

Welcome address by Councillor Dallapiccola for the 21st Fly Fishing Championship

We are proud and delighted that the International Confederation of Sport Fishing has chosen to hold the 21st European Fly Fishing Championships in Trentino. I'm sure that the organizers have identified our territory as an ideal location for this important sporting event, and which will allow Val Rendena, Tione and the *Giudicarie Esteriori* to offer their leisure and tourism facilities in the best way possible.

In the case of sport fishing, moreover, the competition locations are set in some of the most untainted and beautiful valleys of Trentino, from *Vale di Genova* to *Val Rendena*, and to *Lago di Nembia*: the environment, nature, forests, clean waters and some of Italy's most beautiful ancient woods together form a splendid backdrop of a week of sport, fishing and enjoyment.

I would like to thank the organizers, both international and the local section of the Italian Federation of Sport Fishing and Underwater Activities; but I would also like thank the promotion and tourism structures in the *Giudicarie*, which will be giving the athletes and their guides the traditional warm welcome that makes Trentino one of the pearls of the Alps. All that remains is for me to say to the athletes "Happy fishing" and enjoy the competition, certain that they will also enjoy the gastronomic delights and the beautiful landscape of this corner of Trentino in the shadow of the Brenta Dolomites, a UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site.

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