to take the lead in the fight against climate change and make our sport climate neutral as soon as possible. To do so we need progressive organizational action. We are aware of the current sustainability efforts of FIS and rate them as insufficient.

We request the following actions by FIS:

● FIS representatives must commit to reaching net-zero for all of FIS operations and events by 2035 or prior.
● FIS has to create a sustainability strategy of how to achieve the 50% emissions reduction by 2030, as committed to through the UN Sports for Climate Action framework and present it to the public before the start of 2024 season.
● FIS has to install a sustainability department that ensures that sustainability becomes a key aspect of all governance processes and operations, which must be controlled and certified by an independent organization.
● Full transparency is needed to back up FIS’ role as a much needed pioneer.

Attached to this letter you will find a list of actions we think are the most important and a few sources that back our statements with evidence.

This is our most important race, let’s win it together.

Yours sincerely,
FIS athletes
Signatories:
Julian Schütter, Austria, Ski Alpine
Travis Ganong, USA, Ski Alpine
Miiaela Shiffrin, USA, Ski Alpine
Aleksander Aamodt Kilde, Norway, Ski Alpine
Jessie Diggins, USA, Cross-Country
Federica Brignone, Italy, Ski Alpine
Valentin Rainer, Austria, FWT Ski
Max Hitzig, Germany, FWT Ski
Sara Hector, Sweden, Ski Alpine
Atle Lie McGrath, Norway, Ski Alpine
Jakob Dusek, Austria, Snowboard Cross
Eva Pinkelnig, Austria, Ski Jumping
Akito Watabe, Japan, Nordic Combined
Marie-Michele Gagnon, Canada, Ski Alpine
Molly Armanino, USA, FWT Ski
River Joseph Radamus, USA, Ski Alpine
Tommy Ford, USA, Ski Alpine
Omar Visintin, Italy, Snowboard Cross
Marta Bassino, Italy, Ski Alpine
Daniel Yule, Switzerland, Ski Alpine
Marion Haerty, France, FWT Snowboard
Taylor Gold, USA, Snowboard Freestyle
Xavier de le Rue, France, FWT Snowboard
Arianna Tricomi, Italy, FWT Ski
Sandra Näslund, Sweden, Ski Cross
Johanne Killi, Norway, Ski Freestyle
Erika Vikander, USA, FWT Snowboard
Matteo Marsaglia, Italy, Ski Alpine
Bostjan Kline, Slovenia, Ski Alpine
Loan Bozzolo, France, Snowboard Cross
Dominik Raschner, Austria, Ski Alpine
Johanna Hagström, Sweden, Cross-Country
Lara Wolf, Austria, Ski Freestyle
Stephanie Venier, Austria, Ski Alpine
Katharina Truppe, Austria, Ski Alpine
Manuela Mandl, Austria, FWT Snowboard
Johan Clarey, France, Ski Alpine
Blaise Giezendanner, France, Ski Alpine
Sandro Simonet, Switzerland, Ski Alpine
Simon Maurberger, Italy, Ski Alpine
Teal Harle, Canada, Ski Freestyle
Adrien Theaux, France, Ski Alpine
Pia Zerkhold, Austria, Snowboard Cross
Mattia Casse, Italy, Ski Alpine
Alex Vinatzer, Italy, Ski Alpine
Olivia Asselin, Canada, Ski Freestyle
Kyle Negomir, USA, Ski Alpine
Felix Hacker, Austria, Ski Alpine
Sini Pyy, Finland, Para Cross-Country
Sébastien Konijnenberg, France, Snowboard Freestyle
Gus Schumacher, USA, Cross-Country
Luke Jager, USA, Cross-Country
JC Schoonmaker, USA, Cross-Country
Samantha Smith, USA, Cross-Country
Walker Hall, USA, Cross-Country
Maximilian Walcher, Austria, Telemark
Faye Gulini, USA, Snowboard Cross
