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DEVELOPMENT INFO DAY 2026

25 MARCH 2026



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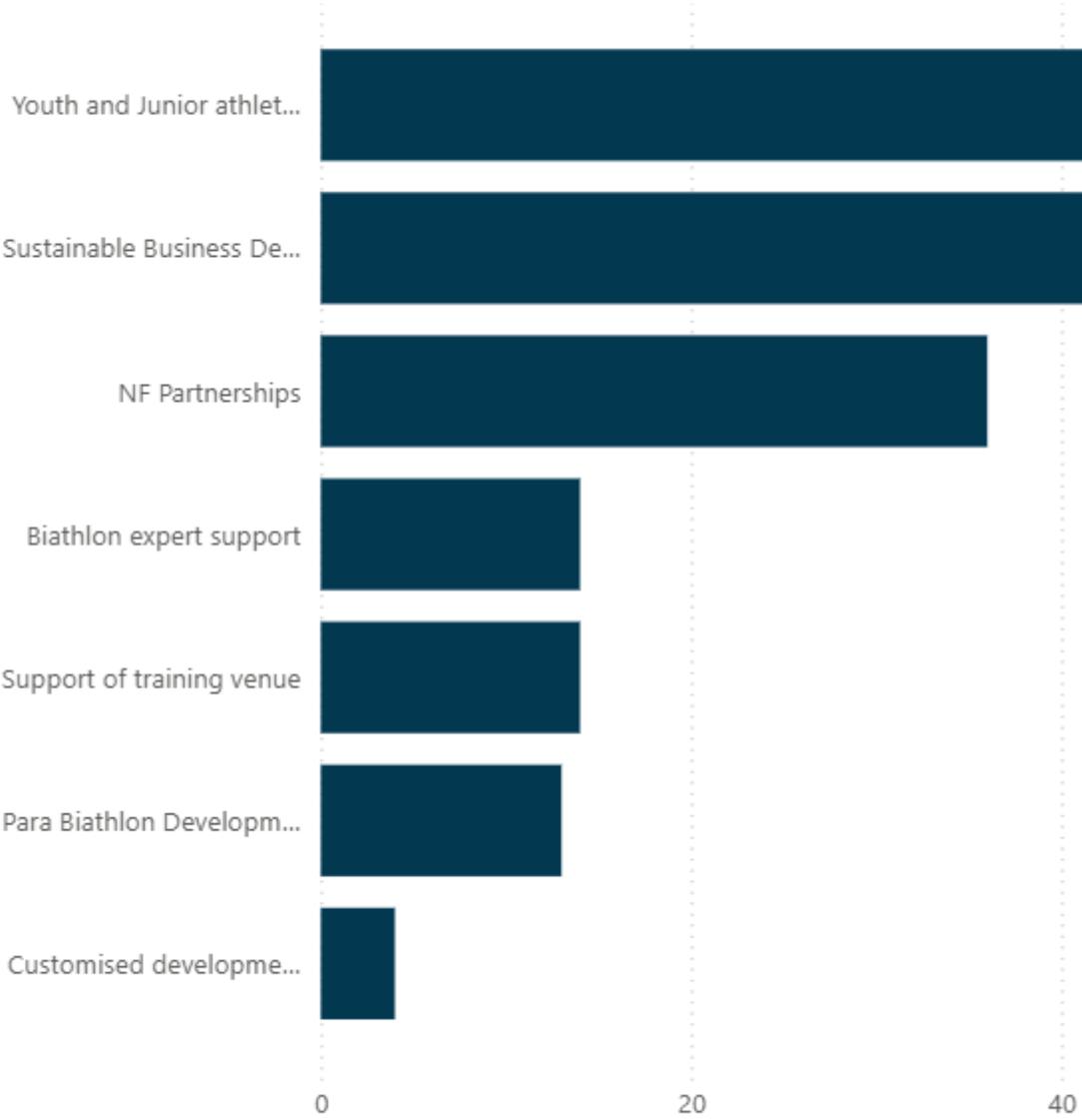
10 UPCOMING EVENTS

01 INTRODUCTION

IBU DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PRINCIPLES 2026/2027



2025/2026 submissions

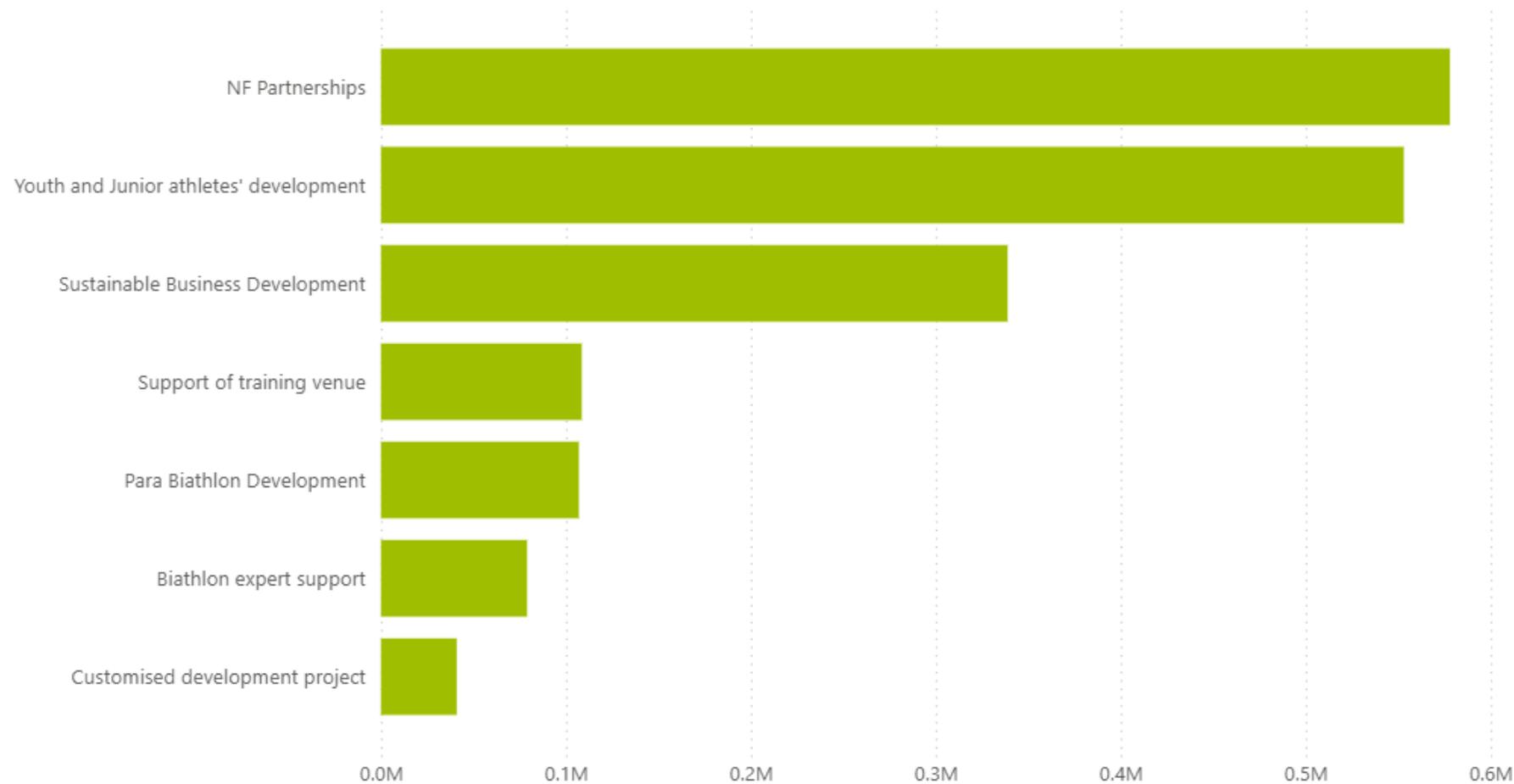


Project	Submissions
⊕ Youth and Junior athletes' development	50
⊖ Sustainable Business Development	45
⊖ Athletes' involvement after a sport career	14
⊖ Gender Equality and Diversity	22
⊖ Sustainability	9
⊕ Support of training venue	14
⊕ Para Biathlon Development	13
⊕ NF Partnerships	36
⊕ Customised development project	4
⊕ Biathlon expert support	14
Total	176



