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2. Register of Commission documents: Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) and the Floods Directive (2007/60/EC) Second River Basin Management Plans First Flood Risk Management Plans Document date: 2019-02-27 COM_SWD(2019)0032 SWD/SEC documents

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3. Register of Commission documents: DRAFT REPORT on minimum standards for minorities in the EU Document date: 2018-05-22 LIBE PR(2018)622176 Draft reports

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4. Venetians fight against record-breaking flooding, safety threats

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5. >>>ANSA/Water crisis threatens 18% of Italy GDP says report Italy to set up task force, commissioner for drought emergency

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6. Localization And Reclamation Service From War Bombs In The Area Involved In The Implementation Of Interventions For The Use Of Irrigation Water Coming From The Adige Through The Leb Channel (italy este: Land Reclamation Services)

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7. Register of Commission documents: Written answer: Bad weather in Italy, serious damage in Veneto, Friuli-Venezia Giulia and Trentino-Alto Adige. Deployment of the EU Solidarity Fund Document date: 2019-01-24 P8 RE(2018)005706 Answers to written questions

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8. Court of Justice of the European Union Judgment: Autonome Provinz Bozen (C-102/21)

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9. Holidays in your own home Holiday properties in South Tyrol have always been highly valued by German buyers. The Corona crisis is driving demand further. Strict conditions in hotels make the domicile in the mountains even more attractive

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10. <u>EU Contract Award: Temporary Association of Companies ECOL STUDIO SPA Wins EU Contract worth</u> 364 593.58 EUR

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11. Chronicles of Victory: President Ilham Aliyev interviewed by Italian Rai 1 TV channel on October 26, 2020

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12. Register of Commission documents: Commission Implementing Decision amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 on protective measures in relation to outbreaks of the highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States Document date: 2017-08-18 COM-AC DI(2017)D052580-01(ANN01) Comitology - Documents for information

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14. IVECO attends the opening of the first LNG refuelling station in the Alto Adige region

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16. President Ilham Aliyev interviewed by Italian Rai 1 TV channel

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17. Key themes from India 's TV news channels 19 Sep 22

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18. <u>Christopher Woods, SOE agent - obituary Officer who co-ordinated partisans with SOE in Italy then spent</u> the Cold War serving in MI6

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19. Snow deficit to hamper Italy 's summer hydropower supply - experts

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20. Out of Control in Italy in quarantine thaw: in Milan people go out en masse and several regions threaten to "open everything"

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21. This historic town is about to be wiped off the map

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22. The ancient Turkish village that's about to disappear - and 13 other drowned towns

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23. Karnataka govt withdraws order on Rs 100 donation

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24. Wherefore Art Thou, Gnocchi-o? Fair Verona Has Another Enduring Love Story

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25. Capt John Robson Obituaries Officer who won an MC after taking eight prisoners while on patrol in Italy

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26. Burst irrigation pipe is focus of Merano train crash investigation

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27. Berlusconi is back, without the Bunga Bunga. This time, he's Italy 's 'Nonno' The frequently disgraced former prime minister, still barred from office, is nonetheless poised to be a major force in March elections

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28. TWISTER TERROR 2,000 tourists evacuated on Menorca after tornado tears down electricity pylons and plunges Spanish island into darkness Gale-force winds have forced thousands to be relocated as hotels shut down

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29. <u>Universita degli Studi di Trento Researchers Describe Recent Advances in Hydrology [Streamflow</u> Reconstructions Using Tree-Ring Based Paleo Proxies for the Upper Adige River Basin (Italy)]

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30. Merano train crash probe focuses on cause of landslide

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31. Italian PDO's and PGI's Embrace Pink Wines To Conquer New Palates

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32. Italian Justice investigates the "crown-parties" to get infected

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33. <u>Italian PDO's and PGI's Embrace Pink Wines To Conquer New Palates Learn about Italian "Vini Rosa"</u> through Taste the Difference: Quality Wines from the Heart of Europe program

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34. <u>ENJOYING LA DOLCE VITA The Italian lakes offer competitive prices and glorious scenery, says Gordon</u> *Miller*



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35. Italy weather: Italy braces as flood warnings spread past Venice to Florence and Pisa ITALY has been lashed with rain as the huge floods that forced Venice to close St Mark's Square again following the third major deluge in a week triggered fears major cities such as Florence and Pisa could also soon be under several feet of water.

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36. <u>TEACHER COUPLE SUNK IN THE ETSCH RIVER Search for bodies. Son arrested. Dispute over tuition</u> fees?

