



### 3<sup>rd</sup> SKI PATROL EUROPEAN FIPS MEETING

FIPS, Fédération Internationale des Patrouilles de Ski, in collaboration with FISPS, Federazione Italiana Sicurezza Piste Sci, organized the Third FIPS European Meeting at Passo del Tonale from 14 to 17 April 2023 with the theme "Definition of a common protocol for the rescue of an injured person on a ski slope".

The international meeting was attended by the European Associations affiliated to FIPS, including: **Italy** (27 participants), **Norway** (2 participants), **Sweden** (1 participant), **Switzerland** (1 participant), **Romania** (24 participants), **Serbia** (3 participants), **Iceland** (2 participants – very first time at a FIPS Congress), but also from overseas, such as the **USA** (4 participants) and **Argentina** (1 participant).

It was the first step in sharing skills to define a common protocol for the approach and transport of the injured person on a ski slope: rescue techniques, risk management and securing of the equipment, loading and transport.

The program included four days of intense activity in which it was possible to see the high level of professionalism achieved by FIPS rescuers from all over Europe (congratulations indeed!!!):

- activities on the ski slopes: n. 4 camps in the two days on the different methods of intervention of the participating Associations. In particular, the rescue management skills and techniques, the safety approach for the rescuer, the management of risk in the mountain environment, the management of the safety of the injured person and the transportation were pooled.









- focus on ski slope activities and drafting of the common intervention protocol: n. 2 afternoon sessions + select committee for protocol approval. Drone shots were used for classroom activities. Healthcare and medical scenarios were not a topic of the Meeting.



- activities on the slopes with the use of special equipment: tests for accompanying skiers with disabilities on the slopes





Among the novelties presented at the Meeting there were also demonstrations of the use of drones and the use of specialized geolocation software to improve rescue techniques and data collection.

The participants of the EU Meeting would like to propose the protocol in the next World Congress which will take place in Sweden in 2024, for a final evaluation.

The next **FIPS European Meeting** will be held in Romania in 2025.



**ATTACHMENT: slides of the FIPS Common Protocol**