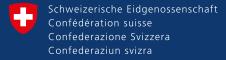


# CANDIDATURE DOSSIER





# MILITARY CHAMPIONS FOR PEACE

#### **Dear reader**

With this dossier, Switzerland's CISM delegation is applying to be a candidate to host the 5th CISM Military World Winter Games in 2025. This candidature dossier meets the requirements detailed in the Minimum Requirements for the CISM World Winter Games (version 12 January 2016).

#### friendship through sport!



#### Switzerland is ready!

Snow sports have a long tradition in Switzerland. Switzerland has had many opportunities to showcase its talent and know-how in hosting competitions of all sizes. Furthermore, appearances by internationally successful Swiss athletes attract worldwide attention.

That is why the Federal Council supports major sporting events in Switzerland. And that is why, as head of the Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport, I personally lend my full support to the candidature to host the 5th CISM Military World Winter Games.

I am confident that the Organising Committee will do its utmost to stage an unforgettable event for the athletes involved.

Thanks to the high-quality winter sports infrastructure already in place, there is no need to construct new facilities. As such, this international sporting event takes into account of Switzerland's unique mountain landscape, its population, as well as its fauna and flora.

In my role as Switzerland's defence and sports minister, I therefore lend the candidature for the 5th CISM Military World Winter Games my full backing and support.

Federal Councillor Viola Amherd

Head of the Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and

Sport DDPS





#### The Armed Forces are ready!

The factors for success in competition share much in common with those in the armed forces: it takes hard training, the ability to work as a team, stamina, precision, attention to detail and self-discipline.

But ultimately what counts is team spirit – each individual athlete relies on the team as whole working together. In the armed forces, that's camaraderie: every soldier knows that they can count on one another. Team spirit and camaraderie are the key to success.

The members of the Swiss CISM delegation are also committed to working as a team. I am confident that our candidature meets the highest standards. Every bit as important as the necessary technical know-how is the hospitality that military athletes from around the world will receive.

I am certain that Switzerland, as a welcoming winter sports nation, will send out a strong signal in 2025 – a signal of friendship and camaraderie.

Lieutenant General Thomas Süssli Chief of the Swiss Armed Forces





#### Swiss sport is ready!

The 5th CISM Military World Winter Games provide a unique opportunity for armed forces athletes and their international colleagues to perform at the highest level using outstanding sports infrastructure and against the fantastic backdrop of the Swiss mountains.

The Games also reflect the close cooperation between the armed forces and sport under Switzerland's elite sports programme, which offers elite and talented young athletes excellent conditions to encourage their development and success.

The armed forces' strengths in terms of organisation and leadership – combined with a wealth of experience and expertise in the field of sport – provide the ideal conditions to offer the military and civilian world games of the highest quality. Acquired know-how, experience and investment help to ensure long-term gains for performance and recreational sport in Switzerland.

Lucerne 2025 – a celebration of military sporting achievement that emanates around the world and ultimately makes winners of all those who take part: Military Champions for Peace!

I therefore give my enthusiastic and wholehearted backing to the "Lucerne 2025" candidature!

Matthias Remund

Director of the Federal Office of Sport FOSPO





#### Lucerne is ready!

Located at the heart of Switzerland, Lucerne has all the necessary qualities to make the 5th CISM Military World Winter Games a huge sporting success. The scenic attractions of our region are unique: the blend of lake, mountains and the city of Lucerne could be deemed the "best of Switzerland" packed into a very small area.

The charming town on Lake Lucerne is visited by several million guests each year. We have been fostering our hospitality over the last two hundred years. Internationally renowned music festivals and sporting events with a local and global reach have a long tradition. The people of Lucerne, the rich tourism and restaurant sector and the local authorities recognise the needs of event organisers and participants. The 5th CISM Military World Winter Games would benefit from all that experience in 2025.

Lucerne is ready and looks forward to welcoming you!

Beat Züsli Mayor of Lucerne





#### CISM Switzerland is ready!

As an active CISM partner nation since 1968, Switzerland embodies the spirit of the CISM and disseminates that spirit throughout its sporting community. In close cooperation with the national sports associations, the Armed Forces elite sports programme makes a valuable contribution to the success of Switzerland's best athletes.

Having organised over thirty CISM World Military Championships, the Swiss CISM delegation has a wealth of experience in staging international military competitions and is ready to stage the Winter Games in its own country.

The 5th CISM Military World Winter Games brings together athletes from around the world, offers high quality and fair sporting competitions, and a creates a common, lasting experience – from soldier to soldier and in keeping with our CISM motto: friendship through sport!

Colonel Christian Hess Chief of Delegation, CISM Switzerland



#### I'm ready!

I was fortunate enough to represent Switzerland at the CISM Ski World Championships in Austria in 2018. In addition to the camaraderie with military personnel from other countries, CISM events are high-level sporting competitions that help me boost my FIS points.

The Armed Forces elite sports programme provides valuable support to us athletes. Without it, many would probably have had to end their careers much earlier. That's why hosting the 5th CISM Military World Winter Games here in Switzerland would be a very special highlight for many athletes.

Lance Corporal Ramon Zenhäusern Alpine skier, Armed Forces elite athlete



#### I'm ready!

Thanks to my employment with the Swiss Armed Forces, I'm able to focus on sport as a career and so exploit my full potential.

The Armed Forces elite sports programme provides an important foundation for my career as a biathlete.

My sporting career began in central Switzerland. Having Lucerne as host city with Engelberg and Andermatt / Realp / Goms as the competition sites would make this a very special event. It would be a great honour for me to be able to represent Switzerland at the 5th CISM Military World Winter Games in my home country.

Lance Corporal Lena Häcki Biathlete, Armed Forces elite athlete





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Switzerland has been a member of the International Military Sports
Council (Conseil International du Sport Militaire, CISM) since 1968. It is one
of the CISM's most active member states, having taken part in every
Military World Games, and having itself hosted 32 CISM World Military
Championships. The valuable experiences it has gained, paired with its
exceptional winter sports infrastructure, make Switzerland an excellent
candidate to host the:

#### 5th CISM Military World Winter Games - LUCERNE 2025



Under the motto 'Military Champions for Peace', Switzerland intends to host very special Winter Games that highlight the significance of military sports by featuring athletes who represent the importance of physical fitness in military training and operations. These athletes are role models for soldiers – but also for up-and-coming athletes and young people. With Lucerne as host city, the competitions of the Games will be taking place in a region whose connection to winter sports goes back decades. Modern infrastructure, competition facilities at World Cup level, and a sustainable approach to the event will offer athletes the best conditions to achieve peak performances. In addition, the Games will improve communication and help foster friendships between the participating states – in keeping with CISM's motto, 'friendship through sport'. Switzerland will give a warm welcome to the delegations and is very happy to host participants from all over the world.

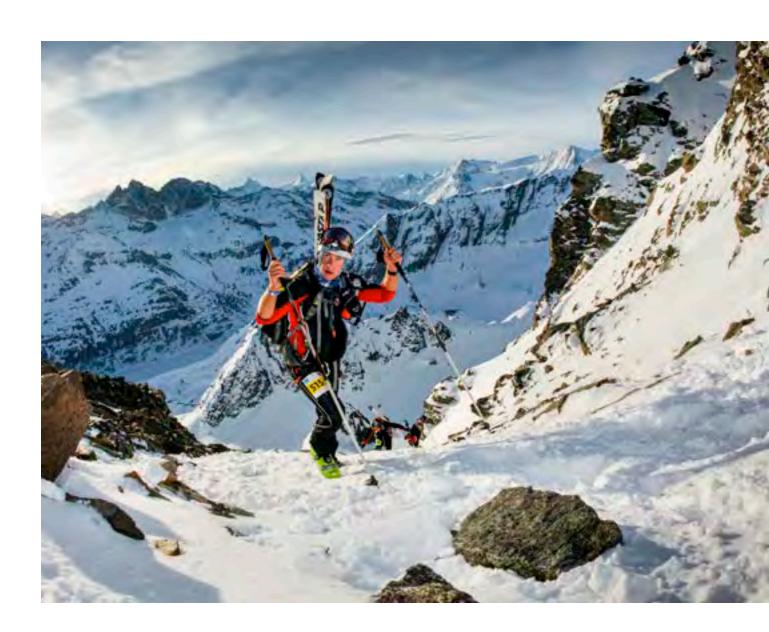
Switzerland is known around the globe for its passion for winter sports and its ability to organise events at the highest level. Numerous successful large-scale sporting events have taken place in Switzerland in recent years – for instance the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships in St. Moritz in 2017, the 2020 Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in Lausanne, and the upcoming 2021 Winter Universiade in Lucerne. The 5th CISM Military World Winter Games will benefit enormously from Switzerland's extensive experience.