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37. Italian paper views chances for 'national unity government'

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38. Budapest train station opens for limited travel, migrants rush in

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39. World in a page; Bringing you the world this week

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40. <u>UNESCO 'S ARCHIVES, A TESTIMONY OF THE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF VENICE</u> AND ITS LAGOON

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41. <u>Leaping back into action; For Les Grands Ballets, artistic director Cavallari channels Dante as well as Shakespeare in a new version of Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet</u>

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42. Italian bubblies deserving of spotlight

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43. Is Liberalism a Dying Faith?

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44. More green and less blue water in the Alps during warmer summers

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45. The missing town Curon began to resurface

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46. As Sober Curious and Alcohol Free Trend Gains Popularity in the US, Buonafide 0.0 Alcohol Free Italian Wines Makes its US Debut

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47. BBC News - 1:26 PM GMT

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48. Raiffeisen Banks Installs 150 Steelhead Appliances

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49. EU Contract Award: RTI Vilona Uxo srl e Ediltecnica srl Wins EU Contract worth 704 839.79 EUR

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50. Raiffeisen Banks Installs 150 Steelhead Appliances Riverbed Ensures Data Integrity for Banking System

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51. Don't live a fake, commercial Xmas says pope (5)

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52. Berlusconi is back, this time, as the & "grandfather&" of Italy

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53. Tender Notice: ADIGE EUGANEO RECLAMATION CONSORTIUM Seeks "Works Management and Safety Coordination in Carrying out Interventions for the Use of Irrigation Water from the Adige Through Leb, Replacing Derivations from the Fratta River in the Provinces of Vr and Pd" (386339-2020)

Client/Matter: -None-

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54. <u>Beloved unloved lake In Upper Vinschgau, holiday properties are much cheaper than in the rest of South</u>

Tyrol. The reason is Mussolini's reservoir. But the interest of investors is rising

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55. How federal is India today?

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56. >>>ANSA/ Venice on its knees as floods devastate city St Mark's Basilica seriously damaged, two people dead

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57. Don't live a fake, commercial Xmas says pope (6) Audience for donors of crib and tree in St Peter's Square

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58. From wheat to vineyards: French and Italian farmers estimate storm, hail and drought damages

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59. <u>Italian bodybuilder, 30, admits killing both his parents because they asked him to take the family dog for a</u> walk

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60. Terra Incognita: Western policy makers, stop being obsessed with 'solutions' in the Middle East

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61. Weekend wine picks

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62. The drive stupendous Italy

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63. French and Italian farmers count cost of storms

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64. THE OTHER SIDE OF VENICE

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65. Bye-Bye, Bunga Bunga. Hello, Berlusconi the Elder.

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66. <u>Island-hopping in Venice - by bike Richard Mellor escapes the crowds on a two-wheeled tour of the quieter</u> isles, villages and beaches surrounding the city's lagoon Cycling around the lagoon

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67. Italian election results MAPPED: Who won the election as latest results flood in

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68. Berlusconi Is Back. Again. This Time, as Italy 's 'Nonno'

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69. Imagine living with this crap': tempers in Venice boil over in tourist high season As residents leave and visitor numbers soar, the city's quality of life is being eroded. This summer, irate locals have taken to the streets

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70. Venice: island-hopping by bike

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71. Italy - Q2 2018

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72. Europe's migrant crisis: Chaos as trains are stopped in Hungary

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73. Banca Popolare dell' Alto Adige SpA (Volksbank) Assigned ESG Evaluation Of 66; Preparedness Adequate

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74. Canal cycling worth a song

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75. National Briefs

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76. Congress MLA KR Ramesh Kumar under fire for rape comment in assembly

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77. Paris ends Italian ski team's drought with win on home snow

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78. Venice flooding: Watch LIVE webcam of Italy tourist hotspot drowned by floods & heavy rain THE Italian holiday hotspot of Venice is still affected by severe flooding after days of relentless rain caused tides to go up to almost record-breaking levels, forcing Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte to issue a state of emergency for the city.

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79. Summer in the Dolomites Sue Lawley enjoys magnificent views on a hiking holiday in the South Tyrol.

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80. ITALIAN ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY JANUARY 09: LATEST NEWS FROM THE WORLD

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81. Sky: arriva in prima tv 'Lovely Boy' di Lettieri Già fuori concorso alle Giornate degli Autori

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82. Will Pinot Grigio Suffer The Fate Of Chardonnay?

