



## **FIPS Europe meeting hosted by FISPS in Tonale, Italy from April 14-17, 2023.**

Participants from US (National Ski Patrol), Romania, Serbia, Italy, Norway, Iceland, and Sweden. Only FISPS was present from Italy.

The main topic of the meeting was to produce recommendations on how to approach an injured person with toboggan in a safe way. How to load a person into the toboggan and how to transport in a safe way. The goal is to present these recommendations on the FIPS meeting in Sweden Riksgränsen 2024.

All through the weekend and the meetings the planning was good and very friendly, good food and accommodation.

The meeting was officially opened with a speech and a presentation of the program.

For two days we were starting the mornings with testing diverse ways of working with toboggans in the slope followed by an after-lunch meeting where we discussed and summarised the different ways of working. All countries had a presentation of their organisation and how they are working with toboggans.

We had a two-hour showcase in the slope where we looked at different ski equipment for disabled persons, this was a nice side topic that also brought up some good discussions.

The company SAFE that provides a digital solution for registration and statistics of injuries on the slope held a presentation of their system.

I did a presentation on the twICEme system that a lot of people showed interest in. After the presentation, a lot of people wanted to try and know more about it.

I also held a presentation of the FIPS 2024 meeting in Riksgränsen, Sweden. There is a lot of interest for this meeting! FIPS together with Riksgränsen should present as much information as possible to meet the demand.

Between the meetings I also had the opportunity to talk with mister Sabin Cornoiu from Salvamont Romania, on the behalf of Marie I asked him of becoming member of the SIG technology group.

On the closing of the meeting, Serbia invited all nations to a FIPS European meeting in 2025.

To summarise this meeting, the topic of the meeting was good, and it is always a good idea to take a step back and analyse what and how we do things even on the more common working moments. We do not want to see a "sliding safety" where we see our self-taking bigger and bigger risks without noticing. No matter of the topic there is always good to meet each other and build strong relationships. The meeting was well planed from start to finish by the LOC.

If you have any questions about the meeting, Feel free to contact me.

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