Alex Deibold, USA, Snowboard Cross
Senna Leith, USA, Snowboard Cross
Elisabeth Bocock, USA, Ski Alpine
Sarah Bennett, Canada, Ski Alpine
Katrina van Soest, Canada, Ski Alpine
Breezy Johnson, USA, Ski Alpine
Elvedina Muzaferrira, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ski Alpine
Jeffrey Read, Canada, Ski Alpine
Kiki Alexander, Canada, Ski Alpine
Cody Jay Winters, USA, Snowboard Cross
Kaitlin Keane, USA, Ski Alpine
Arnaud Gaudet, Canada, Snowboard Alpine
Erika Pykalainen, Finland, Ski Alpine
Alice Merryweather, USA, Ski Alpine
Sam Maes, Belgium, Ski Alpine
Kjersti Moritz, USA, Ski Alpine
Troy Murphy, USA, Ski Mogul
Jared Shumate, USA, Nordic Combined
Sydney Palmer-Leger, USA, Cross-Country
Bryon Friedman, USA, Ski Alpine
Liam Wallace, Canada, Ski Alpine
Bella Wright, USA, Ski Alpine
Brodie Seger, Canada, Ski Alpine
Keaton McCargo, USA, Ski Freestyle
Inni Wembstad, Norway, Ski Alpine
Cassidy Gray, Canada, Ski Alpine
Maximilian Hammer, USA, Ski Alpine
Fabienne Dirksen-Reuteler, Switzerland, Snowboard Freestyle
Jeanne Crane-Mauzy, USA, Ski Freestyle
Mario Gramshammer, Austria, Ski Alpine
Manuel Kramer, Austria, Speed Skiing
Fabian Obmann, Austria, Snowboard Alpine
Chiara Mair, Austria, Ski Alpine
Anna Schilcher, Austria, Ski Alpine
Janne Walcher, Austria, Cross-Country
Till Strohmeyer, Austria, Snowboard Freestyle
Tanja Kobald, Austria, Snowboard Cross
Lukas Haagen, Austria, Ski Jumping
Sigrun Kleinrath, Austria, Nordic Combined
Xander Guldman, USA, FWT Ski
Vincent Wieser, Austria, Ski Alpine
Maximilian Lahnsteiner, Austria, Ski Alpine
Hans Mindnich, USA, FWT Snowboard
Sabrina Cakmakli, Germany, Ski Freestyle
Tristan Takats, Austria, Ski Cross
Sam Baumgartner, Austria, Snowboard Freestyle
Hana Rose Beaman, USA, Snowboard Freestyle
Anna-Maria Logonder, Austria, Cross-Country
Sabine Schöffmann, Austria, Snowboard Alpine
Victor Schuller, France, Ski Alpine
Johnny Rohrweck, Austria, Ski Cross
Felix Monsén, Sweden, Ski Alpine
Amelia Smart, Canada, Ski Alpine
Julia Kern, USA, Cross-Country
Markus Nordgård Fossland, Norway, Ski Alpine
Sam Morse, USA, Ski Alpine
Jimmy Krupka, USA, Ski Alpine
Vanessa Nussbaumer, Austria, Ski Alpine
Lukas Schlatzer, Austria, Snowboard Cross
Jett Seymour, USA, Ski Alpine
Tobias Eberhard, Austria, Para Cross-Country
Bernadette Lorenz, Austria, Ski Alpine
Stefanie Fleckenstein, Canada, Ski Alpine
Ania Caill, Romania, Ski Alpine
Katie Hensien, USA, Ski Alpine
Paula Moltzan, USA, Ski Alpine
Ali Nullmeyer, Canada, Ski Alpine
Stacy Gaskill, USA, Snowboard Cross
Daniel Traxler, Austria, Ski Cross
Valentina Pfurtscheller, Austria, Ski Alpine
Tommaso Leoni, Italy, Snowboard Cross
Hannes Rudigier, Austria, Ski Freestyle
Valérie Grenier, Canada, Ski Alpine
Paul Walcher, Austria, Nordic Combined
Felix Marksteiner, Austria, Ski Alpine
Martin-Luis Walch, Austria, Ski Alpine
Emma Eberhardt, Austria, Grass Skiing
Gabriel Messner, Italy, Snowboard Alpine
Gilles Roulin, Switzerland, Ski Alpine
Mathieu Navillod, France, Ski Alpine
Erica Backhus, USA, FWTQ Ski
Erin Spong, USA, Ski Alpine
Shawna Mayo, USA, FWTQ Snowboard
Laia Gurrea De Los Santos, Spain, FWTJ Ski
Clara Murray, USA, FWTQ Ski
Victor Galuchot, France, Ski Alpine
Michael Vidunas, USA, FWTQ Ski
Allisen Hansen, USA, Ski Freestyle