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83. Venice: Cruising by bike A voyage from Mantua lets you cycle by day, then sleep on a canal boat, says Adrian Mourby

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84. TV programmes to give you wanderlust this week

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85. Alpine Wines Wine

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86. We'll always have Paris, in Bormio Dominik Paris wins downhill, five years later, on same course

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87. The lake escape: 20 great European holidays beside the water

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88. Fresh and fragrant from Italian slopes

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89. 5 years later, Paris is still fastest in Bormio downhill

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90. Iceman gets iPhone, iPad apps for kids

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91. In northern Italy, the sound of the swirling river suffuses even my hotel room

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92. 5 years later, Paris is still fastest in Bormio downhill 5 years later, Paris is still fastest in Bormio downhill

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93. PEAK SEASON The mountains are just as tempting in summer, when you can run up them, bike down them, paraglide off them or simply enjoy the soaring views, says Sean Newsom

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94. Cookbooks are flavour of the season

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95. Behind every successful Wine is Terroir

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96. High tides persist in Venice

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97. Cinema: Orizzonti Vicini al Trento film festival

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98. Venice floods: Italy declares state of emergency after 'widespread devastation' in city ITALY will declare a state of emergency today after deadly floods brought "widespread devastation" to to its historic basilica, with the city's Mayor warning the city is "on its knees".

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99. 11 Die as Severe Winds And Flooding Lash Italy

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Furthermore, as Italy and Switzerland decided not to develop a joint management plan, it is recommended that Italy includes a section in its RBMP on international coordination efforts to increase transparency. Such a chapter should also include clear information on the specific topics where the two countries are coordinating, e.g coordination on addressing pressures (beyond the Action Plan on Lakes).2 Italy informed subsequently that, due to the fact that water quality of the water bodies in the Swiss territory is good and no relevant pressures were identified, the information is still sufficient to provide an overview on possible water issues. Italy moreover noted that in the context of the public consultation carried out for the Strategic Environmental Assessment procedure [of the Eastern Alps RBMP] and of the more general cross-border coordination in implementation of Article 3.5 of the WFD, Italy has formally involved Austria, Slovenia and Register of Commission documents: Accompanying the document Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the implementation of the W....

Switzerland. In order to facilitate cross-border consultation with neighbouring states, a specific document concerning the shared portions of the district and any related issues was elaborated and forwarded. The document can be downloaded from the site: http://www.alpiorientali.it/direttiva-2000-60/primo-aggiornamento

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by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), such as the report entitled 'Respect for and protection of persons belonging to minorities 2008-2010', - having regard to Rule 52 of its Rules of Procedure, having regard to the report of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs and the opinion of the Committee on Culture and Education (A8-0000/2018), A. whereas the rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities are an integral part of human rights, which are universal, indivisible and independent, and whereas protecting and promoting minority rights is essential for peace, security and stability and for promoting tolerance, mutual respect and understanding and co-operation among all persons living on their territory; B. whereas the protection of the rights of persons belonging to minorities can help build a sustainable future for Europe and contribute to guaranteeing the respect of the principles of dignity, equality and nondiscrimination; whereas benefits are not limited to minorities since this protection and promotion will bring stability, economic development and prosperity to all; C. whereas the Treaty of Lisbon introduced the term 'persons belonging to minorities' into EU primary law, the first-ever explicit reference in the history of the EU law; whereas Article 2 of the *Treaty* makes it clear that 'respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities' is a value on which 'the Union is founded'; whereas Article 2 of the Treaty affirms that this value is 'common to the Member States in a society in which pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance, justice, solidarity and equality between women and men prevail'; whereas the new EU Treaties, following the approach of international law in this respect, do not define the term 'minorities'; D. whereas the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU has laid down the principle of non-discrimination; whereas the values of the European Union are common to the Member States; E. whereas the Copenhagen criteria are part of the EU accession criteria; whereas one of the three criteria clearly requires countries to ensure democracy, the rule of law, human rights and respect for, and protection of, minorities; F. whereas recent developments have shown that instruments and processes to ensure the full and correct application of the principles and values of the *Treaties* – of which the respect for rights of persons belonging to minorities is a constituent part - need to be revised and integrated, and that an effective mechanism to close remaining gaps, and to ensure that *Treaty* principles and values are upheld throughout the Union, should be 3 OJ C 124 E, 25.5.2006, p. 405. PR\1153663EN.docx 5/10 PE622.176v01-00 EN developed; whereas this mechanism should be evidence-based, objective, non-discriminatory, respecting the principles of subsidiarity, necessity and proportionality, applying to both Member States and institutions of the Union, and based on a graduated approach, including both a preventative and corrective arm; G. whereas languages are an integral part of European identity and the most direct expression of culture; whereas respect for linguistic diversity is a fundamental value of the EU, as laid down in, for instance, Article 22 of the Charter and the preamble to the TEU, which refers to 'drawing inspiration from the cultural, religious and humanist inheritance of Europe, from which have developed the universal values of the inviolable and inalienable rights of the human person, freedom, democracy, equality and the rule of law'; H. whereas the European Union's cultural heritage is rich and diverse; whereas cultural heritage enriches the individual lives of citizens; whereas Article 3 of the TEU affirms, that 'the Union shall respect its rich cultural and linguistic diversity, and shall ensure that Europe's cultural heritage is safeguarded and enhanced'; whereas minorities that have been living together in Europe contribute to this rich, unique and diverse heritage and are an integral part of the European identity; 1. Recalls that while protection of minorities is a part of the Copenhagen criteria, both for the candidate countries and for the Member States, there is no guarantee that candidate states stick to the commitments undertaken under the Copenhagen criteria once they became Member States; recalls that there is no standard for minority rights in Union policy nor a common understanding of who can be considered a member of a minority; notes that there is no definition of minorities in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities, nor in the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (FCNM); recommends that, with respect to the principles of subsidiarity, proportionality and non-discrimination, such a definition should be based on the definition, laid down in Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1201(1993) for an additional protocol on the rights of minorities to the European Convention on Human Rights, of a 'national minority' as a group of persons in a state who - reside on the territory of that state, - maintain longstanding, firm and lasting ties with that state, - display distinctive ethnic, cultural, religious or linguistic characteristics, - are sufficiently representative, although smaller in number than the rest of the population of that state or of a region of that state, – are motivated by a concern to preserve together that which constitutes their common identity, including their culture, their tradition, their religion or their language; 2. Recalls Guideline Number 5 on the Relations between the Council of Europe and the European Union as adopted by the Heads of State and Government of the Member States of the Council of Europe, meeting in Warsaw on 16