2025/2026 project accepted

Season ● 2025/26



1.81M

€ Support

133

Submissions

DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SUPPORT 2025/2026

- 43 NFs benefiting from the programme
- 8 athletes supported after their careers
- 9 experts supported
- 3 world-class female athletes supported with childcare and training
- 2 customised projects
 - 13 NFs with Youth and Juniors podium during the WCHs
 - Number of NFs 41 (39 with female and 38 with male athletes; 438 athletes)
 - 8 NFs with podium during the Olympic Games
 - Number of NFs 29 (29 with female and 28 with male athletes)

Development Categories for 2026/2027 (TBC)

Category A - Advanced Structure:

FRA, GER, ITA↑ NOR, SWE (5 NFs)

Category B - Developed Structure:

AUT, BEL, BUL, CAN, CHN, CZE, EST, FIN, KAZ, KOR, LAT, LTU, POL, ROU, SLO, SUI, SVK, UKR, USA (19 NFs)

Category C - Progressing Structure:

AUS, BIH, BRA, CHI ↑, CRO, DEN, ESP, GBR, GRE, GRL, HUN, JPN, KGZ ↑, MDA, MGL, TPE (16 NFs)

Category D - Basic Structure:

ARG, LBN ↑, NMKD, NZL ↑, SRB, TUR, UZB ↑ (7 NFs)

Category E - Incomplete Structure:

GEO; ISL*↑, MAR*, MEX*, NED, POR*, THA* (7 NFs)

Category F - Inactive Members:

AND*, ARM, CYP, DOM*, IRL, LIE, IND, LUX, (8 NFs)

* Provisional members

Suspended NFs: RUS, BLR

(In total: 64 NFs)

NF CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA AND AVAILABLE DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT

DEVELOPMENT CATEGORY	CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA	IBU DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT
<p>A ADVANCED STRUCTURE</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Combined WC NC points ranked 1-5 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development project support 2. IBU Regional Events support 3. IBU Academy activities 4. Closing the competition gap*
<p>B DEVELOPED STRUCTURE</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participation WC / both genders 2. IBU venue A/B License 3. Combined WC NC points ranked 6-25 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development project support 2. IBU Regional Events support 3. Equipment and material on request 4. IBU Academy activities 5. Closing the competition gap* 6. International Youth Camp
<p>C PROGRESSING STRUCTURE</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participation of both genders in YJWCHs or IBU Cup or IBU Continental Cups or IBU Regional Cups or IBU Junior Cup 2. Hosting annual national Championships in all IBU categories 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development project support 2. IBU Regional Events support 3. Equipment and material on request 4. IBU Academy activities 5. IBU IOC Camps
<p>D BASIC STRUCTURE</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National competition with at least 4 national athletes or Participation at IBU YJWCH or IBU Junior Cup 2. Sports facility / basic sports 3. Biathlon coach or cross country skiing coach with training programme in shooting and rifle safety 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development project support 2. IBU Regional Events support 3. Equipment and material on request 4. IBU Academy activities 5. IBU IOC Camps
<p>E INCOMPLETE STRUCTURE</p>	<p>New NFs with a strong will to become full members - basic structures have to be put in place first, knowledge transfer from professionals necessary, and active members</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development project support 2. IBU Academy activities 3. IBU IOC Camps*
<p>F INACTIVE MEMBERS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NF that doesn't take part in any of IBU event series for 2 seasons in a row 2. NF that doesn't have minimum 4 athletes to organize National championships (Youth and Juniors) during winter or summer 3. NF that doesn't have any training venue 4. NF that doesn't have a biathlon coach 	

*only selected NFs

Group	IBU DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT					
A. Advanced		Customized development co-projects with the contribution to IBU stakeholders and/or contribution to IBU Academy		<p>Closing the competition gap</p> <p>NFs Partnership (A and B projects leaders)</p>		
B. Developed	1. Coaches' Scholarship for the IBU Academy courses		1. Sustainability,	a max IBU support 25 000 EUR; without own contribution possible collaboration between A&B NFs	<p>IBU Regional Event Support</p> <p>summer and winter</p> <p>+city events</p>	
C. Progressing	2. Mentorship Programme (GE budget, courses budget)	Financial support for NF development project applications (HR, Youth and Junior Development, support of training venues)	2. Gender equality,			
D. Basic	3. Biathlon for All	Financial support to expert support	3. Athletes' involvement after sport career			<p>IBU-IOC Camps</p> <p>2-3 overall camps SPRING/AUTUMN/WINTER and regional camps; IBU Academy 'students' with obligatory practice during the camps</p>
E. Incomplete structure (non-developed)	4. Para-Biathlon development support	Max IBU support per NF 25 000 EUR	Max IBU support per NF 25 000 EUR and max 15 000EUR per project; 50/50			<p>Regional Camps</p>
F. Inactive members						

02 NF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS



PROJECT PRINCIPLES

PROJECT AREAS

- **NF partnerships**
- **Youth and Junior athletes´ development**
 - Identification and training of youth and junior athletes
 - Popularisation of biathlon among kids
- **Biathlon expert support** *(open for all; experts can be recommended by IBU)*
- **Support of the training venue**
- **Sustainable business development**
 - Athletes´ involvement after sport career
 - Sustainability
 - Gender equality
- **Para biathlon development**
- **Customised development project with contribution to all stakeholders** *(only for A category NFs)*

Example:

Applying for 25.000€ support for individual project(s) → 25.000€ NF contribution required (this can be 12.500€ from NF and 12.500€ from voluntary work, stadium rent, third party contribution...)

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- The budget allocated to the NFs project(s) is a maximum of **25,000 EUR** for *individual project(s)*, **25,000 EUR** for *Sustainable business development projects*, **25,000 EUR** per *Partnership Project* (max. 3 projects)
- Partnership projects must be led by A or B-category NFs partnering with federations from B, C, D, and E-category NFs.
- NFs from the A and B categories may lead **a maximum of 3 partnership projects**.
- The IBU financial support shall not exceed **50%** of the total project costs (to ensure own financial activities from the NFs). **Donated services and voluntary work** can be up to 50% of the NF contribution. If the applicant reduces the budget during project execution, the IBU contribution may be reduced accordingly due to the 50% rule.
- The total development support can not be more than **20% of the NF's turnover** from the previous year
- Audit (5 projects)

Total turnover: 100.000 € → • 20% = 20.000 € max. support from IBU

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- In general, the following projects **are not considered** for development support:
 - stadium construction
 - stadium maintenance
 - renovation of targets
 - car purchase
 - team equipment and any materials already provided through the yearly *Material distribution*
- The applications must be submitted via **IBU Scope 2.0**
- **50%** of the financial support will be transferred after the project has been approved, and the other **50%** will be transferred after the project report has been accepted
- As long as a project from the previous season hasn't been completed in IBU Scope, ***new applications will not be analysed***
- Therefore, keep in mind the deadline for reporting the projects from 2025/2026: ***Wednesday, 15th of April 2026***



IDENTIFICATION AND TRAINING OF YOUTH AND JUNIOR ATHLETES

- Co-financing may cover the following costs:
 - Transport for participants
 - Accommodation
 - Insurance of project participants, coaches
 - National coach-coordinator fee
 - Transportation of sport equipment
 - The applications must be submitted through **IBU SCOPE** and include the following information:
 - Proposed action plan based on the expected objectives
 - Dates and deadlines of the various phases/activities of the projects
 - Detailed budgetary proposal covering all expenses, accommodation costs, and fees agreed upon with the coach or coordinator of the project
 - Other parties included in the project, especially Olympic Solidarity (OS) funds, if applicable
- NOTE:** Costs related to the participation of athletes in national and international events will not be approved!