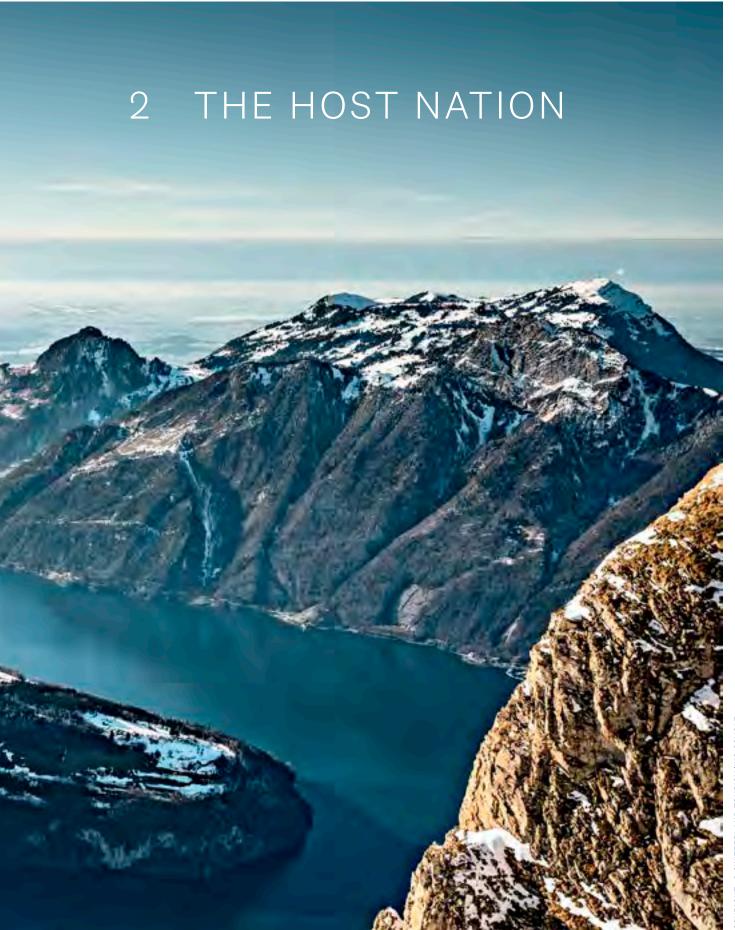


Lucerne and the region of central Switzerland are excellent sites for hosting the Winter Games. The existing venues have already successfully hosted other competitions and offer excellent conditions in which athletes can perform at the highest level. In addition, the city of Lucerne provides a striking combination of urban charm and stunning mountain views. The Games can also count on substantial support from the Swiss Armed Forces and the venues and sports associations involved. As part of the same federal department, the Swiss Armed Forces and the Federal Office of Sport have been working together very closely for many years. This candidacy bid places a particular emphasis on sustainability and on preserving the legacy of this major sporting event.

At world-famous winter sports destinations, military athletes will be given the unique opportunity to achieve their very best sporting performances at the finest facilities – at an event designed to be sustainable and environmentally friendly, and at which the friendships between the CISM member states are celebrated. And all of this will happen under the motto Military Champions for Peace!







 ${\bf Lake\ Lucerne\ from\ Fronal pstock.}$ 

## 2.1 Switzerland





Switzerland is located in the heart of Europe. It borders Germany to the north, Austria and Liechtenstein to the east, Italy to the south and France to the west. Its population of 8.5 million live mostly on the plateau, between the Jura and Alpine ranges. Four official languages are spoken in Switzerland: German, French, Italian and Romansh. Switzerland is where tradition and modernity come together. Its innovative research and economic landscape is as much a part of its identity as its breath-taking natural scenery, including picturesque lakes and majestic mountain peaks.

Since 1848 the Swiss Confederation has been a federal state, comprising 26 partially sovereign cantons and over 2,200 communes. What unites Switzerland is neither a common language, nor a shared religion or ethnic origin, but rather its direct democracy, strong federalism and enduring neutrality. This is why Switzerland is known as a 'Willensnation' – a nation by will. Every four years the Federal Assembly (the National Council and Council of States) convenes to appoint the seven federal councillors who together form the federal government. One of these federal councillors is elected to serve as president for a term of one year. The federal government is based on a multi-party system; to reach decisions, its members must be willing to compromise. As a result, political decision-making in the Federal Council takes some time, but ensures a high level of acceptance and continuity. The Swiss people not only elect the members of their two chambers – the National Council and Council of States – but also vote on political proposals several times a year.

Sports policy in Switzerland is also strongly based on cooperation among many stakeholders. The Federal Office of Sport (FOSPO) – which is part of the same department as the Swiss Armed Forces – is responsible for supporting and promoting sport in Switzerland. To this end, FOSPO is in close contact with the cantons and sports associations. The close cooperation between the Swiss Armed Forces, the Federal Office of Sport and the national sports associations creates numerous synergies and is a long-established model of success.



At the international level, Switzerland is known as a nation of sports enthusiasts. Contributing to this are not only its successful athletes, but also the fact that Switzerland is the headquarters of numerous international sports associations. With the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in Lausanne, the World Football Association (FIFA) and the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) in Zurich, the International Cycling Union (UCI) in Aigle and the International

Ski Federation (FIS) in Oberhofen on Lake Thun, Switzerland has its finger on the pulse of global sporting events. In addition, Switzerland has already hosted with great success numerous other large-scale sporting events. Sport in Switzerland benefits from first-class venues, an effective promotion of young talent – and a hugely enthusiastic population. The latter is impressively demonstrated by the large number of sports clubs and volunteers.



Switzerland has a long tradition of winter sports, with most Swiss people growing up doing them. Skiing and cross-country skiing are among the most popular winter leisure activities. Thanks to its geographical location, which offers not only fantastic competition venues but also generally good snow, Switzerland is predestined to host winter sports competitions. The country hosts the world's elite in winter sports at the FIS Alpine World Cup races on the Lauberhorn, in Adelboden, but also in St. Moritz and Crans-Montana. The cross-country skiing

World Cup in Davos is also one of the highlights of the FIS racing calendar. Switzerland's first-class athletics events, such as the 'Weltklasse Zürich' and 'Athletissima Lausanne' Diamond League meetings, also garner great international interest. Following the 2020 Youth Olympic Games (YOG), Switzerland will host another major sporting event with the Winter Universiade, which will include numerous winter sports and welcome athletes from around the world. The 5th CISM Military World Winter Games will benefit from Switzerland's extensive experience and the insights it has gained hosting other major sporting events.

### 2.2 The Swiss Armed Forces

The Swiss Armed Forces are part of the Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport (DDPS). In Switzerland, military service is compulsory for male citizens. Recruits undergo 18 weeks of basic training and six refresher courses of three weeks each. Female citizens can serve in the military on a voluntary basis. Officers may be called for compulsory service until the age of 50 and undergo thorough practical leadership training courses in which they acquire skills that may translate to their civilian professional lives and therefore also benefit the private sector. The armed forces' target number of troops is 100,000 soldiers. In case these troops need to be mobilised, they can be equipped and ready for duty within 24 to 96 hours. It is one of the armed forces' constitutionally defined tasks to offer subsidiary support to civilian authorities. Other tasks include preventing wars and defending the country. The law foresees additional tasks for the armed forces, for instance in international peace support.

Since 1992, the Swiss Armed Forces have promoted sports at the highest level in a very targeted way. This support was gradually expanded and improved in the following years, in cooperation with the Federal Office of Sports and the umbrella organisation Swiss Olympic. With the creation of a military basic training programme for top athletes in 2004, the armed forces have become a central source of support for young Swiss athletes. The programme offers athletes the opportunity to coordinate their training and competition planning with their military service in an optimal way that is specific to their sport. Even after completion of their basic military training, top athletes benefit from a sponsorship offer that enables them to have up to 130 training days per year credited as military service.

In addition, a limited number of top athletes who show great potential for success are offered temporary employment contracts to work for the armed forces. On 13 September 2019, the head of the DDPS decided to further expand the armed forces' promotion of top-class sport, and to double the number of spots in this military basic training programme to 140 recruits per year.

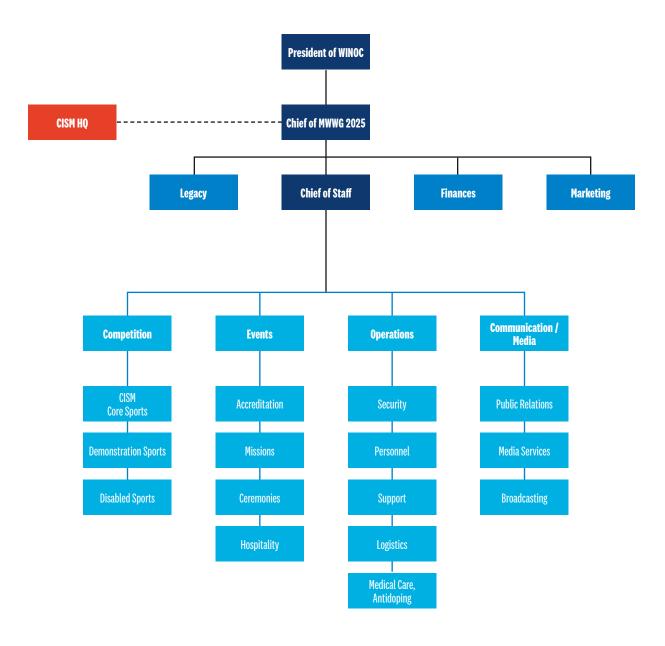


Switzerland has been an active member of CISM since it first joined in 1968. In addition to regularly participating in competitions and filling important positions on CISM committees, the Swiss Armed Forces have already organised 32 World Military Championships and numerous regional competitions. In particular, the Swiss Armed Forces have organised successful large-scale events in winter sports disciplines such as the World Military Skiing Championships in Andermatt in 2006 and the World Military Cross-Country Championships in Thun in 2008. Switzerland's close relationship with the International Military Sports Council, its extensive experience in the organisation and staging of CISM competitions, and its strong belief in the CISM motto 'friendship through sport' are what prompted its application to host the 5th CISM Military World Winter Games.

# 2.3 Organising Committee (WINOC)

Since the beginning of the candidacy application process, the project team has been intensively working with the Federal Office of Sport and has been in close contact with the national sports federations and the political authorities of the locations where the competitions are to be held. If Switzerland wins its bid to host the 5th CISM Military World Winter Games, a national Organising Committee (WINOC) will be established and gradually built up from 2021 onwards.

The main responsibility for organising the Games lies with the commanding officer, who is assigned by the chief of the Swiss CISM delegation. The operational planning and execution of the Winter Games will be managed by a Chief of Staff, who will be supported by four officers responsible for competitions, events, operations and communication / media. The competitions at the Winter Games will all be organised in close cooperation with the national sports federations and local sports clubs. A Patronage Committee with high-ranking representatives from the armed forces, sports, business and politics will support the Games' realisation and help raise public awareness of the event.



# 2.4 Support from Authorities

Switzerland's candidacy to host the 5th CISM Military World Winter Games is widely supported by politicians, the armed forces and the Swiss sports community. At the presentation on 5 December 2019, the head of the Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport (DDPS), Federal Councillor Viola Amherd, approved the candidacy application as well as the necessary financial framework. The Chief of the Armed Forces had already expressed his approval and has promised support.