Alex Riedman, USA, FWT Ski
Tom Aubin, USA, Ski Alpine
Valerie Festavan, USA, FWTQ Ski
Muzaton Maxence, France, Ski Alpine
Edouard Corin Mick, France, FWTJ Ski
Addison Rafford, USA, FWT Ski
Rachel Little, Great Britain, FWTQ Ski
Maddy Bonikowsky, Canada, FWTQ Ski
Pierre Hallin, Sweden, Cross-Country
Annamari Dancha, Ukraine, Snowboard Alpine
Amie Engeberretson, USA, FWTQ Ski
Cooper McLay, USA, FWTJ Ski
Megan Rielly, USA, FWTQ Ski
Riiikka Honkanen, Finland, Ski Alpine
Sam Alphand, France, Ski Alpine
Ken Caillot, France, Ski Alpine
Florian Loriot, France, Ski Alpine
Nils Alphand, France, Ski Alpine
Magdalena Fritz, Austria, Ski Cross
Clemens Rettenwander, Austria, Ski Alpine
Stefan Heiss, Austria, Ski Freestyle
Quirin Brandt, Germany, FWTQ Ski
Maria Niederndorfer, Austria, Ski Alpine
Marie Sporer, Austria, Ski Alpine
Sabrina Simader, Kenya, Ski Alpine
Katharina Huber, Austria, Ski Alpine
Antonia Kermer, Germany, Ski Alpine
Joona Ollila, Finland, Ski Alpine
Julia Scheib, Austria, Ski Alpine
Sarah Bacher, Austria, FWTQ Snowboard
Margaux Hackett, New Zealand, Ski Freestyle
Samuel Huber, Switzerland, Ski Alpine
Hannes Endstrasser, Austria, Ski Alpine
Teresa Grüner, Austria, Ski Alpine
Gstrein Luca, Austria, Ski Alpine
Tomasine de Brito, Sweden, Ski Alpine
Viktoria Bürgler, Austria, Ski Alpine
Nando Reiser, Switzerland, Ski Alpine
David Ehrenmüller, Austria, Ski Alpine
Christian Borgnaes, Denmark, Ski Alpine
Christoph Meissl, Austria, Ski Alpine
Harry Laidlaw, Australia, Ski Alpine
Witta Walcher, Austria, Cross-Country
Johannes Aujesky, Austria, Ski Cross
Anna Dietrich, Switzerland, Ski Alpine
Jill Frey, Germany, FWTQ Ski
Alex McNabb, USA, Ski Alpine
Sean Rieger, USA, Ski Alpine
Max Olex, Germany, Cross-Country
Piera Hudson, New Zealand, Ski Alpine
Lara Pichler, Austria, Ski Alpine
Christoph Laireiter, Austria, Ski Alpine
Annika Röbbel, Germany, Ski Alpine
Charlotte Clément, France, Ski Alpine
Leni Liv Eller, Germany, Ski Alpine
Nathan Columb, Ireland, Ski Alpine
Carina Stuffer, Germany, Ski Alpine
Sophia Eckstein, Germany, Ski Alpine
Sophia Zitzmann, Germany, Ski Alpine
Sophia Arzberger, Germany, Ski Alpine
Josef Kucera, Austria, Ski Alpine
Marco Dornhofer, Austria, Snowboard Cross
Hanne Lundin, Sweden, FWTQ Ski
Nora Brand, Germany, Ski Alpine
Trey Seymour, USA, Ski Alpine
Leon Hafner, Austria, Ski Alpine
Josephine Trueblood, USA, Ski Alpine
Benjamin Winzely, Austria, Ski Alpine
Elsa Peterson, USA, Ski Alpine
Michelle Niederwieser, Austria, Ski Alpine
Ziga Erlac, Slovenia, Snowboard Freestyle
Matteo Haas, Austria, Ski Alpine
Fabio Walch, Austria, Ski Alpine
Jakob Eisner, Austria, Ski Alpine
Mattias Rönngren, Sweden, Ski Alpine
Lina Stoll, Italy, Ski Alpine
Kilian Himmelsbach, Germany, Ski Cross
Antoine Bouvier, France, Telemark
Maely Vernet, France, Telemark
Augustine Carliez, France, Telemark
Niklas Illig, Germany, Ski Freestyle
Elie Nabot, France, Telemark
Mathias Minarovic, Austria, Snowboard Freestyle
Luis Tritscher, Austria, Ski Alpine
Christoph Pöll, Austria, Ski Alpine
Florian Mayr, Austria, Ski Cross
Jana Fritz, Germany, Ski Alpine
Valentine Macheret, Switzerland, Ski Alpine
Emily Schöpf, Austria, Ski Alpine
Tobias Neuber, Germany, Ski Alpine