and 17 May 2005, which states that the 'European Union shall strive to transpose those aspects of Council of PE622.176v01-00 6/10 PR\1153663EN.docx EN Europe Conventions within its competence into European Union Law'; 3. Notes that parts of the provisions of the FCNM and the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages ('Language Charter') fall within the competences of the EU, and recalls the FRA's conclusion that whereas the Union does not have overall legislative competence to rule on the protection of national minorities as such, it 'may rule on a variety of issues that affect persons belonging to national minorities'; 4. Expresses that there is a need for a legislative proposal on minimum standards of protection of minorities in the EU, for improving the situation of minorities in all the Member States and to avoid double standards, while respecting the principle of subsidiarity and proportionality, and after carrying out a proper impact assessment; calls on the *Commission* and the Member States to ensure that their legal systems guarantee that persons belonging to a minority are not discriminated against, and to take and implement targeted protection measures based on relevant international standards; 5. Calls on the Member States, while safeguarding the national citizenship, and calls on the Commission, while promoting the European identity and common values, to safeguard the right of national minorities to preserve, protect and develop their own identity, and to take the necessary steps to ensure the effective participation of national minorities in social, economic and cultural life and in public affairs; 6. Calls on the Member States to ratify, and the European Union to accede to, the FCNM and the Language Charter and to respect the principles laid down in these documents; calls on the Member States and the *Commission* to refrain from acts that go against the principles laid down in these documents; notes that the Member States and the EU institutions shall refrain from adopting laws and administrative measures that weaken or derogate the rights of persons belonging to minorities; 7. Recalls that common and minimum standards to protect the rights of persons belonging to national or ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities should be developed, taking account of best practices already used within the Member States, such as in Italy (Alto **Adige**/South Tyro)I, in Germany (Schleswig-Holstein) or in Finland, following the procedural principles of good neighbourliness, friendly relations and co-operation between the Member States, and on the basis of the implementation of international standards and norms; recalls the implementation of the commitments adopted and principles developed in the framework of the OSCE, particularly in its thematic recommendations and guidelines; recalls that the *Commission* has already taken these standards into account in the context of the Copenhagen criteria during the accession negotiations with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, Cyprus, Malta, Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia and the current candidate countries; 8. Notes that persons belonging to minorities are in a special category with regard to the right to remedies and have specific needs that must be met if they are to achieve full and effective equality, and that their rights should be respected and promoted, including the right to freely express, preserve and develop their cultural or linguistic identity, free from any attempt at assimilation against their will; 9. Calls on the Member States to promote friendly and stable relationships between each other, especially in border regions where more languages are spoken and different PR\1153663EN.docx 7/10 PE622.176v01-00 EN cultures may be present; National minorities 10. Notes that national minorities are groups of persons belonging to minorities who have been living on the same territory and sharing a common identity, in some instances as a result of border changes, in others as a result of living a long time in an area, whereby they have managed to preserve their identity; calls on the Member States and the **Commission** to protect the cultural and linguistic identity of national minorities, and to create conditions for the promotion of that identity; points to the important role that regional and local authorities in the EU can play in protecting national minorities, and considers that administrative reorganisation and territorial districting must not have negative consequences for them; 11. Notes that persons belonging to national minorities have the right to exercise fully and effectively their human rights and fundamental freedoms without any discrimination and in full equality before the law; Cultural rights 12. Notes that maintaining the cultural heritage of the EU is a common interest of the Member States; calls on the EU institutions and its Member States to support, enhance and promote the cultural rights of national minorities; 13. Calls on the **Commission** and the Member States to recognise the contribution of national minorities to the cultural heritage of the Union, to reinforce dialogue with the representatives of national minorities and to identify and implement coordinated policies and actions for the sustainable management of preserving and developing their culture; 14. Calls on the *Commission* and the Member States to involve and support national minorities and their representatives in fostering knowledge and skills that are necessary in order to safeguard, sustainably manage and develop cultural heritage and that should be handed down to future generations; calls on the Member States and the **Commission** to establish and maintain concrete cultural funds for the representatives of regional and minority rights, both at horizontal and vertical levels; 15.