The cantons, cities and communes involved also actively support this candidacy. The government of the host city Lucerne, as well as the authorities of all competition sites, have guaranteed their support for the event. In addition, the Federal Office of Sport will be involved in the event preparations and, together with the umbrella organisation Swiss Olympic, will act as an important liaison office with the national sports federations and local sports clubs.

By staging the Winter Games, the Organising Committee intends to shine a light on military and top-class sport in Switzerland, and to present central Switzerland and its sports and tourist destinations to the world. For these reasons, this candidacy is of great importance to Switzerland and is supported by numerous authorities and organisations.





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Lucerne



Engelberg



**Andermatt** 

Realp



Goms

# 2.5 The host city Lucerne



Located in the heart of central Switzerland, the city of Lucerne is home to countless sights, a one-of-a-kind landscape along its crystal-clear lake, and exceptional mountain vistas. It is a city that combines the old and the new in equal measure: the picturesque traffic-free Old Town with its medieval Chapel Bridge contrasts beautifully with modern, innovative architecture such as that of the Culture and Congress Centre. An attractive range of leisure activities is just as much a part of Lucerne as the many nearby destinations on Mounts Rigi, Pilatus and Stanserhorn.

At 436 metres above sea level, Lucerne enjoys good weather conditions – which is one of the reasons this city is an ideal starting point for many on their journey through Switzerland. Travellers on the Gotthard Panorama Express, for example, can take an impressive rail journey along Lake Lucerne to the foot of the Gotthard Pass, and on into Ticino just south of the Alps. All destinations in and around Lucerne's city centre are also easily accessible thanks to a dense public transport network.

The Lucerne region has a population of about 250,000 – roughly 80,000 of whom live in the city. Its comprehensive range of educational opportunities including one cantonal university and several universities of applied sciences, its wealth of cultural events comprising a large number of concerts and other performances, and a wide-ranging sports landscape with over 150 active sports clubs make Lucerne the ideal city to host the 5th CISM Military World Winter Games.

With its 'Lucerne Regatta' and 'Top Athletics Lucerne' events, the City of Lucerne already hosts two international sporting events at world-class level every year. In addition, Lucerne will be hosting the Winter Universiade – another major international sporting event. The region around Lucerne benefits from a close connection to winter sports. Athletes have access to state-of-the-art infrastructure and winter sports facilities not far from the city centre.



## 2.6 The host regions

Switzerland will be able to host the Winter Games using its existing sports venues. The host city of Lucerne and the surrounding competition sites already have all of the necessary competition facilities, buildings and accommodations. Only minor adjustments to the existing infrastructure will need to be made for the event. In addition, the Swiss Armed Forces have numerous military facilities in the area, which they will make available for the Games. This will contribute significantly to achieving the sustainability goals set.

With its impressive Alpine backdrop, the central Switzerland region offers not only modern competition facilities but also a comprehensive public transport network, short distances to venues and an ideal climate for all winter sports. For these reasons, central Switzerland and the City of Lucerne are virtually predestined to host a major sporting event like the CISM Military World Winter Games.

In addition to the centrally located host city of Lucerne, which itself will also be the venue for certain competitions, the Games will be held primarily at two other locations in central Switzerland. Alpine disciplines such as skiing and snow-boarding will find excellent pistes in the Engelberg-Titlis region. The region of Andermatt / Realp / Goms, on the other hand, offer outstanding conditions for Nordic disciplines and ski mountaineering. Its population's great enthusiasm for sport combined with its short and direct transport routes make central Switzerland an ideal host for athletes from all CISM nations.

#### **Engelberg-Titlis**



Engelberg-Titlis is one of the largest winter holiday destinations in central Switzerland. The multifaceted monastery village with its 4,000 inhabitants offers a wide range of activities and unforgettable mountain experiences. Unique and yet traditional Engelberg lies 25 kilometres south of Lake Lucerne in a wide mountain valley at around 1,000 metres above sea level. Founded in the 12th century, the Benedictine monastery shapes the village's everyday life to this day. Combined with the town's laid-back, traditionally Swiss flair, the monastery's distinctive architecture gives the village its own unique charm. Engelberg offers a very special atmosphere in the middle of a fascinating mountain range. Numerous visitors from all over the world are consistently delighted by the region's diverse winter activities and cultural offers.

The 3,239-metre-high glacier mountain Titlis guarantees snow until well into spring. Winters are generally long in this region, beginning as early as October and lasting until May. Engelberg is known for its varied skiing and freeride ter-

rain and has been named one of the top 10 ski areas in Switzerland. Its 2,000 metres in altitude invite visitors to ski, snowboard or go sledding, and there are 35 km of prepared cross-country ski trails. It is not least thanks to these ideal conditions that the *Schweizerische Sportmittelschule* (*Swiss Sports Academy*) is based in Engelberg – this upper-secondary school offers talented young athletes individually tailored sports and education programmes, and has achieved international renown because of its enormously successful graduates.

Competitions in Alpine disciplines take place every year in Engelberg-Titlis. The local sports clubs have a great deal of experience in the planning and carrying out of winter sports events. The Organising Committee of the 5th CISM Military World Winter Games will therefore work closely with the local sports clubs and the national ski association Swiss-Ski.

#### **Andermatt / Realp / Goms**



Andermatt lies at the foot of the Saint-Gotthard Massif at 1,447 metres above sea level. With a population of almost 1,400, it is the largest of the three villages nestled in the Ursental valley. This mountain valley in the canton of Uri is where one finds some of the most impressive views in Switzerland. The region around Andermatt lies directly at the intersection of pass routes from the north to the south, and from the west to the east. Eight different passes can be accessed by passing through Andermatt – a fact that makes this village truly unique in the world. The four springs of the rivers Rhine, Reuss, Rhone and Ticino, which carry 7% of the Alps' water in all directions, have their source in the Saint-Gotthard Massif. This is why Switzerland is also known as the water reservoir of Europe – with Andermatt at its source.

The holiday region of Andermatt is one of the most snow-sure winter sports resorts in Switzerland. Since 1969 it has regularly hosted international CISM competitions. Mountaineers and ski tourers can find numerous possible routes to take around Andermatt. Cross-country skiers can also enjoy the best snow conditions and an extensive network of cross-country trails. In the Ursental valley there are a total of 28 km of cross-country ski runs; in Sedrun there are another 12 km of cross-country ski runs in a magnificent winter sports environment. In addition, the Andermatt-Sedrun ski arena is one of the largest and most modern ski areas in Switzerland.

At 1,538 metres above sea level and directly adjacent to Andermatt lies the mountain village Realp with its 160 inhabitants. The local Capuchin hospice has accommodated travellers since the 18th century. Realp was better developed in 1886 with the construction of the Furka pass, which allowed it to become a popular place to stay for tourists. The opening of the Furka-Oberalp railway (today's Matterhorn-Gotthard railway) in 1926 and the inauguration of the Furka base tunnel in 1982 also made the journey from the Upper Valais to the Ursental much easier. Today, visitors travelling by rail can pass through the Furka tunnel within a few minutes, and cars and materials can be transported by rail year round.

Realp is not only an excellent starting point for ski tourers; since autumn 2004 it has also been at the centre of Swiss biathlon sports. As part of the armed forces' sports base in Andermatt, a top training and competition site has recently been set up in Realp: it includes a roller skiing track, a demanding and

varied cross-country ski run as well as a biathlon shooting range. The nearby FIS runs in Goms, which are guaranteed to have snow, complement the existing infrastructure perfectly.

Directly connected by a railway tunnel with Andermatt and Realp, the sunny Upper Valais mountain valley of Goms is home to 4,400 people. Goms lies along the route of the famous Glacier Express – a panorama train that connects Zermatt with Davos and St Moritz. Surrounded by mighty 3,000-metre peaks, the region around Goms boasts numerous exciting excursion destinations such as the Swiss Alps Jungfrau-Aletsch UNESCO World Heritage Site. These serene villages are known for their baroque churches and chapels, as well as for the unmistakable architecture of their old wooden houses and barns.

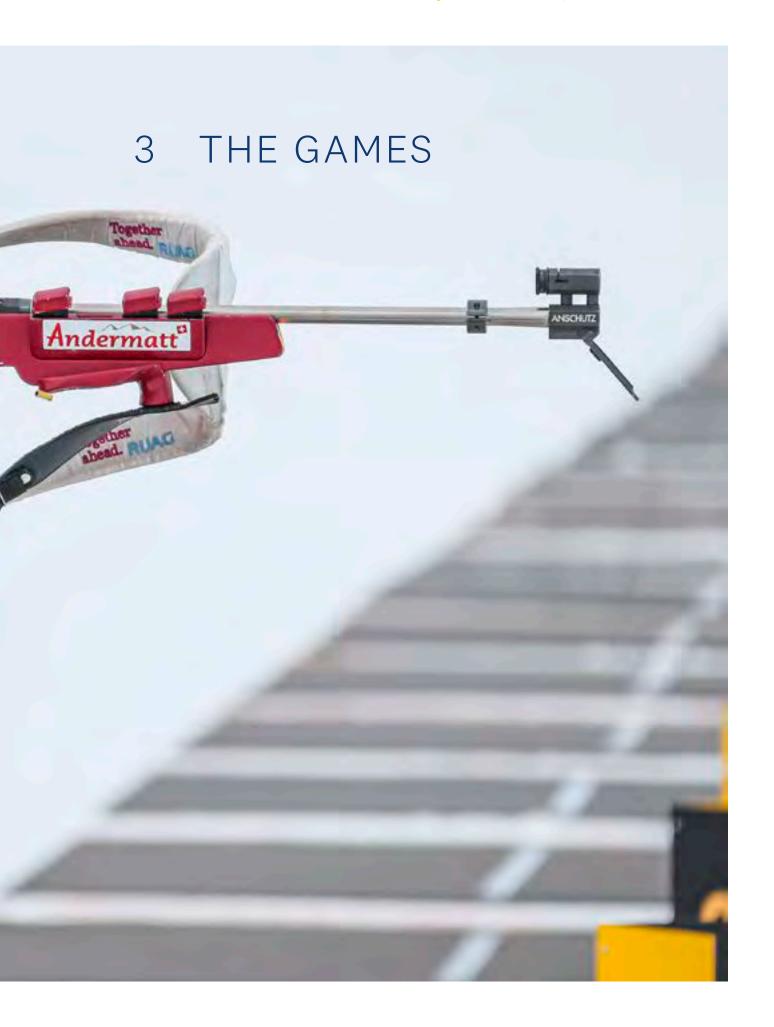
With its elevation of 1,300 metres and over 90 kilometres of cross-country ski trails, Goms is one of Switzerland's largest and most snow-sure cross-country skiing areas. Several stops along the Matterhorn-Gotthard railway line provide direct access to a network of cross-country ski trails. Thanks to the Furka Base Tunnel, travel time to the Realp and Andermatt stations is only a few minutes. Ideal snow conditions, impressive mountain views on both sides of the valley, and a modern competition infrastructure make cross-country skiing possible at the highest level. In addition, Goms's topography makes it perfect for ski mountaineering and orienteering competitions.

