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### **FISU inspection visit**

Pauline Hamonic, the FISU Championship coordinator, and Ola Kåberg, Chairman of the Technical Committee Orienteering of FISU paid their inspection visit to the organisers of Championship Orienteering 2022. They were met by Michael Eglin of International Orienteering Federation and of Swiss Orienteering, by Event Director Fritz Aebi and Technical Director Jost Hammer. The goal of the visit was to get a first-hand impression of the various venues and to streamline requirements for this event.

The inspection visit started at Federal Institute of Sport in Magglingen/Macolin high above the lake of Biel/Bienne. Magglingen is the venue where athletes and delegates will be accommodated and where accreditation, meetings and the closing ceremony will take place. The delegation then moved on to the host city Biel/Bienne where they were joined by the President of Swiss University Sports, Mike Kurt, who took the chance to greet and meet FISU representatives and organizers alike. Having looked at the competition terrain for the sprint, the group transferred to the mountainous terrain of Corcelles (BE) and had a close look at the blueprint for the Middle-Distance event.

The first goal of the second day was to inspect the situation in the Sprint Relay city Langenthal. Again, maps and concepts were viewed and checked on site. This was followed by intensive briefings. Requirements in the ongoing planning process were analysed and ideas were exchanged. The afternoon took the delegation to rural parts again. In the Oberaargau hills Pauline Hamonic and Ola Kåberg could get a precise idea of preparations and plans for the Long Distance and the Forest Relay. The inspection visit was concluded by a run in the forest, during which Technical Delegate Ola Kåberg could get a first-hand experience of the challenges the athletes will have to master. At the end of the day, inspectors and organizers agree that athletes and coaches can be looking forward to exciting and challenging competitions.

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