

## **Focus on sustainability at one of Europe's most important ski resorts**

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Climate and the environment are high on the agenda everywhere, now also at the ski resorts of the Valle d'Aosta in Italy. Here, the summer break has been spent on creating new sustainable initiatives in relation to skiing facilities and infrastructure. In the future, all energy will be reusable and hydroelectric power will be used in particular. Substantial sums of money have been invested in replacing old snow guns with more environmentally friendly ones and accumulation pools at high altitude will help collect water and optimize water consumption. Construction work on the artificial lake Alpe Forca, located at an altitude of 2,313 meters, was completed in August, and the water from here will be able to serve more than 100 snowmaking guns on the slopes between Colle Sarezza and Colle Bettaforca.

At several of the Valle d'Aosta resorts there here have furthermore been invested in creating better and safer conditions for skiers with, among other things, leveling and widening ski runs and implementing playground equipment for the little ones. In Courmayeur, various maintenance and renovation works are also underway. In the area of the Mont Blanc cable car almost two and a half million euro have been invested this year to keep skiing facilities and infrastructure safe and up to date and, and almost 600,000 euro have been invested in new snow groomers and other equipment.

### **More fun slopes**

The Monterosa area has also been given a new improved cable car between Champoluc and Crest, and in the coming season you can furthermore look forward to a new Snow Park in the Gabiet area of the Gressoney Valley. Here, there will be fun guarantee for both freestyle snowboarders and alpine skiers alike. In both Pila and Monterosa, the warm months have been spent on creating exciting new fun slopes for the benefit of both young and old, while Sant'Anna in the Gressoney Valley has proven to be the perfect place for the less experienced that would like to get familiar with the slopes under safe conditions. The area, spectacularly situated on a natural terrace overlooking Monte Rosa, has two moving walkways that can help prepare you for the first real descent of Pistone Betta. The playground for the little ones makes Sant'Anna the perfect place for families who want to both ski and have fun at the same time.

### **The season starts now**

In Cervinia the ski season has already begun, whereas all other areas of the Valle d'Aosta will open on November 30. There is plenty to look forward to for both amateurs and professional alpinists. The new

season thus marks the return of the Aosta Valley as host for the international Ski World Cup: the very best international athletes in the sport will compete in La Thuile for the first time since 2016, when competitions are held in Super G and slalom respectively at the famous Franco Berthod ski slope.

From a technical point of view, the Franco Berthod piste with its steep inclines and sharp turns is among the most interesting in the world.

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**About Valle d'Aosta**

*Valle d'Aosta, Aosta Valley, has an area of about 3270 km<sup>2</sup>, and is the smallest region in Italy. A third of the area's total is located 2600 meters above sea level. The valley is shaped by glaciers and surrounded by mountains: A beautiful area, spectacularly located in the midst between Europe's highest peaks with Mont Blanc on the border with France on one side and Matterhorn and Monte Rosa on the edge of Switzerland to the other. It is also here you'll find the wild and unspoilt National Park Gran Paradiso. Culturally you'll find yourself in a nice mix between Italian and French. With an exquisite gastronomy, an architecturally charming and picturesque alpine landscape and with a wide range of sports opportunities, the area attracts people from all over the world. As a region, the Aosta Valley offers not only favorable conditions for mountaineers, hikers and skiers. It is also an ideal destination for people who want a more relaxed, easygoing and enjoyable holiday in beautiful surroundings. <http://www.lovevda.it/en>*