Example projects:

- (Series) of public events to recruit kids to biathlon
- **BIATHLON 4 ALL and IBD** activities

POPULARISATION OF BIATHLON AMONG KIDS

- Co-financing may cover the following costs:
 - Transport for participants
 - Accommodation
 - Insurance of project participants, coaches
 - National coach-coordinator fee
 - Transportation of sport equipment
 - Project promotion costs
 - Others approved by IBU
- The applications must be submitted through **IBU SCOPE** and include the following information:
 - Proposed action plan based on the expected objectives
 - Dates and deadlines of the various phases/activities of the projects
 - Detailed budgetary proposal covering all expenses, accommodation costs, and fees agreed upon with the coach or coordinator of the project
 - Other parties included in the project, especially Olympic Solidarity (OS) funds, if applicable

NOTE: Costs related to the participation of athletes in national and international events will not be approved!

Example projects:

- Expert support to create NF structure and long-term development plan
- Expert support to educate NF about biathlon principles and rules
- Expert support to build a biathlon venue
- Expert support to set up a training programme
- Expert support to close the gap to leading federations

BIATHLON EXPERT SUPPORT

- Co-financing may cover the following costs:
 - Organisational costs
 - Expert's transport costs
 - All the costs linked to the presence of the expert in the country (accommodation, food, domestic transport)
 - Expert's fee
 - Health and accident insurance

- The applications must be submitted through **IBU SCOPE** and include the following information:
 - Dates and deadlines of the various phases/activities of the projects
 - CV of the experts, if the NF proposes the person
 - Detailed budgetary proposal covering all expenses, including the travel and accommodations costs and fees agreed with the expert

NOTE: The experts may be proposed by the NFs or appointed by the IBU

SUPPORT OF TRAINING VENUES

Example projects:

- Purchase of laser rifles to recruit kids to biathlon
- Purchase of biathlon targets for biathlon venue
- Purchase of air rifles to support youth athletes and kids
- Purchase of a moveable event set up (laser/optical rifles, shooting mats, biathlon targets, etc.)

- Co-financing may cover the following costs:
 - Biathlon targets (a maximum of 10 targets)
 - Laser/optical or air rifles
 - Moveable shooting range
 - Mats, dry shooting equipment, or others proposed by NF and approved by IBU
- The application must be submitted through **IBU SCOPE** and includes the following information:
 - Documentation that approves the existing training facility for the biathlon targets
 - Information about the laser/optical or air rifle users
 - Dates and deadlines of the various phases/activities of the projects
 - Detailed budgetary proposal
 - Other parties included in the project

NF PARTNERSHIPS

- Co-financing may cover the following costs:
 - Organisational costs
 - Travel and accommodation costs
 - Expert's fee during the seminars and workshops
 - Health and accident insurance
- ✓ Partnership projects possible between A and B-category NFs and B and B-category NFs
- ✓ **NOTE:** The partnership project will not support single athletes; the project must show a clear, long-term approach to biathlon development in the developing country.

Example projects:

- Joint Camps combined with educational programmes
- Invite Dev. Federation to own conferences to learn about biathlon development
- Invite Dev. Federation to a technician's seminar
- Organise joint referee seminars
- Exchange program for NF Staff

- The application must be submitted through **IBU SCOPE** and includes the following information:
 - Plan of the exchange program
 - Dates and deadlines of the various phases/activities of the projects
 - Draft of the seminars and other educational activities agenda
 - Detailed budgetary proposal covering all expenses, including the travel and accommodations costs and fees agreed with the experts
 - Statement of the third party (NF) about participation in the project
 - **The project may involve a 2-year partnership with interim reporting and funds transfer for each year accordingly.**



ATHLETE INVOLVEMENT AFTER SPORT CAREER

- Co-financing may cover the following costs:
 - Athlete's education or training related to the sports organisation's work (sport management, coaches at a different level, etc.).
 - Athlete's remuneration in the NF in the sport or administrative area
- The application must include the following information:
 - Dates and deadlines of the various phases of the projects
 - CV and motivational letter of the athlete

NOTE: Applications with the same athlete **max. 3 seasons;** athletes who are already fully employed by the federation are not considered

- Athletes must have the following profile to be considered for financial support:
 - Represents NFs at the international level in senior categories for a minimum of 2 seasons period
 - Athlete should have retired from **sport max. 5 years ago** (but flexibility for case-by-case decisions)
 - **Athletes in their final competing season are also eligible (flexibility for case-by-case decisions in case of good arguments)**
 - Only athletes who have not been convicted of a doping offence or sanctioned for actions contrary to the standards of sporting ethics

GENDER EQUALITY

Example projects:

- Organise unconscious bias training
- Organise activities to recruit women to biathlon
- Apply for expert support to improve on GE and DEI matters
- Organise a mentorship programme
- Develop a media campaign to encourage females into the sport
- Apply for financial support to pregnant athletes

- Co-financing may cover the following costs:

- Organisational costs
- Expert's (lecturer) transport costs
- Expert's or lecturer's fee
- Preparation and production of materials (e.g. Brochure)
- Cover fee of female coaches or technicians
- **Support of pregnant athletes or support postnatal exercise programs and psychological support to help athletes manage the transition to motherhood after giving birth two years ago, as well as childcare during the training and competing periods.**
- Other approved by IBU

- The application must be submitted through **IBU SCOPE** and includes the following information:

- Proposed action plan based on the expected objectives
- Dates and deadlines of the various phases/activities of the projects
- Draft of seminars/workshops agenda
- Detailed budgetary proposal
- Other parties included in the project

SUSTAINABILITY

- Co-financing may cover the following costs:
 - Organisational and administrative costs
 - Expert's travel costs
 - Expert fees
 - Preparation and production of materials (e.g. policy or CO2 calculation/action plan or campaign materials)
 - POW expert facilitator expenses to run a Sustainability workshop
 - Enhancement of lead management practices at a venue
 - Other approved by IBU

Example projects:

- Apply for an expert to help you set up an NF Sustainability strategy
- Apply for an expert to help you calculate your NF carbon footprint or prepare an action plan
- Organisation of sustainability seminars or webinars to educate your stakeholders (host an athlete workshop with POW...)
- Implement sustainability actions (e.g. apply for financial support to facilitate change to renewable energy or improve biathlon venues to enhance lead management practices ...)

- The application must be submitted through **IBU SCOPE** and includes the following information:
 - Proposed action plan based on the expected objectives
 - Dates and deadlines of the various phases/activities of the projects
 - Definition of external expertise required
 - Detailed budgetary proposal
 - List of other parties included in the project

NOTE: IBU will not support the purchase of carbon offset credits!