#### Average meteorological conditions (March)

Temperature	Average Temperature [°C]	Minimum Temperature [°C]	Maximum Temperature $[\mathcal{C}]$				
Lucerne	5,4	1,1	10,3				
Engelberg	1,9	-2,3	6,6				
Andermatt / Realp	-1,5	-6,8	3,0				
Goms	-1,0	-6,9	5,1				
Snowfalls / Precipitation	tion Snowfalls Snow depth [days] [cm]		Precipitation [mm]				
Lucerne	1,9	8	74				
Engelberg	8,6	78	108				
Andermatt / Realp	11,1	95	122				
Goms	7,0	74	100				
Humidity / Sun and Fog	Average Humidity	Sun [h]	Fog [days]				
Lucerne	73	122	0,8				
Engelberg	76	122	1,0*				
Andermatt / Realp	75	137	7,0				
Goms	74	144	0,5				
Wind	Average Wind speed [m/s]	Main wind direction					
Lucerne	1,7	West/Northwest	West/Northwest				
	1,8	West/Northwest					
Andermatt / Realp	2,3	West/Northwest					
Goms	1,8	East/Northeast					

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star} \ estimated \ value \ (nomeasurement \ of fog \ in \ Engelberg), data \ source: Federal \ Office \ of \ Meteorology \ and \ Climatology \ Meteo Swiss$ 





## 3.1 Date of the event and schedule

An aim of the Games will be to include the largest possible field of participants while also ensuring the best athletes take part in the event. To make this possible, the event's dates have been set taking the civilian sports associations' existing schedules into consideration. In addition, experiences gained in past CISM Military World Winter Games and World Military Ski Championships were taken into account.

Following a thorough assessment, the committee in charge of Switzerland's application decided that the Games should be held during the last calendar week of March 2025.

The 5th CISM Military World Winter Games are therefore due to take place from 24 to 30 March 2025.

Event	Monday 24.03.25	Tuesday 25.03.25	Wednesday 26.03.25	Thursday 27.03.25	Friday 28.03.25	Saturday 29.03.25	Sunday 30.03.25
Arrival / Departure							
Official Ceremonies							
Technical Meetings							
Competitions							

# 3.2 Sports disciplines

The 5th CISM Military World Winter Games will focus on the traditional and official CISM winter sports disciplines for which the necessary infrastructure is in place. In addition, cross-country running is to be integrated into the event.

The committee in charge of Switzerland's candidacy is also considering including several other winter sports and will, if possible, add competitions in these sports to the event's schedule as demonstration sports. This should provide a platform to showcase other winter sports that may not yet be very well established. The possibility of including short track ski racing and parachute paraskiing will also be considered.

In addition to the sports listed above, Switzerland also aims to organise parasports competitions, so that soldiers who have been injured on missions can take part in the Games. Whether and how these parasports competitions can be carried out will be decided based on an assessment of their organisational feasibility and on the number of registrations received from participating nations.

CISM Core Sports	Disciplines	Q	ď	Team Ranking	optional
Biathlon	Sprint 10 km		×	×	
	Sprint 7,5 km	×		×	
Patrol Race	20 km		×		
	15 km	×			
Cross-country Skiing	15 km		×	×	
	10 km	×		×	
	Team Sprint	×	×		
	Sprint	×	×		×
Alpine Skiing	Giant Slalom	×	×	×	
	Slalom	×	×	×	×
Ski Orienteering	Middle distance	×	×	×	
	Team Relay	×	×		
Ski Mountaineering	Individual	×	×		
	Team	×	×		
Sport Climbing	Combination	×	×	×	
Cross-Country	Short Distance	×	×	×	
	Long Distance	×	×	×	
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XX.	Snowboard Cross	×	×	х	×
	Alpine Snowboard	×	×	×	×
3.	Paraski	×	×	х	×

	Disabled Sports	Q	ď	Team Ranking	optional
3	Disciplines to be defined	×	×	×	×





## 3.3 Competition venues

The 5th CISM Military World Winter Games will take place in the host city of Lucerne and two other sports centres less than an hour away. Travel time between the respective centres and the individual competition sites is also under one hour.

All three of the main locations have excellent facilities and many years of experience in the hosting of international winter sports competitions. Furthermore, the chosen regions are capable of accommodating a large number visitors in nearby hotels and existing military infrastructures. The Games will benefit from the legacy of the Winter Universiade, at which numerous competitions will be hosted in the very same regions. This will lead to improved sustainability and a long-term strengthening of the sports landscape in this region.

### **Host City**

The central accreditation, information and media centre is located in the Lucerne area. The opening and closing ceremonies will also be held in the host city. Climbing and cross-country running competitions will be carried out in the vicinity in existing, competition-tested sports venues.

During the Winter Universiade, a number of sports competitions will also be held in Lucerne – a city that has long had a close connection to athletic sports. In addition to the international 'Top Athletics Lucerne' meeting, popular running events like the 'Swiss City Marathon' and the 'Lozärner Cross' (cross-country race) are held here every year.

#### **Alpine Sports Centre**

Engelberg will function as the centre for Alpine sports, with all Alpine competitions of the Winter Games taking place in this region.

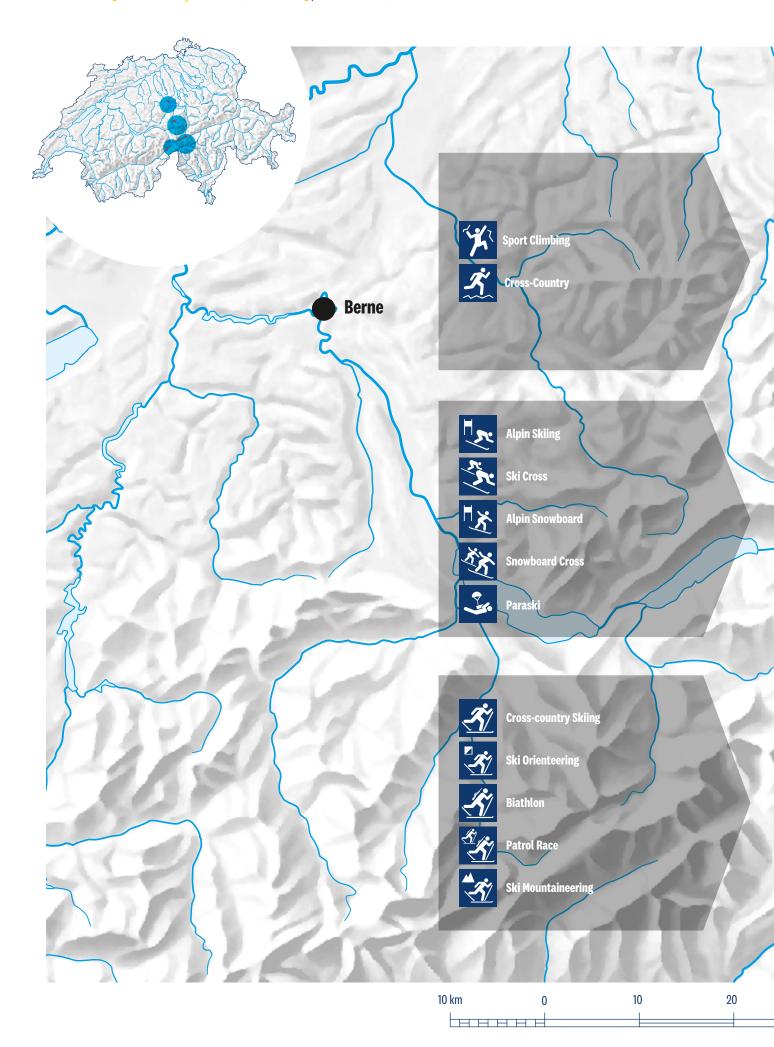
The newly homologated FIS cross-country skiing track Gerschnialp, the 25 existing facilities with their 82 km of ski and freeride slopes, and the FIS ski jump highlight this region's extraordinary sporting diversity. Engelberg is world-renowned for its annual Continental and World Cup ski jumping events. At the Winter Universiade, snowboard and ski freestyle competitions will also be held in Engelberg.