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Highlights the fact that media plays a central role with regard to cultural and linguistic rights; recalls that being able to receive and publish information in a language one can fully understand and communicate in is a precondition for equal and effective participation in public, economic, social and cultural life; notes in this regard that special attention must be given to the needs of persons belonging to national minorities living in rural and remote areas; 16. Calls on the Member States and the Commission to ensure that the media can operate independently and free from discrimination in minority languages, to take into account national minorities when licensing or privatising media services, including assigning TV and radio broadcasters, to provide appropriate funds for self-governance to organisations representing minorities, with a view to fostering their sense of belonging to, and identification with, their respective minority groups, and to bring their identities, PE622.176v01-00 8/10 PR\1153663EN.docx EN languages, histories and cultures to the attention of the majority; 17. Calls on the Member States and the **Commission** to refrain from political and legal acts and policies that aim to prescribe restrictive measures, such as subtitling and/or translation obligations and mandatory quotas for programmes in official languages; calls on the Members States and the *Commission* to allow and promote the presence of regional or minority-language media, also on online interfaces; calls on the Member States and the *Commission* to ensure appropriate funding or grants for organisations and media representing national minorities, in view of their regional specificities and needs; Right to education 18. Notes that education is a key element of socialisation and development, and that the continuity of mother tongue education is vital to preserving their cultural and linguistic identity; notes that, when it comes to minority language education, there is no one single best-practice model that is suitable for all national minorities; 19. Calls on the Member States and the *Commission* to promote and support the official use of languages spoken by national minorities in the territories where they live, at local or regional level, in conformity with the principles of the FCNM and the Language Charter, while taking into account that the protection and encouragement of the use of regional and minority languages should not be to the detriment of official languages and the obligation to learn them; 20. Calls on the Member States and the *Commission* to ensure that persons belonging to national minorities have rights and adequate opportunities to receive education in a minority language and for instruction in their mother tongue in both public and private educational institutions; calls on the Member States to formulate appropriate education policies, bearing in mind the right for education in a minority language and the needs of national minorities; calls on the Members States and the Commission to incorporate the best practices in teaching foreign languages into the methodology of teaching official languages when it comes to curricula for schools which provide education in a minority language; notes that the Member States should ensure that both the regional or minority language and the official language are taught using appropriate methods; 21. Calls on the Member States to define preferential thresholds in the learning of regional or minority languages; calls on the Member States and the Commission to ensure that people belonging to national minorities living in rural area, or living in widely scattered **settlements**, have the right to receive education in a minority language, e.g. in their mother tongue and; calls on the Member States and the *Commission* to ensure that education reforms and policies do not restrict the right to receive education in a minority language; 22. Calls on the Member States and the *Commission* to ensure the availability of integrated support at a vertical level for minority and regional languages in education systems, specifically by creating, at Member State education ministries as well as within the *Commission*, units responsible for incorporating minority and regional language education in school curricula; calls on the Member States and the **Commission** to provide a continuous learning line for minority languages from pre-school to tertiary education levels; PR\1153663EN.docx 9/10 PE622.176v01-00 EN 23. Notes that the training of teachers and access to textbooks of good quality are essential preconditions for ensuring good quality education for students; notes that a widely recognised problem regarding minority language education that needs to be addressed is the insufficient availability of high-quality teaching material and skilled minority language teachers; notes that multi-dimensional teaching of history should be a requirement in all schools, whether in minority or majority communities; Language rights 24. Notes that language is an essential aspect of cultural identity and the human rights of minorities; calls on the Member States to take into consideration this rights perspective, to ensure the right to use a minority language in private as in public places without any discrimination, and to protect linguistic diversity within the Union; calls on the *Commission* to strengthen its plan to promote the teaching and use of regional languages as a potential means of tackling language discrimination in the EU, and to promote linguistic diversity; 25. Notes that in addition to its 24 official languages, the EU is home to 60 other languages which are also part of the EU's cultural and language heritage and which are spoken in specific regions or by specific groups by 40 million people; notes that the multilingualism of the European Union is unique at the level of international organisations; notes that the principle of

