

LAST FLOOR OF THE VORTEX

27 metres high, 137 metres in diameter, a 2.8 km long ramp providing access to the 712 accommodations in the complex... The Vortex isn't completed yet but everyone is excited about the future residence of the Youth Olympics Village, which will later become a residence for students and academic guests.

The Pension Fund of the State of Vaud (CPEV) and the Retraites Populaires invited their different partners to come and visit the site on Saturday, the 8th of September. Lausanne 2020, who will receive the keys to the building in October 2019, was present with the managers of each competition site. It was the perfect opportunity to admire the architectural feat, and understand the technical challenge this complex presented to the construction professionals.



ERACOM DEVELOPS THE MASCOT

From the beginning, Lausanne 2020 has been committed to involving local youth as much as possible in the organisation of the next Winter Youth Olympic Games.

The Organising Committee was notably associated with eracom (Romandie school of arts and communications) for the whole process of creating the mascot and the visual identity of the Games, as well as the pictograms of the various sports. More than one hundred students from different branches of the school (interactive media design, clothing design, graphic design, advertising and «polygraph») were involved.

The young people working on the Lausanne 2020 mascot had the opportunity to meet the Innsbruck 2012 mascot (Yoggl) and the Lillehammer 2016 mascot (Sjogg). Those working on pictograms and visual identity visited the Olympic Museum to draw inspiration from previous Games.

As the projects progressed, the students and teachers presented their creations to the Organising Committee, the IOC and the Olympic Museum.

The Lausanne 2020 mascot will be unveiled at the "1 year to go" event on January 8, 2019.



TIMING, JUDGING AND SCORING

The Lausanne 2020 organising committee has started its work with the official timekeeper and partner, Omega. Over the summer, the first venue visits brought the planning to a more concrete level. Other visits are scheduled during the coming weeks.

A monthly meeting with every sport manager provides a follow-up of the project and a smooth coordination. The YORIS process, led by the IOC, was also kicked off. The YORIS team will contact the different IFs in the near future, to start coordinating meetings.



SUMMER WORKS

Summer 2018 was a development period for all our Venues.

In Leysin ground works were done to refurbish the half-pipe and upgrade it to a 22ft. feature, as well as to prepare the slopestyle field of play. In les Diablerets a brand-new gondola is now serving the newly accredited Super-G slope, which also has a tunnel to allow public crossing during events. In Villars small adjustments to the existing Cross course were also undertaken. In les Tuffes (FRA) the jumping hill was adapted and a brand-new ramp was installed. On the site of the Vallée de Joux, works prepared the ground to host competitions already this year. Snow production capacity has also been increased everywhere.

All those investments were planned and realised in accordance with the needs expressed by the national and regional associations, with a legacy in mind, offering to the local youth a completely new perspective for the future.



CO-CONSTRUCTION

Over the last few months, the FIS contact persons for the Lausanne 2020 Games have had the opportunity to get to know the Host Sites and their teams.

During numerous official visits, the development of the venues has been supervised. In cooperation with the Lausanne 2020 YOGOC and the different sport managers, details of the operational planning have been discussed and defined in a pleasant co-construction process. Topics such as the Competition Schedule, design of the Field of Play, the Sport equipment and staffing are now detailed.

On the other side, during the 2018 FIS Technical Meeting, the different Sport Managers had the opportunity to meet their counterparts and present to different committees their projects and the Lausanne 2020 concept. A close relationship has been established, to enable an interesting knowledge transfer and a smooth preparation for the Games.



UPCOMING EVENTS



- 08.01.2019** **Lausanne 2020 Mascot Launch**
- 09.01.2019** **Lausanne 2020 1 Year to Go**
- 08-09.12.2018** **Pre-YOG Event**
Cross Country OPA race, Les Tuffes
- 15-16.12.2018** **Pre-YOG Event**
FIS Ski Jumping World Cup Ladies, Les Tuffes
- 11-12.01.2019** **Pre-YOG Event**
FIS Freestyle Skiing and Snowboard Europa Cup & Audi Ski Cross Tour, Villars
- 26-27.01.2019** **Pre-YOG Event**
FIS Freestyle skiing and Snowboard Slopestyle and Halfpipe, Leysin
- 28-29.01.2019** **Pre-YOG Event**
FIS Alpine Skiing Europa Cup Ladies, Les Diablerets
- 02-03.03.2019** **Pre-YOG Event**
Cross Country OPA Games, Vallée de Joux