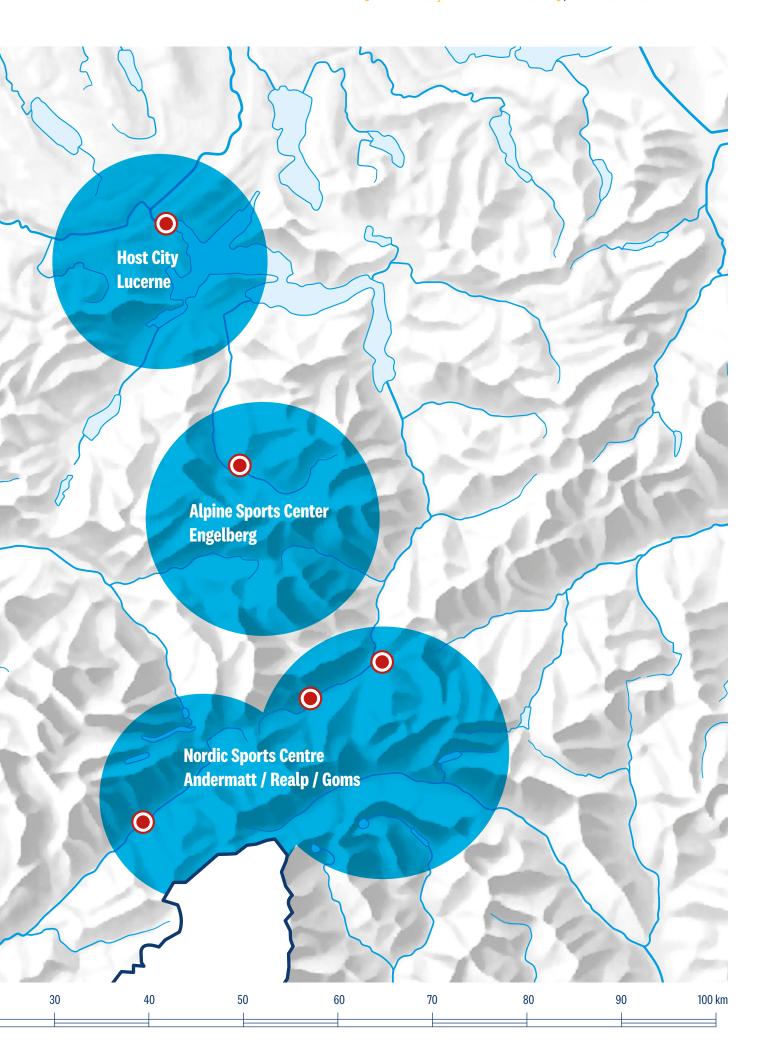
#### **Nordic Sports Centre**

The Games' Nordic sports competitions will be held in the region of Andermatt / Realp / Goms, which will function as the third competition location.

This region has a long tradition of hosting CISM ski competitions. Since Switzerland joined the CISM, Andermatt has hosted six World Military Ski Championships, the most recent one in 2006. Only a few kilometres from the town centre, modern facilities and the region's high snow reliability ensure the best conditions for Nordic sports. For these reasons, the cross-country skiing competitions of the Winter Universiade will also be held in Andermatt, on its newly homologated FIS racetrack.

In 2018, Goms hosted the FIS Nordic Junior World Ski Championships. Well-known cross-country skiing competitions such as the annual international Gommerlauf are held in Goms.





# 3.4 Competition organisation

The Swiss CISM delegation has long maintained close ties to the most important national sports associations and clubs. All sports competitions (including parasports) that will be taking place at the Winter Games will therefore be organised in close cooperation with civilian sports associations. To this end, intensive exchanges are already taking place between the candidacy application committee and select sports associations that have many years of experience in planning and staging international winter sports competitions at the highest level. In addition to the political and military spheres, the Games will be supported to a large extent by sports associations and clubs. The Federal Office of Sport and the umbrella organisation Swiss Olympic also actively support Switzerland's candidature and contribute to the successful cooperation between Switzerland's armed forces and its sports landscape.

The national sports associations will organise the competitions together with the local sports clubs. This means not only will the competitions be held in modern facilities that have proven their suitability in international events – they will also be carried out by organisers who already have extensive experience with World Cup races and World Championships. The participating athletes will encounter ideal conditions at their competition sites. This will allow them to achieve their absolute best results and will therefore guarantee competitions at the highest level.



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According to the current CISM calendar, Switzerland will be hosting the 54th World Military Marathon Championships in 2022. The Swiss CISM delegation is planning this event in cooperation with the 'Swiss City Marathon' in Lucerne. This is an excellent opportunity for the Organising Committee of the 5th CISM Military World Winter Games to gain invaluable insight into the organisation of a major event in the Lucerne area, particularly in terms of the accommodation, catering and transport used. A second event may be held in 2024 that could help assess the suitability of the registration and accreditation systems planned for the Games. Since the Swiss CISM delegation traditionally holds World Military Championships in its own country every two years, this will be an opportunity to try out specific procedures beforehand, and optimise them, if necessary, before the start of the Games.



# 3.5 Opening, closing and award ceremonies

The opening and closing ceremonies will take place in the host city of Lucerne. In addition to the military protocol, the opening and closing ceremonies will be accompanied by cultural events featuring Swiss traditions with modern performances.

At the beginning of the opening ceremony, a Swiss military band will perform as the participating nations walk in and present their delegations of athletes. The participants will be welcomed with speeches given by official representatives from the political and military spheres. This will be followed by the marching-in of the international CISM flag and the flag of the host nation Switzerland, and the playing of their respective anthems. The highlight of the opening ceremony will be the lighting of the CISM flame, which will remain lit in the host city for the duration of the Games.

The award ceremonies will take place in the evenings. The aim of the award ceremonies is to celebrate and honour the athletes' achievements, and to create unforgettable moments and lasting memories. Winners will be awarded medals, certificates and traditional prizes made in Switzerland.





The closing ceremony will take place on the last day of the event, again with all delegations and in the host city of Lucerne. After honouring the relay winners, special achievements in sport and fairness will also be recognised. With the closing ceremony, the host nation will conclude the Games and bid farewell to the participating nations with a march of flags. A final banquet will be held after the festivities, to which all delegations are cordially invited.

## 3.6 Sustainable event management

The 5th CISM Military World Winter Games will be in line with Switzerland's efforts to promote a green economy and sustainable environmental policies. All sports competitions will take place at existing sports venues in the midst of a one-of-a-kind mountain landscape. The Games will be held at the birthplace of winter sports and the home of Switzerland's military sports. Protecting the environment and society is paramount here and will be achieved through sustainable action and by respecting protected areas. By hosting the Winter Games, Switzerland aims to show that modern large-scale sporting events where the highest sporting achievements are accomplished can be organised in an economically responsible, socially sustainable and environmentally friendly way.

In planning the Winter Games, the candidacy application committee is following a sustainable event management approach and the principles of good governance in accordance with ISO standard 20121 (Sustainability Management System for Events). In addition, the standards of the GRI (Global Reporting Initiative), the guidelines of the Federal Office of Sport for sustainable event management of major sporting events, and the recommendations of ecosport.ch are taken into account. Having a workable sustainability strategy in place and involving all relevant stakeholders will lead to the 5th CISM Military World Winter Games having a positive impact on the Swiss Armed Forces and the Swiss sports land-scape in the long term.





- avoid or reduce CO₂ emissions
- use renewable energy
- offset any unavoidable greenhouse gas emissions with climate protection projects



- use central Switzerland's excellent public transport where appropriate, taking into account experiences gained at the Youth Olympic Games and the Winter Universiade
- use the armed forces' means of transport in an effective and resource-friendly way



- integrated resource and waste management
- · avoid waste wherever possible
- · separate all waste and recycle where possible



- · respect vulnerable natural landscapes and protected areas
- minimise construction work by using existing facilities to carry out competitions
- minimise the event's environmental impact by restoring areas and promoting biodiversity



• save water and minimise the event's water footprint



- prepare meals according to ecological and social principles
- · use local products to support the local economy
- avoid using disposable products and unnecessary packaging
- apply targeted measures to prevent food waste



- procurement processes that follow strict environmental guidelines
- select products and suppliers according to social and ethical criteria



- follow international governance guidelines
- · when resolving target conflicts, consider sustainability
- use sustainability management systems and reporting tools
- prepare a report after the Games to benefit future major sports events



- commitment by the Organising Committee to professionalism, honesty and integrity
- apply targeted measures to prevent attempts at abuse or fraud

## 3.7 Legacy

The Swiss Armed Forces and the Federal Office of Sport are convinced that hosting the Winter Games will provide a valuable impetus for the promotion and development of sport. In addition, the event will make central Switzerland's winter and snow sports offerings better known, thus strengthening them in the long term. By hosting the Games, Switzerland will also be affirming its commitment to global peace, and will be creating a unique opportunity to foster friendships between all participating nations.

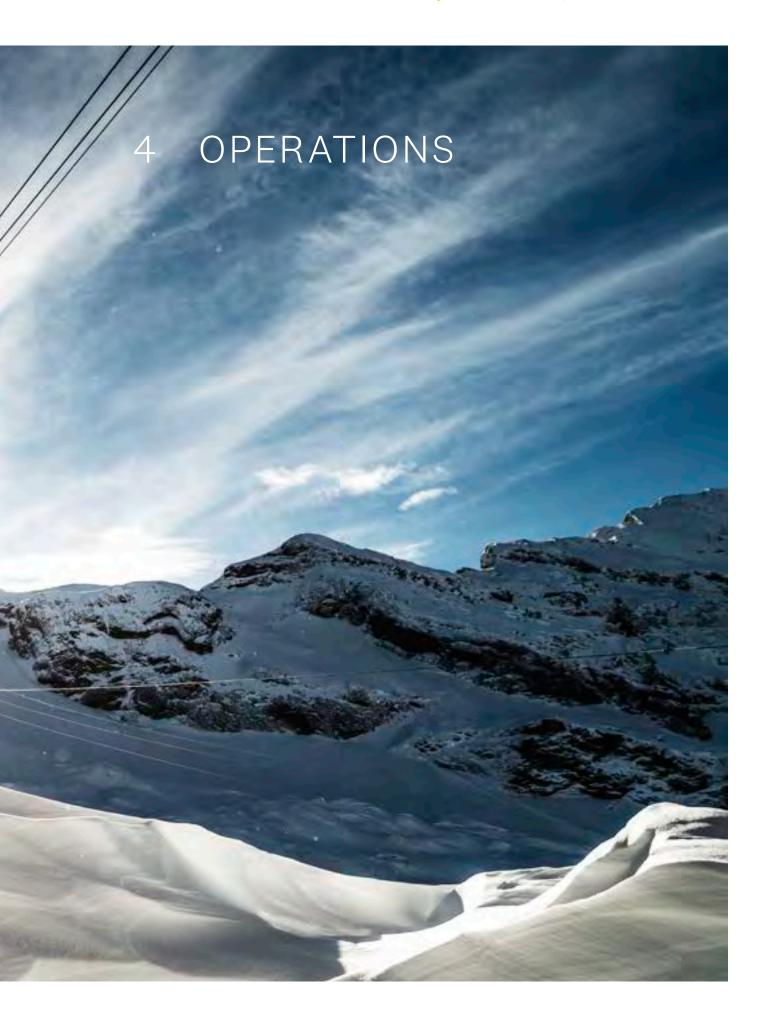


The 5th CISM Military World Winter Games will create additional legacies in social areas. Coordinating and optimising the operating models for military, elite and mass sports will benefit tourist regions around the host cities in the long term. The Games will also have a positive effect on the region and its environment, as consolidated snow production processes will be established and environmentally sound ways of managing training and competition facilities will be found. Finally, hosting parasport events will send a strong signal in support of disabled sports and their integration.

