**Vitisha Winter Fest provide a lot of actions and emotions for World Snow Day**

"Sofia - European Capital of Sport“ Foundation starts the annual program of activities with Vitosha Winter Fest. The sports holiday in front of Aleko hut in Vitosha Mountain near Bulgarian capital Sofia was initiated by the Foundation and is being held now for six consecutive winter, dedicated to World Snow Day.

SUPER SNOW ATTRACTIONS AGAIN. This year the program again includes unique attractions. Mountain biking winter downhill for time was be organized for the fifth time ever in Bulgaria, after its debut for the country was at Vitosha Winter Fest in 2017. The snow track was 800 meters long with many turns, jumps and opportunities for tricks. About 60 young athletes took part, all the action of the Fest was coordinated by the health authorities restrictions.

The program for the winter sports fest includes many demonstrations, competitions, fun games and quizzes. On the slope in front of the Aleko hut a Giant Slalom was organized in which children tested their skills, and the winner in each race received a prize. Ski instructors helped young skiers to improve their skills for free. This year, cross-country skiing returned to the attractive track around Aleko hut. That allowed athletes to be supported by a large audience during their sprint races. The ski mountaineering competition started in front of the hut and included extreme climbing on windy slope. Numerous games, mountain songs and fun quizzes are provided on the improvised stage.

There were a lot of games, battle with snowballs, competition for the best vision of a sleigh, for the biggest snowball, for the most attractive rolling in the snow, for the most attractive carnival vision and fun quizzes with many prizes, etc. The organizers had hired a special DJ who entertained the children while professional animators and DJ took care of the good mood and beautiful vision of the kids.

Besides that, the first specialized sledding area was opened with a family race. The zone is a little above the Aleko hut, 250 meters away.

The special training zone for working with avalanche equipment and demonstrations for its use, gathered great interest among the kids. Specialists from the Bulgarian Free and Extreme Style Ski Association demonstrated techniques and rules, and for the youngest visitors to the mountain this was done through games and competitions to find "treasures buried into the snow."

Children saw for the first time demonstrations of the latest hit among winter sports - WingSkiing, in which skiers with "wings" use the wind for action descents and tricks.

All the morning for 3 hours there were competitions, fun games, demonstrations, the whole area was filled with mood, action and snow emotions. The goal is that on World Snow Day more kids can go out of home into the fresh air, among the nature in the mountains.

Organizers of the Vitosha Winter Fest 2021 are Sofia - European Capital of Sport Foundation, Sofia Municipality, Bulgarian Ski Federation, etc.