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

- 1 April - 12 May 2026 (TUESDAY)
- Audit 2025/2026 starts

APPLICATIONS PROCEEDING DATES

- 27-28 May – Development Commission
- 01 June – announcement of results

PROJECT DURATION

- 1 June 2026 - 31 March 2027

REPORT SUBMISSION

- 15 April 2027

AUDIT 2026/2027

- 14 May 2027 starts



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**BEST PRACTICES
SHARING WEBINAR
– SUSTAINABILITY,
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS,
PARA BIATHLON**

**MONDAY, 30 MARCH 2026
14.00 CET**



BEST PRACTICES WEBINAR: NF SUSTAINABILITY, PARA BIATHLON AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (30 MARCH)

SAVE the DATE

Best Practices Sharing Webinar on
Monday, **30 March 2026 at 14.00 CET**

Join for some inspiration for your own
development initiatives
Please register **by 27 March 2026**

[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

AGENDA

- Targeted School Recruitment Project by NF NOR
- Biathlon 4 All in Ukraine by NF UKR
- Athletes' recruitment after sport career by NF SLO
- NF Partnerships – by NF ESP (SLO/CZE/ITA)
- Sustainability project by NF EST
- Identification and training of para-athletes – by NF GBR

03 MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION

PROJECT PRINCIPLES



MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION

10-11 December 2025, Hochfilzen (AUT)

Statistics:

- 37 National Federations supported
 - B-Nations (17) – 54%
 - C-Nations (15) – 38%
 - D-Nations (5) – 8%
- 28 Supplying Partners
- Total value of 965.000 €

[Report Material Distribution 2025](#)



MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION

2-3 December 2026, Hochfilzen (AUT)

Requirements:

- ✓ B, C, D and E Nations
- ✓ At least **4 athletes** competing in a minimum of **2 IBU Competitions** (incl. IBU Regional events)

Equipment packages based on:

- ✓ Number of athletes competing in IBU Events in season 25/26
- ✓ Wishlist from NF
- ✓ Available equipment from P&S

Report on IBU Scope

- ✓ Must be completed for the previous season

Wishlist

- ✓ collected via IBU Scope from **1-30 September 2026**
- ✓ **Due to the new cycle for agreements with P&S**



04 IBU CAMPS

PROJECT PRINCIPLES



OVERVIEW CAMPS 2025



- ✓ **138 Athletes participants**
- ✓ **26 National Federations**
- ✓ **4 continents**

OVERVIEW CAMPS 2026

- ✓ **International Youth Camp and Para Camp, Antholz, ITA**
08 June – 14 June 2026

NF participants: 1 NF Coach + 4 athletes (2 male, 2 female)
Para Biathlon included

- ✓ **IBU-IOC and Para Asian Development camp, Shchuchinsk, KAZ**
10 - 19 July 2026

NF participants(Asia only): 1 NF Coach + up to 6 athletes
Para Biathlon included

- ✓ **IBU-IOC Winter Development Camp, TBC**
01 - 07 December 2026, TBC

NF participants: 1 NF Coach + 4 athletes (2 male, 2 female)



GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- ✓ **International Youth Camp:** Open to NFs in **Categories B, C and D**, eligible birth years: **2007–2010**
- ✓ **IBU-IOC Development Camps:** Open to NFs in **Categories C and D (Category E by invitation)**, eligible birth years: **2005–2011**
- ✓ **NF Coach participation:** Priority to young coaches (<35 years) with a basic working level of English
- ✓ **Financial support:** Accommodation and full board covered by IBU + Travel contribution provided

IBU IOC CAMPS - NEW!

- **Regional development focus with a dedicated camp in Asia (legacy from the regional Academy courses)**
- **Mandatory safety governance: Waiver and declarations are required for each camp**
- **Standardised registration process: Each participant **MUST** be registered on the IBU Member Centre (BASIC)**
- **Coach participation policy: NF coaches will be accepted only for a maximum of two consecutive years**

For more information visit our page: [International Biathlon Union - Inside IBU IBU-IOC Camps](#)

APPLICATIONS: International Youth Camp (Application by number) = **1st – 30th April 2026**

IBU-IOC Summer development Asian Camp (Application by number) = **1st – 30th April 2026**

IBU-IOC Winter development Camp (Application by number) = **1st – 31st August 2026**

05

BIATHLON
4 ALL



INTERNATIONAL
BIATHLON
DAY

BIATHLON 4 ALL

- 48 National Federations supported since 2023
- 707 rifle sets distributed
- Almost 2 million EUR invested
- News / events / guides / templates / downloads:
<https://www.biathlon-4all.com/>
- Case studies and materials: [IBU LearningSuite](#)
- Erasmus+ concept for a mobile app “Biathlon Connect” (results in August 2026)



BIATHLON 4 ALL

- Support with equipment (laser and optical rifles)
- Support with promotion and communication (up to 5,000 EUR)
 - APPLICANTS FROM 2025/2026 (confirmed list for spring distribution)
 - NEW APPLICATION is possible **only** if support was not granted last season
 - APPLICATION CALL: **1 April – 12 May 2026**
- <https://www.biathlon-4all.com/>



BIATHLON 4 ALL

- **Onsite Project Coordinators Meeting**
 - Rif/Salzburg (Sports Centre)
 - **29 June – 1 July 2026**
- 1 representative from NF
- Hotel, meals and travel costs (up to a certain amount) covered by IBU
- Registration: **20 March – 20 April 2026**
- Registration form: [CLICK HERE](#)

- <https://www.biathlon-4all.com/>



BIATHLON 4 ALL

- **IBU Biathlon for All Excellence Award**
 - 10,000 EUR
- Events and series of events in the past 2 years
- Selection criteria:
 - 1.Strategic Implementation
 - 2.Measurable Impact
 - 3.Replicability
- Applications via IBU Scope
- Application period: **1 April – 30 June 2026**
- <https://www.biathlon-4all.com/>



INTERNATIONAL BIATHLON DAY

- 30 May 2026 (last weekend of May every year)
- Support with:
 - Paid social media campaign + professional photographer / content creator (3,000 + 1,000)
 - Promotional support (max. 1,500)
 - Organisation support (max. 2,000)
- Deadline: **17 March 2026**
- Results: by 31 March 2026
- Number of applications: 25
- <https://www.biathlon-4all.com/biathlon-day>

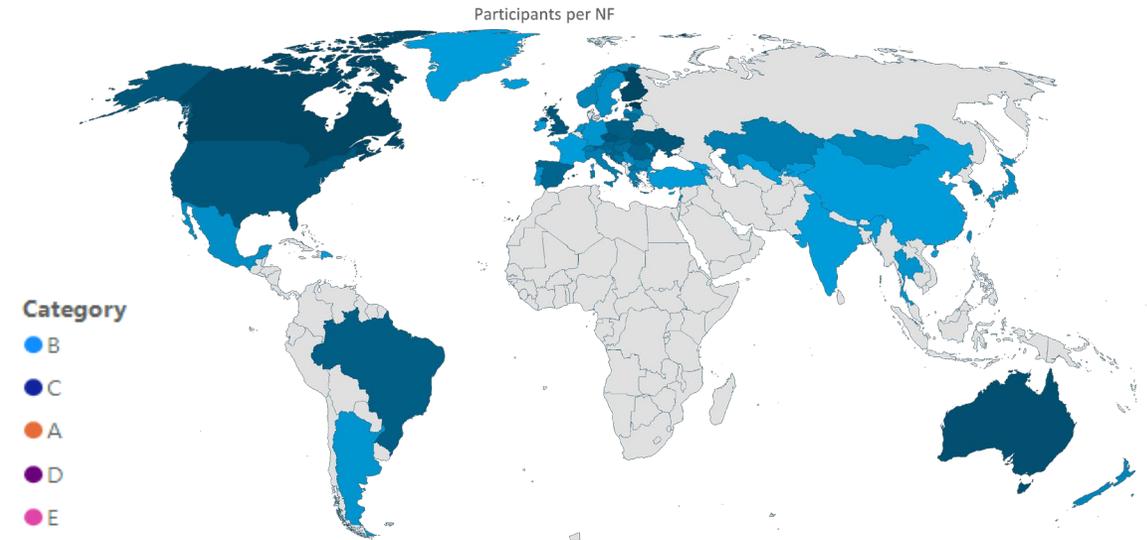
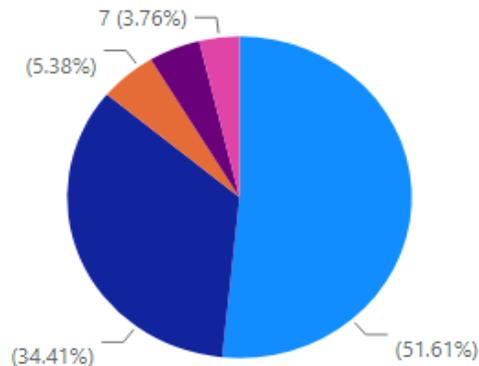