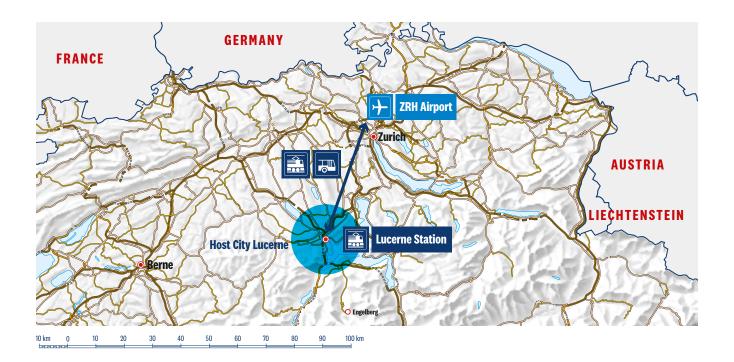
Armed forces	Sport	Peace promotion	Tourism	Energy / environment / natural landscapes	Equality / inclusion
high-performance sports in the armed forces	Sport for everyone	international peace support missions	improve offers in the region	natural resources	accessible infrastructures
armed forces fitness and readiness	youth and competitive sports	share structures and cooperate with sport organisations		implement the 2050 Energy Strategy	integrate competencies
the armed forces' sport	sport facilities	national support	and the armed forces	biodiversity	gender equality
infrastructure			market development,		
CISM Switzerland	the armed forces' top athletes		demand and image	environmentally friendly transport	include parasports athletes







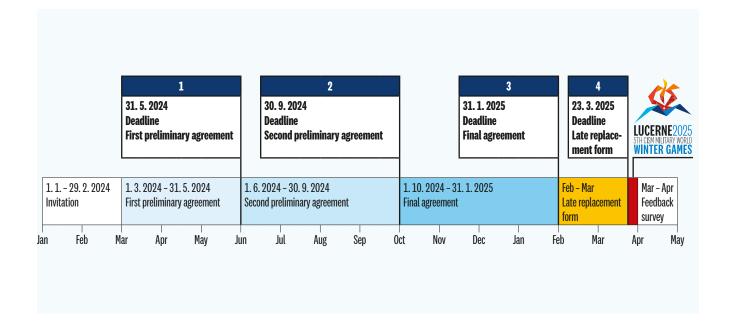
## 4.1 Arrival and departure



Participants will arrive either via Zurich International Airport, which has a large number of excellent short and long-distance connections, or by train directly to Lucerne train station. In the interest of environmental protection, the arrival of delegations by train is highly recommended by the Organising Committee. Larger military passenger and transport aircraft can also fly in to Zurich, as well as to other military airbases around Switzerland. National delegations, teams and individually arriving participants will be met on arrival by the competition organisers. The transfer from Zurich airport to the central accreditation centre in Lucerne takes about 45 minutes to one hour or only few minutes from Lucerne train station. Once accreditation has been completed, participants will travel to their respective competition centres or accommodations. For state guests and persons protected under international law, travel will be organised in accordance with the applicable protocols.

At the end of the Games, delegations will depart directly from the competition sites to Zurich airport. Travel time will be between 45 minutes and 1.5 hours, depending on their departure point. Participants can also travel back via Lucerne train station.

# 4.2 Registration and accreditation



Participants will register for the event online. The invitations sent to CISM chiefs of delegation will provide access to the website and include the guidelines for registration. In addition to registering participants for the event, their photos for the accreditation badges can be uploaded, planned arrival and departure times can be entered into the system, and the transport of sports weapons, ammunition and medication can be declared. Registration will begin eleven months before the Games and will proceed in four phases in accordance with CISM regulations.

The delegations will be accredited the day they arrive. The accreditation of the athletes will be carried out by the respective chief of mission at the accreditation centre in Lucerne. In addition to a welcome package containing the most important information on mobility, accommodation, catering, competitions and events, each athlete will receive his or her personal accreditation badge. If necessary, additional accreditation badges can be issued on site for participants who registered late.

The accreditation of VIPs, CISM officials or athletes arriving later is carried out individually and exclusively at the accreditation centre in Lucerne. State and other selected guests will receive their accreditation badges in person.

## 4.3 Accommodation and meals

With more than 2,800 available beds in each location, there are plenty of options for accommodation in Lucerne, Andermatt and Engelberg. In the immediate vicinity of the host city and competition sites, the armed forces' modern and spacious accommodations will be made available to the 1,500 athletes and coaches expected to take part in the Games. As a world-famous tourist destination, Lucerne also has excellent hotels to accommodate VIPs, chiefs of missions and CISM officials. The two regions of Andermatt and Engelberg are also well-known winter sports destinations with excellent hotels.

Accommodating athletes near their respective competition sites reduces their time away from the training and competition venues and offers them optimal conditions for training and regeneration. The military accommodations also have their own gyms and common rooms where athletes can train and prepare for their competitions.

VIPs and CISM officials will be accommodated in hotel rooms appropriate to their status, in close proximity to the event locations.

The Swiss Armed Forces will provide athletes with a comprehensive range of catering services tailored to their individual needs. Only high-quality local and regional ingredients will be used, the meals will be prepared in a way that is suitable for athletes, vegetarian options will be available, and religious dietary restrictions will be taken into account. Extended dining hours will give athletes the flexibility they need to optimally prepare for their competitions.





## 4.4 Mobility and transport

Transport for the Winter Games will be set up in a flexible way that ensures convenient connections but is also environmentally friendly and mindful of the resources it uses. Transport services including chauffeured vehicles will be provided by the Swiss Armed Forces. Public transport and shuttle vehicles will be used for transfers between competitions and event locations. Transport services will also be available to media representatives. VIPs and chiefs of missions will be provided with personal, chauffeured vehicles for the entire duration of the Games.

	Public Transportation	Bus (Shuttle Service)	Personal Car
	4		4
VIP	×	×	×
Chief of Mission	×	×	×
CISM Officials	×	×	
Teams	×	×	
Media	×	×	

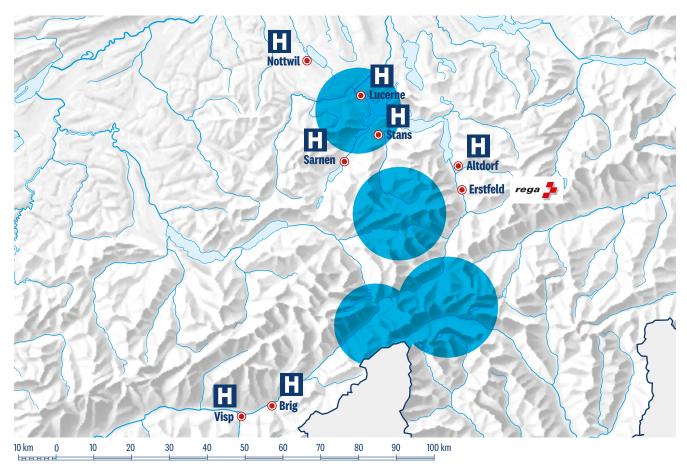
The candidacy committee will consider sustainability in the design of the transport concept and choice of means of transport. Transport should be as efficient and environmentally friendly as possible. Wherever feasible, public transport and vehicles using alternative fuels will be used. The cars used will be either electric or hybrids, and will draw their electricity entirely from renewable Swiss hydroelectric or solar power sources.

Switzerland's public transport network is one of the best in the world. Whether by train, bus or boat: all major towns and villages – including the competition and event locations and nearby tourist attractions – are accessible and easily

reached by public transport. The Swiss Federal Railways' network is among the densest in Europe. Public transport will therefore complement shuttle services very well and provide flexible, individual travel options. Accredited participants in the 5th CISM Military World Winter Games will be able to use a number of public transport connections in the central Switzerland region free of charge.



# 4.5 Medical services and anti-doping



The host city of Lucerne and the competition regions in central Switzerland have a modern, extensive civil healthcare system in place that is of the highest standard and that will be used during the Games. Ambulance and air rescue services will be available for the event; the Cantonal Hospital in Lucerne will serve as the central hospital, while six other base hospitals will ensure immediate medical care at all competition sites. With the Paraplegic Centre in Nottwil, there is also a world-leading institution for the treatment of patients with a suspected spinal cord injury in the immediate vicinity of the host city.

#### Evacuation times [min] by ambulance / rescue helicopter

	Central Hospital	Local Hospitals					
Venues	Lucerne	Nottwil	Stans	Sarnen	Altdorf	Brig	Visp
Lucerne	6/-	22 / 5					
Engelberg	35 / 6	53 / 10	22/6	38/7			
Andermatt / Realp	60 / 15	75 / 18			34/10		
Goms	-/22	100/25				35 / 7	40/8

Evacuation times may be longer than stated above, depending on road and flight conditions.



