

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

This 21st European Fly Fishing Championship is a very important event with various positive repercussions for the *Comano Terme* area and for the *Giudicarie* in general, both in terms of sport and tourism.

It is, however, most of all, an opportunity, through the sport of fishing, to rediscover the extraordinary natural heritage of this area of Trentino, represented by the Sarca River and its waters, as well as the natural setting through which it flows. This setting is the subject of a major environmental improvement project in the Sarca River Park area, emphasising to what extent the natural environment is central to the development of the Trentino territory, and in which the waters of our mountain represent an added value.

As is the case generally for fishing, Trentino is enjoying a period of revival and extensive participation, also thanks to the widespread provision of services and web communities, “dedicated” areas such as the No kill or Big Fish zones and to the abundance of streams, rivers and lakes in our territory. The Province has always paid great attention to the monitoring and care of its watercourses, recently confirmed through the Plan for the safeguard of the quality of the watercourses adopted by the provincial council in February.

The organisation of the European Championships, in this sense, is an opportunity to further underline the tie between the Trentino territory and sport fishing, attracting many enthusiasts to the charming setting of the Dolomites of *Brenta* and *Adamello*, from which the River Sarca starts its course, flowing past the ski runs also in the *Val Genova* and the *Tione* area, as well as *Lago di Nembia* and, of course, the *Comano Terme* area, the centre of this event. The sporting and aggregation aspects of this discipline are likewise important values.

Best wishes for the great success of this event goes to the organising committee together with a warm welcome to Trentino to the many participants who will be arriving from all over Europe.

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