06 IBU ACADEMY



COACH EDUCATION 2025 - Summary

- ✓ 7 Courses completed
 - ✓ 3 Regional Basic Courses (JPN, CRO, POL)
 - ✓ 1 Basic Course (Salzburg, Ruhpolding)
 - ✓ 1 First Level Course (Hochfilzen, Pokljuka, Ramsau)
 - ✓ 1 Second Level Course (Oberhof, Lillehammer, Ruhpolding)
 - ✓ 1 Third Level Course (Oslo, Östersund, Salzburg)
- ✓ 12 Course weeks in total
- ✓ 153 Coaches were educated: 37 % females
- ✓ 114 Coaches graduated
- ✓ 43 Different National Federations



COACH EDUCATION

Basic Course 2026

21 Coaches selected (11 female, 10 male), 19 NFs

First Level Course 2026/27

20 Coaches selected (7 female, 13 male), 20 NFs

NEXT Second Level Course 2027/28

Application Deadline: 31 March 2027

Regional Basic Courses 2026:

Application Deadline: **31 March 2026**

Third Level Course: 2026/27

Application Deadline: **31 March 2026**



COACH EDUCATION: Regional Basic Course

- ✓ 2024: Pilot Course in KAZ
- ✓ 2025: 3 courses in JPN, CRO, POL
- ✓ Application deadline: **31 March 2026**
- ✓ 3 Nations to collaborate, one of them is the host
- ✓ Max. 24 participants (min. 15)
- ✓ Educators and experts by IBU
- ✓ Translation if needed
- ✓ IBU will apply for Olympic Solidarity funding
- ✓ Dates
 - ✓ **24-29 August 2026**
 - ✓ **22-27 October 2026**



SEMINARS & WEBINARS 2026

IBU Coach Webinar 1

11 June 2026

IBU Coach Webinar 2

09 July 2026

Athletes Webinar

24 September 2026

Physicians' Webinar

05 November 2026



JOURNAL OF BIATHLON COACHING

5th Issue in January 2026

Topics Issue 5

- ✓ Interview with Christoph Vassallo
- ✓ Load management
- ✓ Performance determinants
- ✓ Mental health
- ✓ Breathing patterns in shooting
- ✓ Coaches' soft skills

Next Issue: July 2026



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INTERVIEW

CHRISTOPHE VASSALLO

about the the success factors of the French Biathlon Team

TRAINING

"Day-to-Day training load management"

J. WALTHER & Ø. SANDBAKK

SHOOTING

"Breathing patterns in biathlon shooting"

A. KRÜGER, E. HARBOUR & T. FINKENZELLER

COMPETITION

"Performance factors in different formats"

MARKO S. LAAKSONEN

IBU ACADEMY CHANNELS

IBU Academy Website

www.ibuacademy.com

Information and registration for all educational activities (courses, webinars, etc.), list of graduates, Journal of Biathlon Coaching, Research Grant Programme

IBU Academy Email Newsletter

Information about upcoming activities (courses, webinars, etc.), deadlines & updates from IBU Academy - **sign up on ibuacademy.com**

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WELCOME TO IBU ACADEMY

Inspire, empower, shape the future of biathlon: Whether you're a coach training young talents, an athlete pursuing your goals, or a dedicated supporter working behind the scenes, the IBU Academy provides everything you need to make a difference in biathlon. With our educational programs, research projects, and a strong network, we're ensuring that the sport of biathlon becomes even more professional and inspires even more people.

Together, let's advance biathlon!

Journal of Biathlon Coaching Issue 5 released
The IBU Academy is proud to announce the release of the fifth issue of the Journal of Biathlon Coaching, continuing its mission to bridge the gap

IBU signs Partnership with IAT Leipzig
IBU President Ole Dahlin and IAT Sport Director Marc-Oliver Löw signed a partnership agreement on 9 January 2026. This partnership shall

Call for Application - Coach Education 2026/27
The IBU Academy is pleased to announce that applications for the 2026/27 Coach Education Courses are now officially open. National



Newsletter February 26

- Journal of Biathlon Coaching: Issue 5
- Call for Applications: 2026/27 Coach Education Courses and Research Grant Programme
- IBU Academy News

DUAL CAREER



Best Practice Examples: DC Program in Östersund (SWE) & Meråker (NOR)

Program combining higher education & biathlon training for international students
Please contact the respective universities for more information.

Erasmus Project: Dual Career for Biathletes

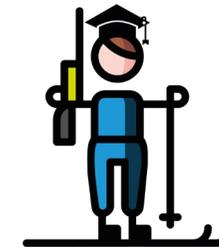
IBU as a partner; project supports balancing sport, education, and career planning by identifying best practices, developing digital learning tools, and enhancing knowledge through research.

 <https://dc4biathletes.com/>

Athletes' involvement after a sport career

Case Studies on the IBU Website

<https://www.biathlonworld.com/de/inside-ibu/development/Case-Studies>



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08 IBU REGIONAL EVENTS and NATIONAL EVENTS



REGIONAL EVENTS 2025/2026

OVERVIEW



36 NFs
participated

6th Season
2025/2026

37 Events
(23 Winter and
14 Summer)*

Over 4800
Youth and
Junior
Participants

700.000
EUR
OCs/NFs
support**

*2 events cancelled

**TBC

IBU - REGIONS 2026/2027

EUROPE	WEST EUROPE	CENTRAL-EAST EUROPE	NORTH EUROPE	SOUTH EUROPE
AUT / ITA GER / SLO SUI / LIE FRA/ ESP**	FRA** / ESP NED / BEL GBR / IRL AND* / SUI** LUX* / POR*	POL / CZE SVK / UKR HUN / BLR***	FIN / SWE NOR / DEN GRL / EST LAT / LTU ISL*	CRO / BIH GRE / BUL SRB / ROU MDA / TUR MKD / CYP LBN
EURO-ASIA	ASIA	NORTH AMERICA	SOUTH AMERICA	OCEANIA
KAZ / UZB GEO / ARM KGZ / MGL CHN** / THA** JPN** / KOR** RUS*** / BLR***	KAZ** / CHN JPN / KOR IND / THA TPE / AUS** NZL**	USA / CAN	BRA / CHI ARG / DOM* MEX*	AUS / NZL

*Provisional IBU members

** NFs that could participate in more than one regional event due to their geographic location

*** Suspended IBU members

IBU REGIONAL SUMMER EVENTS - SUPPORT PRINCIPLES

- The maximum support per **Regional Summer Event** is **7,500 EUR**.
- The City Events organisers may apply for a **20,000 EUR** support.
- Participation of a minimum of three NFs in one IBU Regional Event or City Event is required
- IBU support is intended as partial support for organisers
- The project's duration is from **1 July 2026 to 31 October 2026**
 - **Same project requirements as for season 2025/2026**
 - Basic athlete registration by NF the latest by mid June
 - Result management to IBU Membercenter by OC



REGIONAL AND NATIONAL EVENTS

IBU Summer Regional Events and City Events

- Call for applications 1 April - 12 May 2026
- Announcement of results 1 June 2026

IBU Winter Regional Events

- Call for applications 1 June - 30 June 2026
- Announcement of results 31 July 2026

National Championships results

- Winter season 2025/2026
- Deadline 15 April 2026

National Summer Events Calendar

- Summer season 1 July – 31 October 2026
- Deadline 13 June 2026

07 PARA BIATHLON DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT



PROJECT PRINCIPLES

SAME PRINCIPLES APPLY

- 50% NF co-financing requirement of total project budget
- IBU maximum contribution €15'000 per NF

PARA BIATHLON

1. IDENTIFICATION AND TRAINING OF PARA ATHLETES

- Potential projects:
 - Athlete development camp(s)
 - Talent identification events

2 . POPULARISATION OF PARA BIATHLON

- Potential projects:
 - (Series) of public events to recruit new athletes to para biathlon
 - Laser/Optical/Air rifle activities as a part of the Biathlon 4 All project
 - Recruitment training camps for newcomers
 - Other approved by IBU

- Co-financing may cover the following costs:
 - Transport for participants
 - Accommodation
 - Insurance of project participants, coaches
 - National coach-coordinator fee
 - Transportation of sport equipment
 - Project promotion

NOTE: Costs related to the participation of athletes in national and international events are not eligible!