Medical stations operated by military paramedics for the treatment of minor injuries and provision of first aid in the case of more serious accidents will be set up at every competition site and at the accommodation centres. A rescue team (consisting of a rescue vehicle, paramedics and an emergency doctor) will be on site at all times during training and competitions. Depending on the type of competition, the rescue team will receive support from other specialised personnel. The Swiss Air-Rescue service (Rega) has a base in Erstfeld in central Switzerland. This means that in an emergency the Rega can arrive at the scene of the accident and begin treating patients within only a few minutes. Patient transports to the nearest hospital can be carried out from any location in less than 45

minutes by ambulance and under 15 minutes by helicopter. In addition, a dedicated emergency phone number will be set up for the duration of the Games, to serve as a medical contact point for all participants. In case of an emergency, however, the rescue services must always be alerted directly.

The Swiss CISM delegation believes very strongly in the importance of fair and clean competitions. To this end, anti-doping tests will be carried out in accordance with the CISM Regulations (Chapter IX: Anti Doping Regulations) and the regulations specific to the respective sport. All tests will comply with WADA rules, namely the World Anti-Doping Code and the applicable International Standard for Testing and Investigations. Swiss law prescribes compliance with the WADA Code – a co-founder of which, independent foundation Antidoping Switzerland, will carry out the anti-doping tests and procedures.

The number and types of doping tests to be carried out and the athletes to be tested will be determined by the CISM's Antidoping Commission. Requests for Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE) must be made to the CISM General Secretariat by the responsible head of delegation at least 30 days before the opening ceremony. A CISM commission will then decide on possible exemptions.

The Organising Committee will work closely with Antidoping Switzerland and the CISM Committee to conduct the doping tests and transport the samples. Antidoping Switzerland has its own organisational unit for carrying out doping tests. This unit determines the Doping Control Officers (DCO) who on request take the samples to be tested. The Organising Committee will provide an officer to shadow each DCO and accompany the athletes asked to submit to a doping test for the entire duration. Doping tests will be carried out in specially designated rooms. After the samples are sealed in the presence of the athletes, they are transported to the anti-doping laboratory in Lausanne by Antidoping Switzerland.

### 4.6 Communication and media

The 5th CISM Military World Winter Games will pursue three overarching marketing objectives:

- generate positive interest for the Games among the public and increase awareness of CISM sports in Switzerland and abroad.
- promote enthusiasm for winter sports among the population and within the Swiss Armed Forces.
- position Switzerland internationally as a modern winter sports destination.

Various marketing and advertising measures will be taken to achieve these objectives. Communication will take place mainly through digital media channels. In addition, a close media partnership will be established for traditional media such as print, TV and radio. Targeted advertising will help raise awareness of the Games at national and international levels. The Swiss Armed Forces manage extensive and well-connected communication channels that can be used to generate public interest in the Winter Games beyond the sphere of military sports.

The Games will use film, photographs and media coverage to achieve a positive media response. Appropriate branding of the host city and the competition centres will convey the special spirit of the event, while also generating interest among the local population. As it is the declared aim of the Games to create an unforgettable atmosphere by having a large number of spectators present at the competitions, access to the sporting events will be free of charge. In addition, a varied programme of side events will attract visitors and therefore help to achieve this aim.

The sports competitions and events will be broadcast on the Winter Games' website and shared on social media channels. The candidacy application committee is also aiming for a TV broadcast; however, the experiences made during the 4th CISM Military World Winter Games in Berchtesgaden / Ruhpolding will first need to be evaluated.

In the host city of Lucerne, media representatives will be given access to the Media Centre: a well-equipped workplace with excellent connections to public transport and the organiser's own transport services. Media representatives will also find the infrastructure they need to carry out their work at every competition location. The mobile phone and communication networks in Switzerland have excellent coverage – even in mountainous areas. Switzerland's three major ICT providers all have high-quality infrastructures.



### 4.7 Cultural programme and activities



Even on competition-free days, participants will be able to enjoy Switzerland's fabulous sights and breathtaking nature. The cultural programme will give VIPs the opportunity to travel around Switzerland and visit famous destinations every day. In addition to excursions to well-known Swiss cities such as Zurich and Bern, the cultural programme will also include visits to museums and a boat trip on one of Switzerland's idyllic lakes. Participants will given the opportunity to learn about local traditions or enjoy typical Swiss specialities. A visit at cost price to the world-famous Jungfraujoch, followed by a trip to dream destination Interlaken will be the highlight of the week. Participation in the cultural programme will be entirely flexible and designed to complement the official events.

In addition, all delegations will be given the opportunity to book half-day or day trips by bus, train or boat. The options on offer will be based on the cultural programme and can be adapted to suit individual needs. This will allow athletes and officials to experience the diversity of their host nation outside of the competitions.

The Organising Committee also plans to make it possible for accredited athletes to attend competitions in sports disciplines in which they themselves are not competing.

## 4.8 Security



The security situation in Switzerland is very stable. The Confederation, cantons and communes work closely together to achieve a high level of public security. The Swiss Armed Forces also have extensive experience in cooperating with civil security authorities. The city of Lucerne and the entire region of central Switzerland have in the past hosted numerous major sporting, cultural and political events with extensive security concepts.

The Organising Committee of the 5th CISM Military World Winter Games will guarantee the security of all participants. Any necessary measures will be taken by the Swiss Armed Forces' deployed units and military police, and in close cooperation with civil security authorities. The security concept for the event will be designed ahead of time and will be based on a risk analysis that takes into account the current world and security policy situation. In addition, those responsible for security will carry out an in-depth risk assessment that considers various scenarios based on the probability of their occurrence and the potential extent of the damage they would cause.

With regard to the COVID-19 pandemic, the candidacy application committee is closely following developments and continually assessing the situation, drawing conclusions and planning hygiene measures for major sporting events that are to take place in the future. As part of the planning for the Winter Games, the Swiss CISM delegation endeavours to create the best possible conditions to ensure that the Games can take place – even if restrictions continue to apply.

### 4.9 Customs and entry regulations

As Switzerland is part of the Schengen area, visitors from Schengen states do not need a visa to enter the country. Visitors from outside the Schengen area may, depending on their nationality, require a visa to enter Switzerland because of the rules set by the Schengen Agreement. Visa applications are generally handled abroad by the Swiss representation nearest the applicant's place of residence. In addition to the travel documents, applicants must provide a travel health insurance policy and supplementary documents that prove the purpose of the journey. At present, there are no specific compulsory vaccinations for entry into Switzerland.

The Organising Committee will inform the delegations in good time about the specific identification and visa requirements. It will provide this information in its letter of invitation, which can also be submitted with the visa application to prove the purpose of the journey. The Organising Committee will make itself available for any administrative questions on the entry requirements and the import of weapons, ammunition and medical products. It will also – taking into account the existing international customs agreements and Swiss legislation – help the participating nations in these matters wherever possible. If the general customs regulations are observed and the instructions given by the Federal Customs Administration are followed, fast and efficient customs clearance can be guaranteed. This also applies to the temporary import of sports and technical equipment, as well as professional equipment used by accredited media representatives.



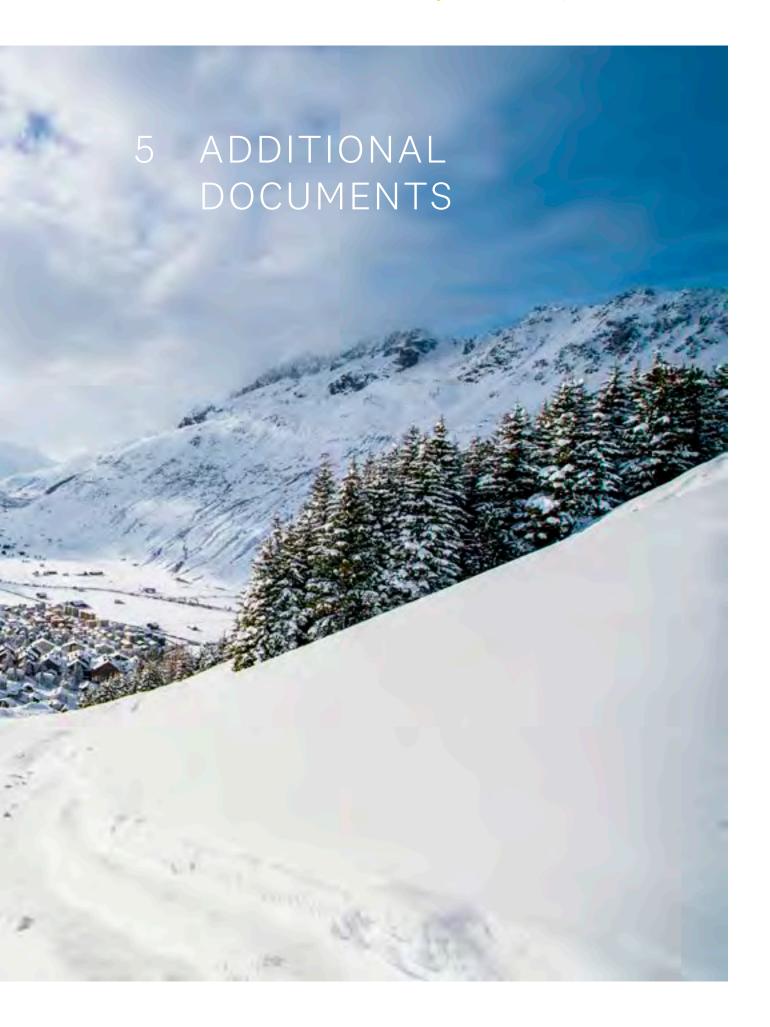
# 4.10 Finances and budget

Based on the experiences gained as a previous host of World Military Championships and observations that have been made in preceding CISM Military World Winter Games, a rough budget has been drawn up. The Swiss Confederation and the Swiss Armed Forces have approved the planned expenditure for the 5th CISM Military World Winter Games and are financing the event as part of the regular armed forces budget.

