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FIS Alpine World Ski Championships Bormio Men's Giant Slalom postponed to Thursday due to strike of RAI

The Men's Giant Slalom of the FIS Alpine World Ski Championships had to be postponed to Thursday, February 10th due to a strike of the producing TV Company RAI.

On Tuesday evening at 06:00 p.m. EBU (Eurovision Broadcasting Union) was informed about the strike intention of a part of the staff of RAI Lombardia of the Italian TV company. The information was then forwarded to FIS.

„During the night from Tuesday to Wednesday we tried to find solutions in order to grant TV production and images”, said Arthur Hächler as representative of EBU at a Press Conference.

„EBU as the TV Right Holder has informed us on early Wednesday morning that they would only be able to grant a transmission with a 40% of the internationally usual quality standards. EBU then gave FIS the recommendation not to hold the Giant Slalom due to qualitatively insufficient TV Production”, said FIS President G.F. Kasper.

On Wednesday morning at 09:00 a.m. it was decided to postpone this WSC race to Thursday.