Daniel Winzely, Austria, Ski Alpine
Jonathan Öman, Sweden, Ski Alpine
Noé Claye, France, Telemark
Dawson Yates, Canada, Ski Alpine
Lily Merine Servais, France, Telemark
Nina Astner, Austria, Ski Alpine
Bence Nagy, Hungary, Ski Alpine
Theresa Pfurtscheller, Austria, Ski Alpine
Camille Bourbon, France, Telemark
Anne Katharina Kessler, Germany, Telemark
Lara Baumann, Switzerland, Ski Alpine
Berit Junger, Germany, Telemark
Marisa Messmer, Germany, Ski Alpine
Matthew Geraghty, Ireland, FWTQ Ski
Julia Pechhacker, Austria, Ski Alpine
Szonja Hozmann, Hungary, Ski Alpine
Björn Sandström, Sweden, Cross-Country
Romain Beney, Switzerland, Telemark
Zsófia Vincze, Hungary, Snowboard Cross
Sophia Waldauf, Austria, Ski Alpine
Felix Besser, Germany, Ski Alpine
Sammie Gaul, Australia, Ski Alpine
Eva Vukadinova, Bulgaria, Ski Alpine
Luca Schwieder, Germany, FWTQ Ski
Hanna Majtenyi, Hungary, Ski Alpine
Samuel Garber, USA, Telemark
Lena Bachler, Austria, Ski Alpine
Max Kroneck, Germany, FWTQ Ski
Sandro Siebenhofer, Austria, Ski Cross
Lorenz Pfeffel, Austria, FWTQ Ski
Iloée Ravanel, France, Telemark
Lena Schwarzenauer, Austria, Ski Alpine
Simon Bruch-Wagner, Germany, Ski Alpine
Anton Axellie, Sweden, Ski Mogul
Marielle Berger Sabbatel, France, Ski Cross
Charlie Guest, Great Britain, Ski Alpine
Carola Niemelä, Finland, Snowboard Freestyle
Philipp Lanjus, Austria, FWTQ Snowboard
Linnea Mobärg, Sweden, Ski Cross
Fabian Herzog, Germany, Ski Alpine
Antonia Meurer, Germany, Ski Alpine
Victoria Kirchner, Austria, Ski Alpine
Yannick Planzer, Switzerland, Ski Alpine
Elias Schlingier, Austria, Ski Cross
Isabelle Limberger, Germany, FWTQ Ski
Filippa Acker, Austria, Ski Alpine
Abi Bruce, Great Britain, Ski Alpine
Anna Schillinger, Germany, Ski Alpine
Bastien Dayer, Switzerland, Telemark
Kerstin Franzel, Austria, Ski Alpine
Jan Sanitrar, Slovakia, Ski Alpine
Ulla Gilot, Austria, FWTQ Ski
Jasmin Waser, Switzerland, Ski Alpine
Markus Riedl, Austria, FWTQ Snowboard
Cara Desmond, Great Britain, Ski Alpine
Stephanie Jenal, Switzerland, Ski Alpine
Roy Broennimann, Switzerland, FWTQ Snowboard
Caroline Roy, USA, Ski Alpine
Manu Barnard, New Zealand, FWTQ Ski
Buey Grossman, USA, Ski Alpine
Andreas Romar, Finland, Ski Alpine
Thomas Rainer, Austria, Ski Alpine
Itamar Biran, Israel, Ski Alpine
Andreas Jenewein, Austria, FWTQ Ski
Sandra Absmann, Austria, Ski Alpine
Ben Barclay, New Zealand, Ski Freestyle
Ioannis Antoniou, Greece, Ski Alpine
Axel Burmansson, Sweden, Ski Freestyle
Maria Finnbogadottir, Iceland, Ski Alpine
Janni Reisenauer, Austria, Ski Jumping
Jonathan Mika-Cortolezis, Austria, Ski Alpine
Fabiana Dorigo, Germany, Ski Alpine
Andreas Kroh, Austria, Snowboard Cross
Leon Ulbricht, Austria, Snowboard Freestyle
Cormac Comerford, Ireland, Ski Alpine
Ponthus Kristensson, Sweden, Ski Cross
Erik Mobärg, Sweden, Ski Cross
Elliott Baralo, Sweden, Ski Cross
Clemence Grimal, France, FWTQ Snowboard
Elena Exenberger, Austria, Ski Alpine
Leonie Flötgen, Germany, Ski Alpine
Dominic Ott, Switzerland, Ski Alpine
Marion Chevrier, France, Ski Alpine
Alessia Sami Casagrande, Italy, Ski Alpine
Rosina Schneeberger, Austria, Ski Alpine
Lisa Grill, Austria, Ski Alpine
Mirjam Puchner, Austria, Ski Alpine
Michael Strauss, Austria, FWTQ Ski