	Budget [CHF]
CISM Organization Fee	250 000
Event / Competition	4 000 000
Security	500 000
Personnel	200 000
Logistics	2 000 000
Communication / Media	1 600 000
Support	150 000
Medical Care / Antidoping	150 000
Ambassadors	50 000
Marketing	1 000 000
Reserve	2 970 000
TOTAL	12 870 000

If Switzerland's bid to host the 5th CISM Military World Winter Games is approved, the Swiss Confederation will pay a one-off organisation fee of EUR 200,000 to the International Military Sports Council. This payment is to be used in a transparent and targeted manner to finance preparations for the Games. In addition, these funds should serve to strengthen solidarity among the CISM nations and enable all CISM delegations to participate in the Games.





#### Identification Sheet 5.1



# 5th CISM WORLD WINTER GAMES 2025 CANDIDATURE DOSSIER IDENTIFICATION SHEET

Switzerland Confederation Member Nation

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We herewith submit our application to stage the 5" CISM World Winter Games 2025.

We declare that we have read and that we have fully understood the rules given in the Manual "Fundamental Prerequisites for the CISM World Winter Games" and that we are prepared to fulfil all the requirements and obligations therein.

We certify that this application form has been completed fruly and accurately, to the best of our knowledge

Date September 21, 2020

for the Bidding Entity

Colonel Hess Christian Chief of the Swiss Delegation for the Armed Forces

Lieutenant General Suessli Thomas Chief of the Armed Forces

## 5.2 Letters of support



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Luzem, † Mai 2020

### CISM Winter-Militärspiele 2025: Host-City Luzern

Sehr geehrter Herr Brigadier Christen

Der CISM Schweiz hat vor, die CISM Winter-Militärspiele 2025 in der Schweiz durchzuführen. Im September 2020 soll das Dossier beim CISM Weltverband eingereicht werden. Sie sehen Luzem als Host-City bzw. Host-Kanton vor, Am 6, April 2020 haben Sie uns per Telefonkonferenz über das Vorhaben informiert und um Unteratützung angefragt.

Ich kann Ihnen mittellen, dass die Regierung des Kantons Luzern die Austragung der CISM Winter-Militärspiele 2025 in Luzern begrüsst und dem Unterfangen positiv gegenübersteht. Wir freuen uns, wenn Luzern Host-City der Winterspiele wird und unterstützen CISM Schweiz bei der Vorbereitung und Durchführung des Anlasses.

Ich wünsche Ihnen viel Erfolg bei der Kandidatur und freue mich, wenn die CISM Winter-Militärspiele «Lucerne 2025» bei uns stattfinden werden.

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lybpie per E-Mail an:

- Christian Hess, Bevölkerungsschutz und Sport, VBS
- Andreas Csonka, Projektberater BASPO
- Beat Züsii, Stadtpräsident Luzem

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Sitzung vom 29. April 2020

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren

Anlässlich der telefonischen Besprechung vom 6. April 2020, an welcher neben Ihnem auch Erwin Roos. Departementssekretär GSD Kanton Luzemi und Andreas Geonka. Projektberater BASPO telefahrmen, haben Sie ums Ihre Absticht ertäutert, sich um die Durchführung der CISM Winter-Miltänweitspiele im Jahr 2025 zu bewerben.

Der Stadtral begrüsst ihre Initiative, einen Wintersportanless in Luzien, und in der Zentralschweizdurchführen zu wollen. Wir etehen denn auch einem solchen Vorhaben, soweit es sich um ünsere – Zuständigkeit handelt, positiv gegenüber:

Wit sind uns dabei bewusst, dass hierfür Leislungen ihr Stadt Luzern in der Zusammenarbeit gemäss ihren Erwartungen erforderlich sein werden. Dazu sind wir grundsätzlich bereit, wobei isonkzeitere Zusagen unsererseits erst möglich sind, wenn die detaillierten Rehmenbedingungen und Erwartungen und erwartungen und Stadt bekannt sind. Unsere Mitwirkung machen wir insbesondere vom Vorliegen eines Budgets, von der Beteiligung aller involvierten öffentlichen Hände im Zuständigkeitsbereich ihres Verbandes und den zu erwartenden Aufwendungen für die Stadt Luzern abhängig.

Wie uns bekannt ist, sind die filt die anstehende Bewerbungsphase notwendigen Kontakte geknüpft und aufgegleist. Geme erwarten wir wertere Informationen Ihrerweits, sobald der Zeitpunkt dafür gekommen ist. Seitens Stadt Luzern bleibt uns der Hinweis an Sie, frühzeitig mit den Organisatoren der Winteruniversiade 2021 Kontakt aufzunehmen, um von denm umfangreichen Erfahrungen und Arbeiten, instresondere im Bereich Host-City, nachhaltig profilieren zu können.

Wir Weuen uns sehr, mit der Stadt Luzem als Host-City Teil der CISM Winter-Mittarweitspiele 2025 zu sein, und blicken den entsprechenden Vorarbeiten und Kontakten mit Freude entgegen

Für das anstehende Bewerbungsverfahren wünschen wir Ihnen viel Erfolg.

Freundliche Grüsse

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#### Schweizer Kandidatur für die CIMS World Winter Games 2025

Sehr geehrter Herr Hess

Wir freuen uns, Ihnen unsere Unterstützung für die Kandidatur für die Winter Military World Games 2025 zuzusichern. Die Schweizer Armee und CISM Schweiz setzen damit ein starkes Zeichen für die Sportförderung in der Schweiz und wollen eine sportliche Plattform für freundschaftliche Begegnungen und ein besseres Verständnis zwischen Streitkräften verschiedener Nationen schaffen.

Im Rahmen unserer Möglichkeiten werden wir Sie bei der Durchführung der 5th CISM World Winter Games gerne unterstützen.

Wir danken Ihnen für Ihren Einsatz zugunsten des Sports und wünschen Ihnen für die Kandidatur-Phase viel Energie und viel Erfolg.

Sportliche Grüsse

**Swiss Olympic** 

Jürg Stahl Präsident Roger Schnegg Direktor

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#### CISM Winter-Militärweltspiele 2025

Sehr gwehrter Harr Heas-

Wir nehmen Bezug auf unsere Besprechung von Donnerstag, 26. März 2020 bei uns in Bern und danken Ihnen für den interessanten Austausch.

Es freut uns sehr, dass die Schweizer Armee plant ihre Bewerbung zur Austragung der CISM Winter-Militärweitspiele 2025 einzureichen, unterstreichen doch solche Antässe die Wichtigkeit des Sports und stehen für große Emotionen und eindrückliche sportliche Erfolge.

Wir freuen uns, Sie bei der Planung und Durchführung dieses Grossanlasses bestmöglich und talkräftig zu unterstützen und stehen Ihnen selbstverständlich geme mit Informationen zur Seite.

Für die nun anstehende Kandidatur-Phase würschen wir Ihnen viel Glück und einen erfolgreichen Ausgang für Ihre Bewerbung. Wir drücken Ihnen die Daumen

Freundiche Grüsser

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#### CISM Winter WMG 2025

Sehr geehrter Herr Hess

Swiss Athletics ist sehr erfreut, dass die Schweizer Armee in Zusammenarbeit mit der CISM Delegation bereit ist, die Winter World Military Games 2025 in der Schweiz durchzuführen.

Selbstverständlich werden wir die CISM Delegation in der Vorbereitung sowie bei der Durchführung des geplanten Geländelaufes unterstützen und hoffen, dass die Winter World Military Games 2025 in der Schweiz stattfinden werden.

An dieser Stelle möchten wir dem Organisationskomitee für seine Arbeit danken und wünschen viel Erfolg für die anstehende Kandidatur-Phase.

Wir freuen uns auf die kommende Zusammenarbeit und stehen ihnen jederzeit zur Verfügung.

Freundliche Grüsse

Swiss Athletics

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#### Absichtserklärung CISM Militär-Winterweltspiele 2025

Sehr geehrter Herr Hess, lieber Christian

Hiermit bestätigen wir, dass Swiss Orienteering mit der Projektleitung CISM Militär-Winterweltspiele am 07. Juli 2020 eine Absichtserklärung unterzeichnet hat, gemäss derer Swiss Orienteering im Falle eines Zuschlags der Militär-Winterweltspiele 2025 in die Schweiz mit dem Organisator in verschiedenen den Ski-Orientierungslauf betreffenden Bereichen zusammenarbeiten und ihn unterstützen wird. Inhalt und Umfang der von Swiss Orienteering zu erbringenden Leistungen werden im Falle eines Zuschlags der Militär-Winterweltspiele 2025 in die Schweiz in einer separaten Vereinbarung geregelt.

Swiss Orlenteering freut sich darüber, dass sich dem Ski-OL die Möglichkeif eröffnen könnte, sich einer breiten Öffentlichkeit zu präsentieren. Für die Kandidatur wünschen wir gutes Gelingen!

Sportliche Grüsse

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Sehr geehrter Herr Hess

PluSport Behindertensport Schweiz freut sich sehr, dass die Schweizer Armee in Zusammenarbeit mit der CISM Delegation bereit ist, die Winter World Military Games 2025 in der Schweiz durchzuführen

PluSport erklärt sich bereit, sich für die Ausarbeitung der Kandidatur für die CISM 2025 zu engagieren. In erster Priorität wird die Machbarkeit geprüft und Ideen für die Umsetzung entwickeit. Für das weiterführende Engagement von PluSport wird vorausgesetzt, dass die Schweiz im Mai 2021 den Zuschlag für die Austrägung erhält und dass Behinderfensportler an den Winter WMG 2025 teilnehmen können.

Wir freuen uns auf die kommende Zusammenarbeit und stehen Ihnen jederzeit gerne zur Verfügung.

Mit freundlichen Grüssen

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