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multilingualism is enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, which obliges the EU to respect linguistic diversity and to support Europe's rich linguistic and cultural heritage by promoting language learning and linguistic diversity; 26. Calls the Member States and the Commission to allow and promote, with regard to the administrative authorities and public service organisations, the use of regional or minority languages in practice, according to the principle of proportionality, such as in relations between private individuals and organisations on the one hand, and public authorities on the other; calls on the Member States to make information and public services available in these languages, including on the internet, in areas where people belonging to national minorities are traditionally present; encourages municipal authorities to ensure the use of regional and minority languages; encourages the Member States to use the good practices already existing within the Member States as guidelines; 27. Calls on the Member States and the *Commission* to ensure that safety and security marking and labelling, important mandatory instructions and public announcements of import to citizens, whether provided by the authorities or the private sector, as well as place names and topographical designations, are written in their correct form and available in the languages commonly used in a given region, including on signs indicating entry into or exit from urban areas and on all other road signs providing information; 28. Notes that the visual representation of regional and minority languages - road signs, street names, the names of administrative, public and commercial institutions, etc. - is essential to promoting and protecting national minority rights, as it reflects, and contributes to, the vital use of regional and minority languages, encouraging persons belonging to national minorities to use, preserve and develop their linguistic diversity, PE622.176v01-00 10/10 PR\1153663EN.docx EN identity and language rights, express their multi-ethnic local identity, and strengthen their sense of ownership as members of groups living in a local or regional community; 29. Calls on the Member States to take action to prevent administrative and financial obstacles that could delay linguistic diversity at European and national level and impede the usage and application of linguistic rights of persons belonging to national minorities; Conclusion 30. Calls on the **Commission** to draw up a roadmap towards establishing minimum standards for the protection of minorities; recommends that this roadmap should contain measurable milestones with regular reporting, and should consist, as a minimum of – the drafting of guidelines reflecting good practices within the Member States, in *cooperation* with different stakeholders involved in minority rights protection, - a Commission recommendation, taking into consideration existing national measures, subsidiarity and proportionality, - a legislative proposal for a directive, based on the aforementioned points, on minimum standards for minorities in the EU; °°° 31. Instructs its President to forward this *resolution* to the Council and the *Commission*.

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India, Nov. 22 -- One of only four oar makers for Venice's famed gondoliers, Paolo Brandolisio wades through his ground-floor workshop for the third time in a week of record-breaking *floods*, despairing of any help from national or local institutions."If these phenomena continue to repeat themselves, you have to think about how to defend yourself," he says. "Because the defenses that the politicians have made don't seem to be nearly enough."You have to think of yourself," he repeats. Venetians are fed up with what they see as inadequate responses to the city's mounting problems: record-breaking *flooding*, environmental and safety *threats* from cruise ship traffic and the burden on services from over-tourism. They feel largely left to their own devices, with ever-fewer Venetians living in the historic part of the city to defend its interests and keep it from becoming mainly a tourist domain. The historic *flooding* this week - marked by three *floods* over 1.5 meters (nearly 5 feet) and the highest in 53 years at 1.87 meters (6 feet, 1 inch) - has sharpened calls to create an administration that recognizes the uniqueness of Venice, for both its concentration of treasures and its increasing vulnerability. *Flood* damage has been estimated at hundreds of millions of euros (dollars), but the true scope will only become clear with time.