Christina Födermayr, Austria, Ski Cross
Lara Fletzberger, Austria, Ski Alpine
Amanda Salzgeber, Austria, Ski Alpine
Christoph Karner, Austria, Snowboard Alpine
Luis Resch, Austria, Ski Freestyle
Natalie Falch, Austria, Ski Alpine
Edgar Cheylus, France, FWTQ Ski
Florian Rainer, Austria, Ski Alpine
Lucy Margreiter, Germany, Ski Alpine
Mia Hunt, USA, Ski Alpine
Adrian Minde Hunshammer, Norway, Ski Alpine
Katrin Hirtl-Stanggaßinger, Germany, Ski Alpine
Florian Winker, Germany, Cross-Country
Sara Rask, Sweden, Ski Alpine
Eleri Smart, Canada, Ski Alpine
Craig Murray, New Zealand, FWT Ski
David Pickl, Austria, Snowboard Cross
Avery Leonard, USA, Ski Alpine
Seigo Kato, Japan, Ski Alpine
Valentina Rings-Wanner, Austria, Ski Alpine
Philipp Lackner, Austria, Ski Alpine
Nico Rathgeb, Austria, Nordic Combined
Eva Schachner, Austria, Ski Alpine
Katharina Haas, Germany, Ski Alpine
Emerson Facer, Australia, Ski Cross
Guillem Bosch, Spain, Ski Alpine
Barnabas Szollos, Israel, Ski Alpine
Luca Gstrein, Austria, Ski Alpine
Roni Remme, Germany, Ski Alpine
Kira Weidle, Germany, Ski Alpine
Nejc Naralocnik, Slovenia, Ski Alpine
Sarah Hoefflin, Switzerland, Ski Freestyle
Axel Lindqvist, Sweden, Ski Alpine
Carmen Spielberger, Austria, Ski Alpine
Juliusz Kierkowskii, Poland, Ski Alpine
Jaakko Tapanainen, Finland, Ski Alpine
Nadine Kapfer, Germany, Ski Alpine
David Mobärg, Sweden, Ski Cross
Maja Wozniczka, Poland, Ski Alpine
Celine Sommerová, Czech Republic, Ski Alpine
Roy-Alexander Steudle, Great Britain, Ski Alpine
Moritz Thönen, Switzerland, Snowboard Freestyle
Christopher Francis, Australia, FWTJ Ski
Martin Christ, France, Ski Alpine
Lena-Maria Stechl, Germany, Ski Alpine
Nanako Kiriyama, Japan, Ski Freestyle
Mariel Kufaas, Norway, Ski Alpine
Anna Galler, Austria, Snowboard Cross
Ijsel Pothoven, Austria, FWTQ Ski
Nico Weinhäupl, Austria, Ski Alpine
Aidan Urquhart, Great Britain, Ski Alpine
Mattia Cason, Italy, Ski Alpine
Katharina Lechner, Germany, Ski Alpine
Dominik Zuech, Italy, Ski Freestyle
Elian Lehto, Finland, Ski Alpine
Kevin Fritschi, Switzerland, Ski Alpine
Elena Riederer, Austria, Ski Alpine
Sarah Mangeng, Austria, Ski Alpine
Jacob Engel, Germany, FWTQ Ski
Elisabeth Glaser, Italy, FWTQ Ski
Alexander Köll, Sweden, Ski Alpine
Philipp Koller, Austria, FWTQ Ski
Marie Loidl, Austria, FWTQ Snowboard
Miakel Andrés Dansereau, Canada, Telemark
Tobias Knappe, Germany, FWTQ Ski
Pierre-Antoine Damevin, France, Ski Alpine
Sandrë Bäcklund, Sweden, Ski Alpine
Stefanie Freimann, Austria, FWTQ Ski
Charlie Raposo, Great Britain, Ski Alpine
Fredrik Nilsson, Sweden, Ski Cross
Maks Jan Mirnik, Slovenia, Ski Alpine
Yoshito Watabe, Japan, Nordic Combined
Marceline Forsberg, Sweden, Ski Alpine
Astrid Cheylus, France, FWTQ Ski
Beinn Horsfall, Great Britain, Cross-Country
Colin Skoglösa, Sweden, Ski Alpine
Ģērmane Dženifera, Latvia, Ski Alpine
Emil Johanssøn, Sweden, Cross-Country
Nicole Eibl, Austria, Ski Alpine
Christoph Frank, Germany, Telemark
Robin Kraft, Germany, Telemark
Maximilian Uber, Germany, Telemark
Hilma Lövblom, Sweden, Ski Alpine
Arne Ackermann, Switzerland, Ski Alpine
Jonathan Midol, France, Ski Cross
Andreas Zampa, Slovakia, Ski Alpine
Tommi Aalto, Thailand, Ski Alpine
Ayana Onozuka, Japan, FWTQ Ski
