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## **Santa Caterina in Soelden for the Alpine Skiing World Cup 2016-17 opening**

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The Alpine Skiing World Cup 2016/17 starts tomorrow with the women's giant slalom taking place in Soelden (Aut). It's a special edition celebrating the 50th birthday of the event that started in 1967. Santa Caterina is in Soelden to introduce its two-day programme of December 28 and 29.

Last year the men's downhill race on the Deborah Compagnoni track proved to be the most exciting event of the season and was won by the French Theaux, first place before the Austrian Reichelt. And of course you all remember that race for that pole stuck for 20 endless seconds to Christof Innerhofer's helmet. This year, the race will definitely be of the same technical level because the slope is full of all possible difficulties a jet man can face when racing.

In the summer the works to prepare the slope made an even safer track which is already considered by athletes and experts a true cathedral of this discipline. Two jumps have been renamed: the "salto delle Reti" - after the parabolic Daytona curve - is now dedicated to Pietro Vitalini; the "salto del Gallo" - just before the "Canalino" - has a new name which is a tribute to Christof Innerhofer.

This year, the programme in Santa Caterina is enriched by another race, the men's super combined, which was usually scheduled in Kitzbuehel. The first super combined event will be the super-G (and the width and variety of the track are perfect for a very spectacular tracing) while the second will be the slalom.

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