PARA BIATHLON

3. NF PARTNERSHIPS

- Co-financing may cover the following costs:
 - Organisational costs
 - Travel and accommodation costs
 - Expert's fees during the seminars and workshops
 - Health and accident insurance
- ✓ One NF is expected to serve as the project leader, and may partner with max two other NFs
- ✓ **NOTE:** The partnership project will not support single athletes; the project must show a clear, long-term approach to para biathlon development in the participating countries

PRINCIPLES

- Up to 3 NFs
- Clear roles and responsibilities per NF to be outlined in the proposal
- IBU maximum contribution €25'000 per year per partnership for a maximum of two years
- No co-financing required

- Potential projects:
 - Joint camps combined with educational programmes
 - Invitation to joint conferences to promote para biathlon development
 - Exchange programmes for NF or Para organisation staff
- The project may involve a 2-year partnership with interim reporting and funds transfer for each year accordingly.

PARA BIATHLON

- The applications must be submitted through **IBU SCOPE by IBU NF with Para organization**
- **The applications** must include the following information:
 - Description of a national strategy for para biathlon development
 - Proposed action plan based on the expected objectives
 - Dates and deadlines of the various phases/activities of the projects
 - Detailed budgetary proposal covering all expenses, accommodation costs, and fees agreed upon with the coach or coordinator of the project
 - Other parties included in the project, especially IPC / FIS, if applicable
 - **DEADLINE: 12 May 2026**

BIATHLON 4 ALL FOR PARA

- Support with equipment (laser and VI rifles)
 - NEW APPLICATION is possible **only** if equipment support was **not** granted last season
 - # of rifles to be justified in the application
 - Deadline **12 May 2026**
- <https://www.biathlon-4all.com/>



OVERVIEW PARA CAMPS 2026

- ✓ **IBU Para Biathlon Development Camp, Antholz, ITA**
08 – 14 June 2026
- ✓ **IBU Para Biathlon Asian Development camp, Shchuchinsk, KAZ**
10 - 19 July 2026
- ✓ **IBU Para Biathlon Development camp, Oberhof, GER**
25 September – 2 October 2026

Para Biathlon participation

- Open to all National Federations by application
- 1 coach + 2 athletes (guides in addition)

Applications for Antholz and Shchuchinsk camps
due **30 April 2026**



Coach Education: Para Biathlon Basic Course

- ✓ **Target Group:** Newcomers and coaches with basic knowledge, biathlon/XC coaches, (former) athletes (para, XC, biathlon)
- ✓ **Objectives:** Provide basic knowledge, create awareness, inclusion, create a network, setting coaching structures
- ✓ **Content:** Fundamentals of para biathlon, accessibility and inclusion, classification, shooting and skiing training, applied training science, soft skills, practical hours
- ✓ **Course delivery:** 2 x 3 days of in person courses + online learning + practical hours during camps (clubs, NF)
- ✓ **Duration: 90 hours**
- ✓ **Application** via IBU Scope from 1 – 30 April 2026
- ✓ **Course dates:**
 - ✓ 5-8 June 2026 in Antholz (before camp)
 - ✓ 22-25 September 2026 in Oberhof (before camp)
- ✓ **Max. participants:** 12 coaches
- ✓ Each NF can apply for a max. of **1 male** and **1 female candidate**
- ✓ **Certificate:** after 2 courses, 2 exams, 30 practical hours
- ✓ **Funding:** IBU, IPC

**Before in-person course 1 -
Online learning (from 20 May) -
17 hours**

- Fundamentals of Para Biathlon
- Classification
- Accessibility

**After in-person course 1 -
June-September - 6 hours**

- Further tasks on the platform (lessons from the course)
- 15 practical hours
- Exam

**In-person course 2 - 21-24
September - 21 hours**

- Skiing Training
- Shooting Training
- Motor Skills Training
- Planning and Athlete Development (including impairments and medical background)

**In-person course 1 - 5-8 June -
21 hours**

- Accessibility
- Coaches' Soft Skills
- Classification Process
- Skiing Technique
- Shooting Technique
- Equipment

**Before in-person course 2 -
Online learning (from 7
September) - 15 hours**

- Applied Training Science (including medical backgrounds)
- Shooting Training
- Skiing Training

**After in-person course 2 - By
end of October - 6 hours**

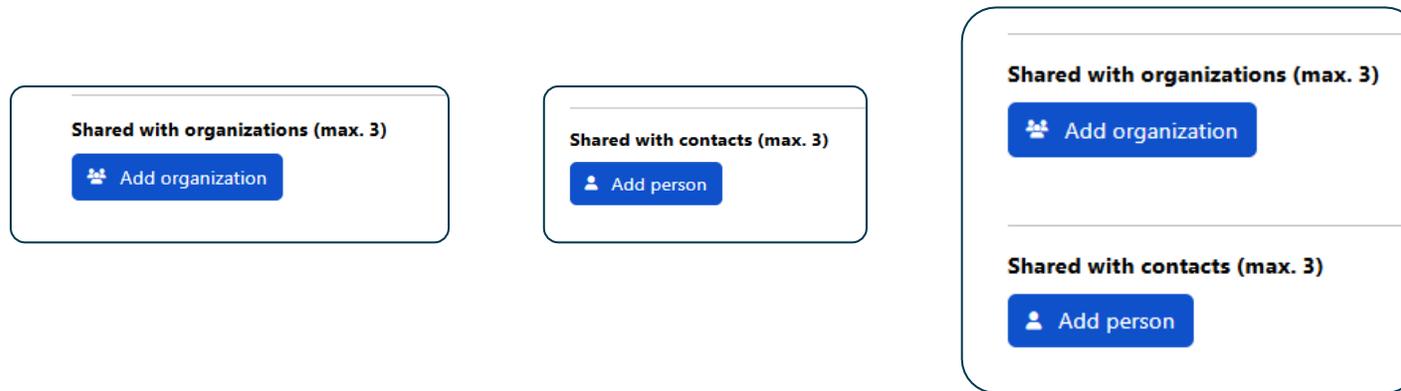
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09 IBU SCOPE UPDATES – Sharing Function