Jordan Ray, Great Britain, FWTJ Ski
Manuel Ampferthaler, Austria, Ski Alpine
Tonje Kvivik, Norway, FWTQ Ski
Daniella Reiterer, Austria, Ski Alpine
Noah Fischer Oberhofer, Germany, Ski Cross
Kea Chrétien, France, FWTJ Snowboard
Galena Wardle, USA, Ski Alpine
Oskar Pramsohler, Italy, Ski Alpine
Daichi Ihori, Japan, Ski Alpine
Joana Hählen, Switzerland, Ski Alpine
Enni Rukajärvi, Finland, Snowboard Freestyle
Lena Kohler, Germany, FWTQ Ski
Patrick Feurstein, Austria, Ski Alpine
Natascha Pirnbacher, Austria, FWTQ Snowboard
Christoph Danksagmüller, Austria, Ski Cross
Lukas Passrugger, Austria, Ski Alpine
Philip Hoffmann, Austria, Ski Alpine
Giorgio Busulini, Italy, Ski Alpine
Olivia Wenk, Germany, Ski Alpine
Elese Sommerová, Czech Republic, Ski Alpine
Florian Handschuh, Austria, FWTQ Snowboard
Gaëtan Procureur, Switzerland, Telemark
Léa Klaue, Switzerland, FWTQ Snowboard
Max Steiner, Austria, Ski Jumping
Jasmin Taylor, Great Britain, Telemark
Sissi Compton, Great Britain, Telemark
Olle Collberg, Sweden, Telemark
Yvonne Gadola, Austria, Ski Alpine
Lili Polanyi, Hungary, Ski Alpine
Lisa Hörhager, Austria, Ski Alpine
Leonie Schönherr, Canada, Ski Alpine
Jonathan Penfield, USA, FWT Snowboard
Rachel Croft, USA, FWT Ski
Stella Jehle, Liechtenstein, Ski Alpine
Jesper Brändholm, Sweden, Ski Alpine
Karim Abrahamsson, Sweden, Telemark
Pietro Zazzi, Italy, Ski Alpine
Emma Moser, Austria, Ski Alpine
Tim Busenlechner, Austria, Ski Alpine
Manuel Ploner, Italy, Ski Alpine
Emelie Mentil, Austria, Ski Alpine
Simona Pöll, Austria, Ski Alpine
Yannik Brunner, Austria, FWTJ Ski
Jakob Rainer, Italy, Ski Alpine
Yasemine Schmid, Switzerland, Ski Alpine
Lisa Marie Loipetssperger, Germany, Ski Alpine
Andrei-Tudor Stanescu, Romania, Ski Alpine
Megan Nick, USA, Ski Freestyle
Marion Thénault, Canada, Ski Aerial
Sette Daniele, Switzerland, Ski Alpine
Charlie Woodbridge, France, Ski Alpine
Nicolas Raffort, France, Ski Cross
Olivia Howeson, Great Britain, Ski Alpine
Jenny Solin, Sweden, Cross-Country
Moa Larsson, Sweden, Cross-Country
Ebba Stenman, Sweden, Cross-Country
Truls Gisselman, Sweden, Cross-Country
Josefine Söderqvist, Sweden, Cross-Country
Flisa Ravald, Sweden, Cross-Country
Gabriel Miernik, Sweden, Cross-Country
Carl Olander, Sweden, Cross-Country
Alfons Peterson, Sweden, Cross-Country
Ebba Gårdmark, Sweden, Cross-Country
Alva Svahn, Sweden, Cross-Country
Hedda Samuelsson, Sweden, Cross-Country
Olof Jonsson, Sweden, Cross-Country
Arve Lignell, Sweden, Cross-Country
Moa Hedman, Sweden, Cross-Country
Olle Andersson, Sweden, Cross-Country
Marian Krogh, New Zealand, FWTQ Ski
Märta Rosenberg, Sweden, Cross-Country
Moa Ilar, Sweden, Cross-Country
Alvin Rydin Sahlin, Sweden, Cross-Country
Eliot Dänzer, Switzerland, FWTQ Snowboard
Petter Hedman, Sweden, Cross-Country
Stella Rodling Swanberg, Sweden, Ski Alpine
Anton Karlsson, Sweden, Cross-Country
Christian Kaufmann, Austria, Ski Alpine
Celina Weber, Germany, FWTQ Snowboard
Petter Gaarder Dahl, Sweden, Cross-Country
Liene Bondare, Latvia, Ski Alpine
Timm Schröder, Germany, FWT Snowboard
Colin Harper, USA, Ski Alpine
Jonna Sundling, Sweden, Cross-Country
Moa Lundgren, Sweden, Cross-Country
carly hamilton, USA, Ski Alpine
Addendum to letter to FIS decision makers

