



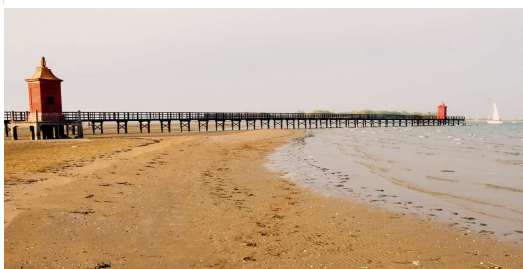
Declaration of Interest of



Lignano Sabbiadoro (Italy)

in bidding to host

Coupe Beach Sprint
in 2028



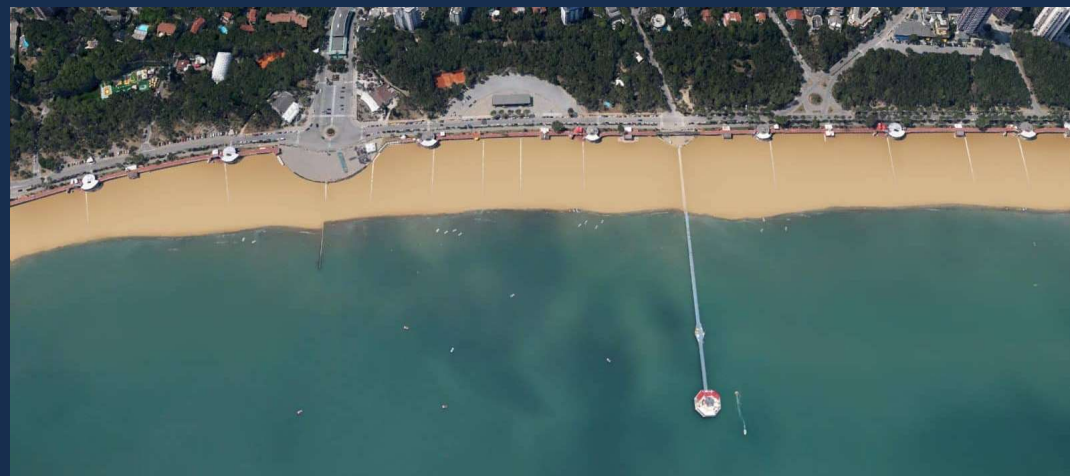
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The Friuli – Venezia Giulia Regional Committee is working closely with the Italian Rowing Federation to lay the foundations for the candidacy to host the 2028 Coupe Beach Sprint

- **Strong local support:** this project is fully supported by local authorities.
- **Unique features:** ideal sports and tourist environment, excellent hospitality infrastructure, and efficient event management capabilities.
- **Top-class sporting facilities:**
Onshore and sea-access facilities provided by **Bella Italia EFA Village**, with a proven record of hosting national and international Coastal Rowing and Beach Sprint events.
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Why Lignano?



Lignano Sabbiadoro is a Premier Seaside Destination

Located in **Northeast Italy**, on the Adriatic coast.

Popular summer destination: Welcomes over 200,000 visitors, including Italians and Central European tourists.

Modern hospitality: Accommodations along 8 km of coastline, offering high-quality facilities for tourists and athletes alike.

Location & Accessibility

Famous for: Wide sandy beaches, high-quality tourism services, and the rich landscape and culture of the surrounding region.

Central location: Less than 110 km from Venice, 125 km from Austria, and 80 km from Slovenia.

Easy access: Served by **Trieste Airport** (62 km) and **Venice Airport** (92 km), with an efficient railway and motorway network.

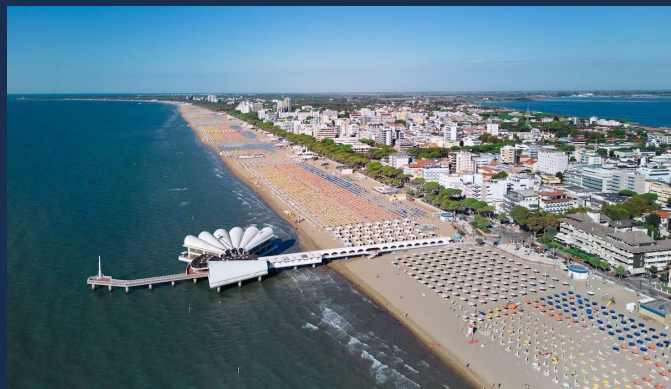


From Lignano Sabbiadoro to...

Venice	Km 110
Austria	Km 125
Slovenia	Km 80
FVG Airport	Km 62
Marco Polo Airport	Km 92



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A strong rowing tradition

Active rowing community:

14 clubs, with over 5000 practitioners and 700 competitive athletes.

Historic roots:

Many clubs founded in the 19th century, recognized nationally and internationally.

Coastal and Beach Sprint expertise:

Most clubs are located along the coast, fostering skills in coastal rowing alongside traditional Olympic-style rowing.