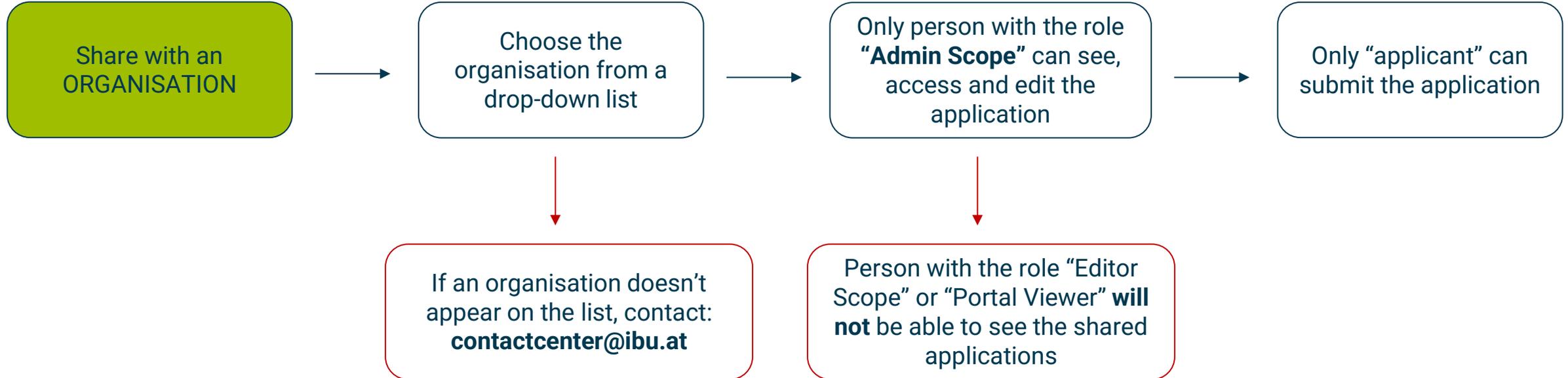
SHARING FUNCTION

- The applying NF (“applicant”) can share the application with up to 3 organisations (e.g. NF, OC, University, etc.) and/or up to 3 contacts (with direct email address) → “editor”
 - IBU pre-selects with whom the application can be shared with:

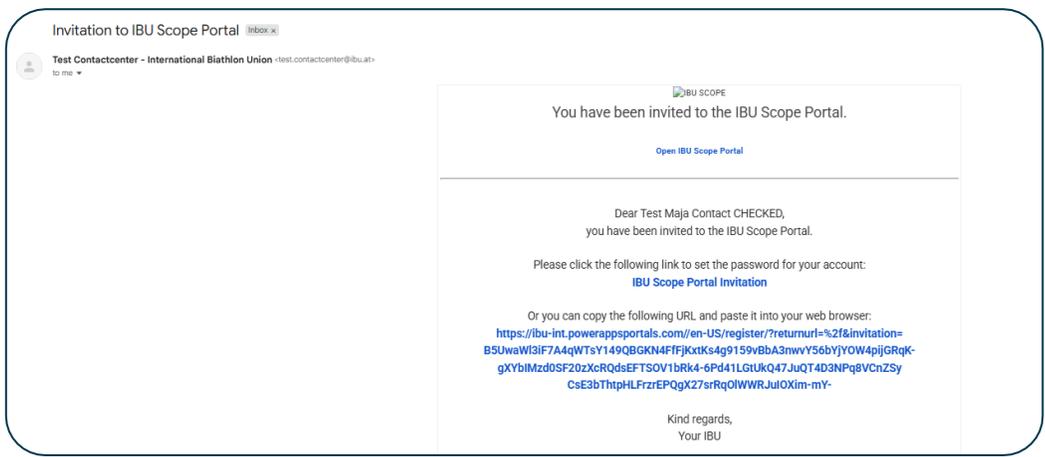
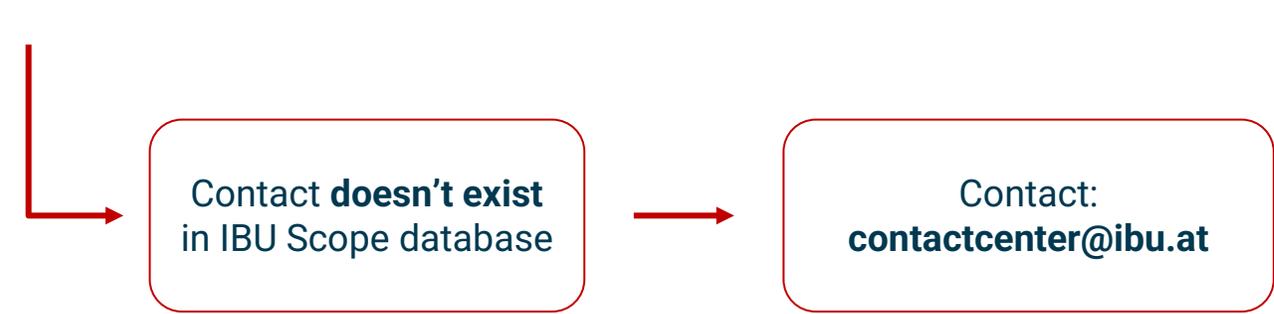
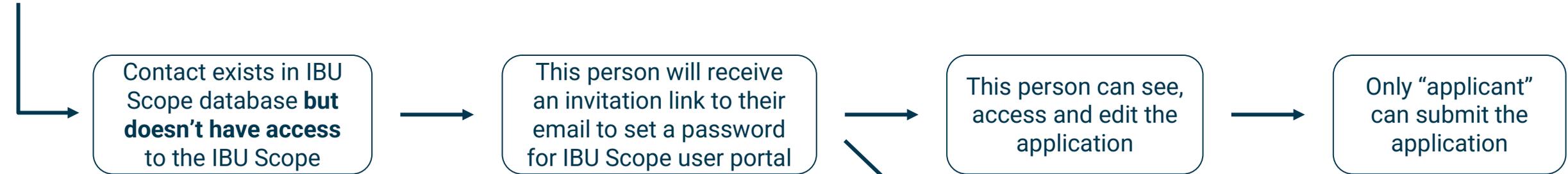
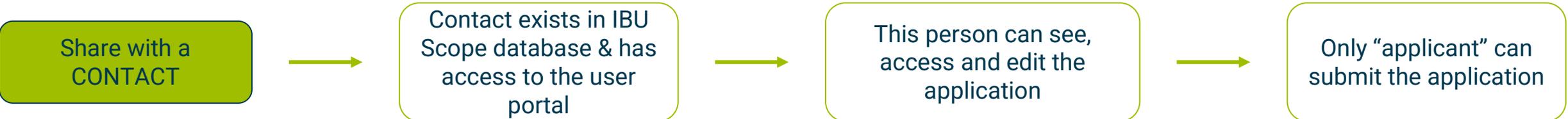


- Once the application is shared with the “editor” they can see, access and edit the application.
- Only “applicant” can submit the application!
- If an application requires a report, all “editors” can automatically see, access and edit the report. Only “applicant” can submit the report!
- **NOTE:** Currently, there are no notifications when an application is shared with “editor(s)” or when “editor(s)” edit the application. **Please communicate with each other** (email, phone, etc.).