Following we bring up practical suggestions on how to make FIS more sustainable and back our statements with evidence.

Season adaptation
With the first World Cup race every season we are the ones who basically start winter, even if there's barely any snow like this season. This World Cup opener reminds people of how great winter is and gets them in the mood for the following season. But the seasons have shifted and in the interest of us all we need to adapt to those new circumstances because organizing World Cup races with no snow around will backfire and will take any anticipation for winter away.
So we recommend planning the first races of the season in late November and extending it to late April.

Geographical race calendar
Most of the team's carbon emissions are caused by traveling far distances. For example: This season the men's alpine world cup travels from Europe to North America and back two times. The races of Beaver Creek in November and those in Aspen in February are 50 km away from each other. Planning those two races one after the other would reduce approximately 1,500 tons of CO₂. There are more cases like this in other FIS sports. So we recommend a geographically reasonable race calendar.

Encouraging national federations
A lot of the organizational decisions are done by national federations. We see big carbon reduction potential in these decisions. Ski teams could question where they hold their training camps, if they should change their fleet to electric vehicles, or if they want to partner with fossil fuel companies. So we recommend encouraging national federations to track their carbon footprint and then building a reward system for sustainable operating or limit the annual CO₂ emissions for the federations and/or athletes.

Events
Events are the place where the public watches us, that's why the impact of organizing best practice events would be big. There are a few possibilities for improvement, like energy management, waste management or catering, but most of the emissions of FIS events are emitted by the public traveling to the event. Organizers have to take action to shift all those spectators to public transport and avoid air-travel. Also, we recommend implementing a standardized sustainability management system for events like ISO20121.
Environmental management system

To reach credibility it is required to implement a standardized environmental management system and to get it certified by an independent organization. We recommend the management systems ISO14001 or EMAS.

Education

Reducing our carbon footprint as a sport is very important, but to be really effective we have to make sure that everyone in this community supports these actions and many others follow that example. So we recommend an internal education program for officials, athletes and coaches, as well as a marketing campaign to inform the public about our engagement and how to act more sustainably as a non-professional in winter sports.

Political action

FIS as an international winter sports federation has political power, which could be used to speak up, show real commitment and take a stance on the climate crisis.

Carbon offsetting

The problem with carbon offsetting projects like rainforest conservation is that by burning fossil fuels carbon stored for millions of years is extracted and put into the fast carbon cycle, where it cannot be stored over such a long time. So keeping fossil fuels in the ground must be the priority, therefore the main climate efforts must lay in mitigation of emissions. The halving of emissions has to happen through avoiding and reducing climate-damaging activities. Offsetting should only be applied to the remaining unavoidable emissions.
Sources


brief summary (in german): protectourwinters.at/klimawandel-olympische-winterspiele/


https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/features/CarbonCycle

https://www.biathlonworld.com/inside-ibu/sustainability

https://www.ipcc.ch/reports/