



Rome, 23 September 2020

To:
The Presidents
The NOCs of Europe

Dear President,
Dear Friend,

This is to inform you that, having heard the opinion of the EOC Medical Commission and the Finnish health authorities, all of which deem the risk of hosting the event next February too high, and having discussed the matter with the NOC of Finland and the Vuokatti 2021 Winter EYOF Organising Committee, it has been agreed to postpone the event to 11-18 December 2021.

We are well aware that this will pose challenges to some NOCs, in particular as the dates bring the event quite close to Beijing 2022, but we trust you will understand the situation and make every effort to send a strong team to Vuokatti anyway. The choice of December does indeed present some issues but, having looked at a number of other possibilities, and not wanting to have this age-group lose the opportunity of participating in this important milestone towards a career as elite athletes, in the end December was the only option possible.

This decision may require the rescheduling of some parts of the sports programme and may present some other possible changes, about which we will inform you in good time.

We want to truly thank the NOC of Finland and the Vuokatti 2021 Winter EYOF Organising Committee for accepting to take on such a difficult challenge, this was an immense show of Olympic spirit, and we are confident that they will in any case deliver a top-class event.

Should you want any further information, EOC Sport Director Peter Brüll is at your disposal.

Best Regards,

Niels Nygaard
Acting President

Raffaele Pagnozzi
Secretary General

CC: The Presidents, International Winter Sports Federations on the programme of 2021 EYOF
José Manuel Araújo, EOC EYOF Commission Chair
Vuokatti 2021 Coordination Commission members