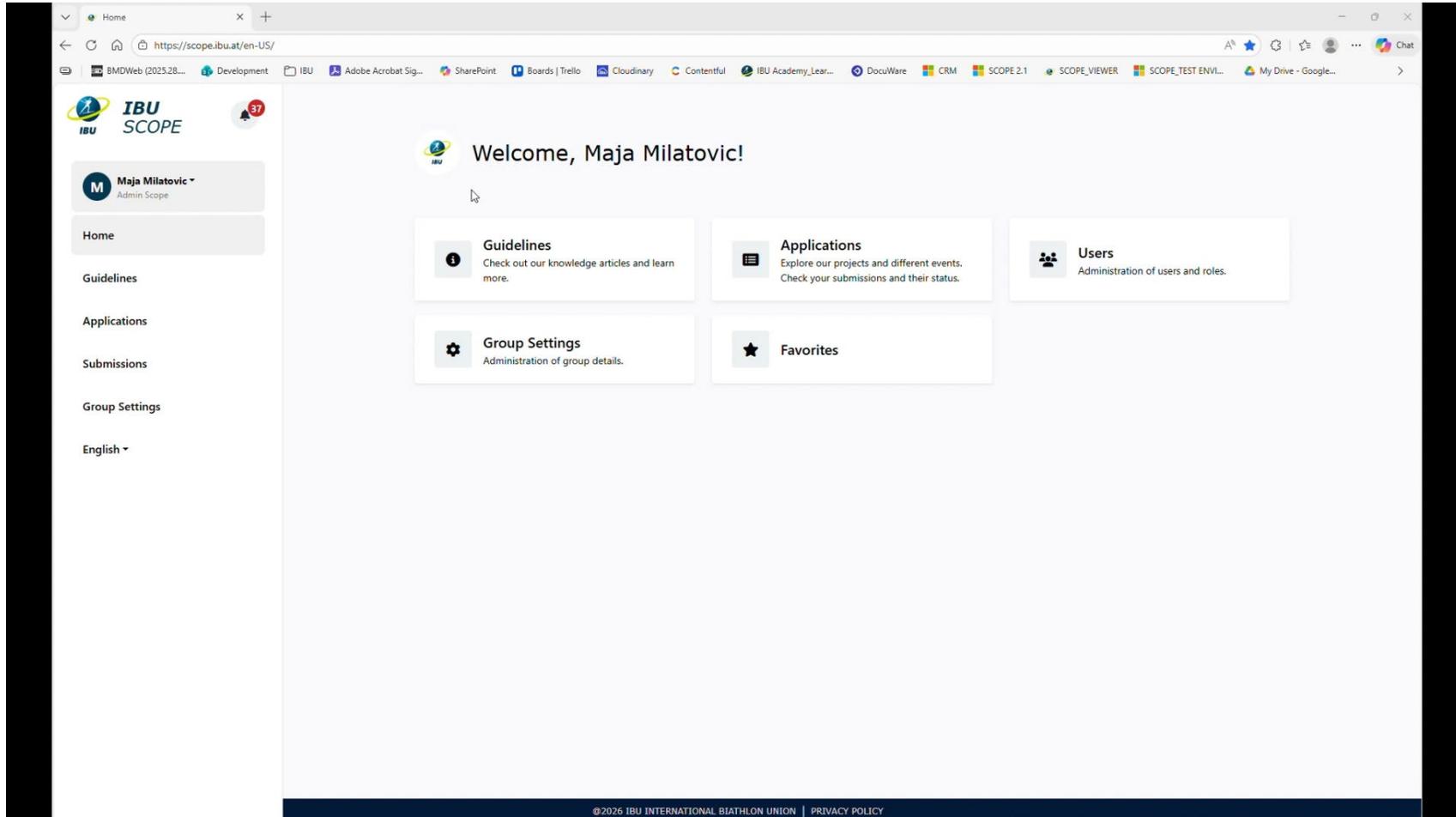
SHARING WITH AN ORGANISATION



SHARING WITH A CONTACT (email address)



CASE: NF Partnerships



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the IBU SCOPE application. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://scope.ibu.at/en-US/>. The application interface includes a top navigation bar with the IBU SCOPE logo and a notification bell icon with a red '37' badge. A user profile dropdown for 'Maja Milatovic' (Admin Scope) is visible. A left sidebar contains a menu with items: Home, Guidelines, Applications, Submissions, Group Settings, and English. The main content area features a 'Welcome, Maja Milatovic!' message and five interactive cards: Guidelines (Check out our knowledge articles and learn more.), Applications (Explore our projects and different events. Check your submissions and their status.), Users (Administration of users and roles.), Group Settings (Administration of group details.), and Favorites.

Home

<https://scope.ibu.at/en-US/>

IBU SCOPE

Maja Milatovic
Admin Scope

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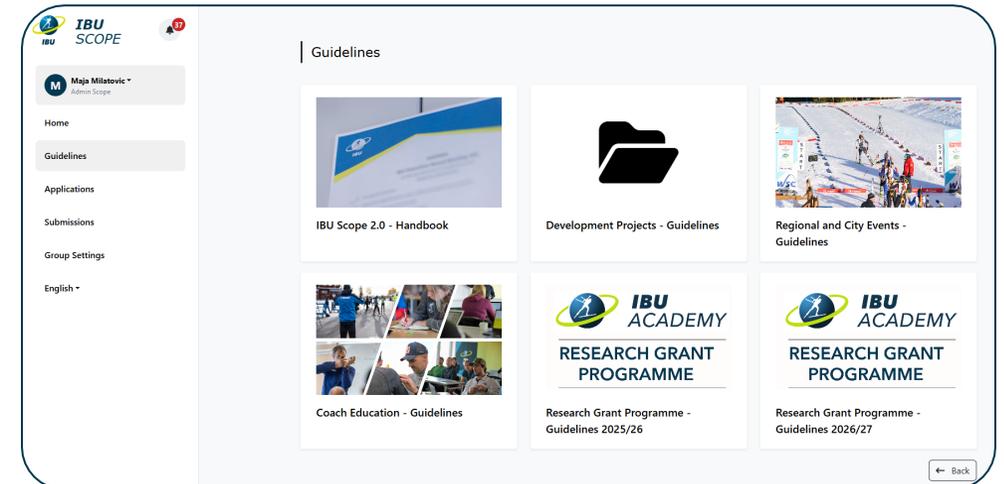
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MAIN TAKE-AWAYS

- The applying NF (“applicant”) can share the application with up to 3 organisations (e.g. NF, OC, University, etc.) and/or up to 3 contacts (with direct email address) → depending on the setup
 - When shared with an organisation → only person with the role **“Admin Scope”** can edit the application!
- Only “applicant” can submit the application!
- If an application requires a report, all “editors” can automatically see, access and edit the report. Only “applicant” can submit the report!
- Communicate with each other about the status of your application (when it was shared, edited, submitted, etc.)
- If the sharing function is enabled for your application, it is not obligatory for you to actually share it
- If the organisation doesn’t appear on the list **or** the contact doesn’t exist in IBU Scope – Send an email to: contactcenter@ibu.at
- A guide on how to navigate the sharing function will be uploaded to [Guidelines](#)



10 UPCOMING EVENTS and more



**IBU AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN
SUSTAINABILITY,
GENDER EQUALITY
SOCIAL MEDIA
BIATHLON 4 ALL**

- ✓ Applications **by 30 June** via IBU Scope for NFs and OCs
- ✓ Showcase the great work you have done and win 10.000 €
- ✓ Winners will be announced at the IBU Congress in Berchtesgaden (GER), 19 September 2026





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**BEST PRACTICES
SHARING WEBINAR
– SUSTAINABILITY,
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS,
PARA BIATHLON**

**MONDAY, 30 MARCH 2026
14.00 CET**



DEADLINES SUMMARY

3rd Level Course IBU Academy Regional Basic Course

- **31 March 2026**

Para Biathlon Basic Level Course

- 30 April 2026

Asian Region Summer Camp

- 30 April 2026

IBU IOC International Youth Camp

- 30 April 2026

Para Biathlon Camps

- 30 April 2026 (ITA and KAZ)
- 31 July 2026 (GER)

NFs Development Projects

- 12 May 2026

Biathlon 4 All

- 20 April 2026 (B4A meeting)
- 12 May 2026 (B4A call)

Summer Regional Events

- 12 May 2026

Winter Regional Events

- 30 June 2026

IBU AWARDS

- 30 June 2026

Winter IBU-IOC Camp

- 31 August 2026

Wishlist Material Distribution

- 30 September 2026

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- IBU Academy (courses, seminars, journal and more)
- Learning Suite
- IBU Scope

DEVELOPMENT

THINK STRATEGIC

BE CREATIVE

COOPERATE



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DEVELOPMENT INFO DAY 2026

25 MARCH 2026