Architectural masterpieces like St. Mark's Cathedral still need to be fully inspected and damaged manuscripts from the Music Conservatory library treated by experts - not to mention the personal losses suffered by thousands of residents and businesses." I feel ashamed," said Fabio Moretti, the president of Venice's historic Academy of Fine Arts that was once presided over by Tiepolo and Canova. "These places are left in our custody. They don't belong to us. They belong to humanity. It is a heritage that needs to be preserved. "The frustration goes far beyond the failure to complete and activate 78 underwater barriers that were designed to prevent just the kind of damage that Venice has endured this week. With the system not yet completed or even partially tested after 16 years of work and 5 billion euros (\$5.5 billion) invested, many are skeptical it will even work. "This is a climate emergency. This is sick governance of the city," said Jane Da Mosto, an environmental scientist and executive director of the NGO "We Are Here Venice," whose aim it is to keep Venice a living city as opposed to a museum or theme park. Brandolisio, the oar builder, sees systemic lapses in the official response, including the failure of local authorities to organize services immediately for those in need, an absence filled by volunteers. That included both a network of students who helped clear out waterlogged property for those in need and professionals like water-taxi drivers who offered transport during the emergency. For now, he is taking matters into his own hands. To protect his bottega where he not only makes oars but carves ornamental oar posts for gondolas or as sculpture, Brandolisio said he will have to consider raising the floor by at least 20 centimeters and buying a pump - precautions he never previously deemed necessary."I think I will lose at least two or three weeks of work," he said. "I will have to dry everything. Lots of things fell into the water, so I need to clean all the tools that can get rusty. I need to take care of wood that got wet, which I can't use because it cannot be glued. At the public level, proposals for better administering the city including granting some level of autonomy to Venice, already enjoyed by some Italian regions like Trentino-Alto-Adige with its German-speaking minority, or offering tax breaks to encourage Venice's repopulation. Just 53,000 people live in

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the historic part of the city that tourists know as Venice, down by a third from a generation ago and dropping by about 1,000 people a year. The population of the lagoon islands - including glass-making Murano and the Lido beach destination - is just under 30,000, and dwindling too. That means fewer people watching the neighborhood, monitoring for public maintenance issues or neighbors in need. Many leave because of the increased expense or the daily difficulties in living in a city of canals, which can make even a simple errand a minor odyssey. Activists also say local politicians are more beholden to the city's mainland population, which has jumped to 180,000 people not directly affected, for the most part, by the same issues as the lagoon dwellers. They are pushing for passage of a referendum on Dec. 1 that would give the historic center and islands their own administration, separate from that serving more populous Mestre and the industrial port of Marghera. Those areas were annexed to Venice by the Fascist dictator Benito Mussolini, and not necessarily a natural fit. It is precisely because we also have a climate emergency that this kind of thing is more important, Da Mosto said. The only thing we can do for the climate is to prepare. That requires appropriate policies and investments and responsible engineering. And because the political context of Venice is so wrong, Venice doesn't have a chance at the moment."

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(ANSA) - MAR 22 - The <u>water</u>-supply crisis <u>threatens</u> Italian businesses that generate annual revenues of around 320 billion euros, 18% of Italy's GDP, according to a white paper released on Wednesday for World <u>Water</u> Day. The paper, entitled <u>Water</u> Value for Italy (Valore Acqua per l'Italia), was released by the Community Valore Acqua observatory set up by the The European House-Ambrosetti think tank in 2019. It said the way to combat the <u>water</u> crisis is to adopt a circular economy based on the 5 Rs: rethink, redesign, reduce, reuse, recycle. Italy is currently in the midst of a severe <u>drought</u>, which is causing massive problems for farmers, especially in the north of the country. The government has announced it will set up a task <u>force</u> and emergency commissioner to tackle the <u>water</u> crisis.