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Proven Experience in Hosting Coastal Rowing Events



Major events hosted in Friuli Venezia Giulia:

- **2011** – Italian Coastal Rowing Championships (Duino – Trieste)
- **2016** – Italian Coastal Rowing Championships (Lignano Sabbiadoro)
- **2020** – Italian Championships – Endurance & Beach Sprint (Lignano Sabbiadoro)
- 2010, 2011, 2014, 2016** – Adriatic Cup (Trieste & Lignano Sabbiadoro)

Recurring international and national regattas:

- **Annual** – *Borin Coastal Rowing* Endurance Regatta (Trieste)
- **Annual** – *Senza Confini* Regatta (Trieste)

Recent and upcoming major events:

- **2024** – Barcolana Beach Sprint (Lignano Sabbiadoro)
- **2025** – Italian Coastal Rowing Endurance Championships (Trieste)
- **2025** – Barcolana Beach Sprint (Lignano Sabbiadoro)



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International Success of Friuli Venezia Giulia Rowing Clubs & rowers



- **Circolo Canottieri Saturnia:**

Multiple international medals, including **4 golds and 5 silvers** in the men's coxed quadruple sculls (4x+), plus additional silver medals in men's and women's events.

Simone Martini (Canottieri Trieste / Canottieri Padova):
1 gold, 3 silvers, and 2 bronzes in coastal rowing solo (1x).

- **Società Ginnastica Triestina Nautica:**

Gold medal in the women's double sculls (2x).

- **Circolo Marina Mercantile "Nazario Sauro":**

Silver and bronze medals in the men's double sculls (2x).

- **Denise Tremul (Polisportiva San Marco):**

Silver medal in the solo (1x); **Mediterranean Beach Games 2015: Bronze medal** in the coxed quadruple sculls (4x+).

Consistent national excellence:

Friuli Venezia Giulia clubs regularly achieve **podium at the Italian Coastal Rowing Championships.**





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Event Venue & Accommodation



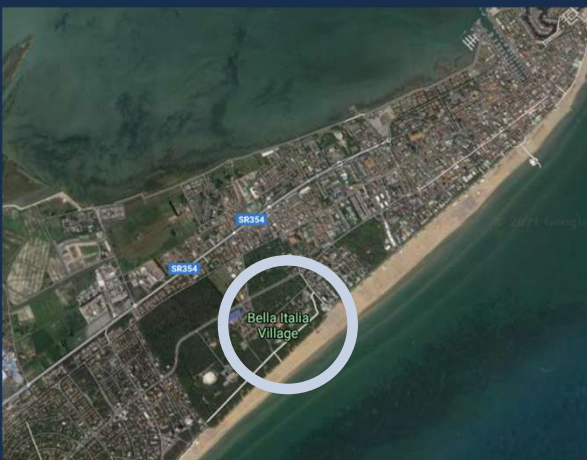
- **Competition venue:**
1,200-meter stretch of sandy beach in Lignano Sabbiadoro, directly adjacent to the Bella Italia EFA Village.

- **Proven event host:**
Venue of the **2020 Italian Coastal Rowing & Beach Sprint Championships**

- **Large accommodation capacity:**
Up to **3,000 guests** within a **60-hectare complex**, largely surrounded by pine forest.

- **Comprehensive facilities:**
 - 13 accommodation and sports buildings, direct beach access, boat storage area, and on-site beach facilities

- **Fully accessible:**
Regular host of **para-rowing and Paralympic national teams**, with accessible rooms located just meters from the competition area.





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13 diverse and accessible facilities



Bella Italia EFA Village" complex

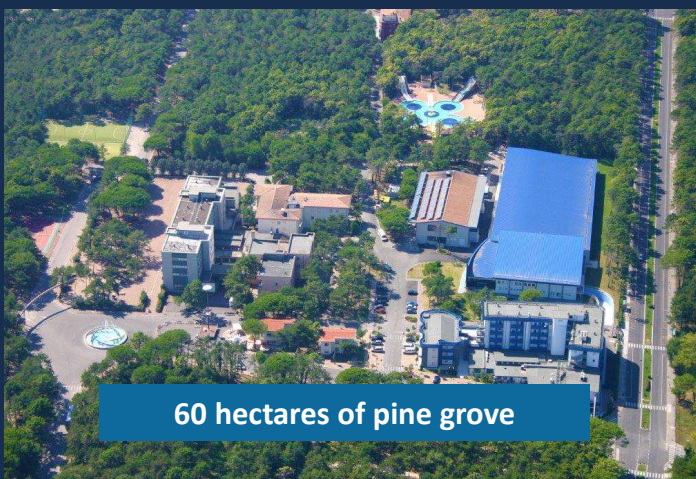
Direct beach access



Guest capacity: 3,000 people



boat storage area and restrooms facilities near the beach



60 hectares of pine grove



1,200 meters of private beach



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An Important Synergy

- The Organizing Committee aims to collaborate with the world-renowned sailing event “Coppa d’Autunno” (Barcolana), held annually in the Gulf of Trieste.

This event attracts over 2,000 boats and more than 300,000 visitors, making it a major international highlight.

- In coordination with the Italian Rowing Federation (Friuli Venezia Giulia Committee) and the sailing event organizers, the proposed date for the Coupe de la Jeunesse – Beach Sprint is the first weekend of October.

- The alignment of dates will create strong promotional and organizational synergies, significantly enhancing the event’s international visibility and impact.





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Thank you for your attention.



Hope to see you in Lignano Sabbiadoro!