Scientists say that extreme weather events like heat waves, supercharged storms, flooding and droughts are becoming more frequent and more intense because of climate change caused by human greenhouse-gas emissions. Italian Premier Giorgia Meloni said Wednesday she did not have the powers to dry up rivers as she addressed the Lower House before this week's EU summit. "I'm not Moses, dear Bonelli," she told the Greens and Left Alliance lawmaker Angelo Bonelli, who had earlier accused the government of underestimating the current water-shortage crisis especially in northern Italy. During his speech Bonelli produced two large stones from the bed of the dry Adige River in northern Italy. "I assume you don't mean to say that in five months I drained the Adige River, not even Moses could have done that," Meloni quipped. Pope Francis stressed that water "must be preserved for our benefit and that of future generations" in his message for World Water Day on Wednesday. "Water must never be the object of waste or abuse, or provide the grounds for war," the Argentine pontiff said. He also referred to the three-day United Nations Water Summit, which opens in New York on Wednesday. The UN has warned that a global water crisis is looming, with the imminent risk of shortages due to overconsumption and climate change. "I pray for the success of the work and hope that the important event will accelerate initiatives in favour of those who suffer from the scarcity of water, this primary good," Francis said in relation to the conference. The government on Tuesday said it would name a national water crisis commissioner to deal with Italy's drought emergency and other water issues until the end of the year. Meloni's office announced: "a task force (cabina di regia) to accelerate and coordinate the planning of infrastructural interventions in the medium and long term and, in the short term, a national commissioner until 31 December 2023, with a renewable mandate and a very detailed perimeter of competences." The announcement came after a meeting of the steering committee on the water crisis convened at Palazzo Chigi (Meloni's office) and chaired by Deputy Prime Minister and Infrastructure and Sustainable Mobility Minister Matteo Salvini. Among the other attendees were Agriculture and Food Sovereignty Minister Francesco Lollobrigida and Civil Protection and Sea Minister Nello Musumeci. The commissioner, when they are named, "will be able to act on high-risk local areas and will be able to free up short-term interventions like demudding and degravelling of reservoirs, increasing the capacity of reservoirs, management and use of waste and

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run-off water, mediation in the case of *conflicts* between regional and local bodies on water issues, and reconnaissance of the national water requirement". Deputy Premier and Infrastructure and Transport Minister Matteo Salvini said Wednesday a package of proposed measures to tackle Italy's growing water-shortage crisis must also include the necessary financial cover. "Otherwise there's no way out," Salvini said at a conference on World Water Day. The decree could be presented at a cabinet meeting next week. The deputy prime minister also said a more "impactful" communication campaign is under consideration to try to mitigate the water-shortage crisis. "The name of the commissioner is the least of our problems," said Salvini in reference to government plans to set up a task *force* and emergency commissioner to tackle Italy's drought emergency and other water issues until the end of the year. The problem, he said, "is being able to spend funds, have streamlined procedures and well-paid qualified staff".

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Localization And Reclamation Service From War Bombs In The Area
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Brussels: Public Register European Parliament has issued the following document: (English version) Question for written answer E-005706/18 to the <u>Commission</u> Mara Bizzotto (ENF) (9 November 2018) Subject: Bad weather in Italy, serious damage in Veneto, Friuli-Venezia Giulia and Trentino-Alto <u>Adige</u>. Deployment of the EU Solidarity Fund From 27 October to early November 2018, intense episodes of bad weather hit the whole of Italy, particularly the regions of Veneto, Friuli-Venezia Giulia and Trentino-Alto <u>Adige</u>. Violent rainfall and whirlwinds caused <u>flooding</u>, landslides and mudflows, with enormous damage caused to public and private property, the agricultural industry and infrastructure, businesses and homes.

The emergency situation does not allow for an exact quantification of the damage, but so far, based on early estimates, it could amount to at least 1 billion euros in Veneto, 500 million in Friuli-Venezia Giulia and 300 million in Trentino-Alto Adige. Taking into account the dramatic consequences of the unusually bad weather for the territories, and the extreme difficulties experienced by citizens, can the Commission: 1.Say whether it intends to ensure that the Italian regions affected by the bad whether are fully supported through rapid deployment of the EU Solidarity Fund? 2.Say whether it intends to grant the derogation of the Stability Pact for the local authorities of the affected territories? 3.Explain what further tools and extraordinary funds it intends to arrange in order to secure the territories, and to prevent and manage the hydrogeological risk? Answer given by Ms Cretu on behalf of the European *Commission* (24 January 2019) 1. Since the occurrence of the recent disaster events throughout Italy, the **Commission** has been in close and continuous contact with the Italian authorities. On 20 December 2018, they sent an application for European Union (EU) Solidarity Fund assistance, which is currently being assessed. Provided it meets the eligibility conditions, the *Commission* will propose the mobilisation of the Solidarity Fund to the European Parliament and to the Council. The proposed aid amount would be determined on the basis of the damage caused. 2.The Stability and Growth Pact applies primarily to Italy as a country, and in monitoring the application of the EU fiscal rules the Commission mainly considers fiscal indicators relative to the general government. The contributions of subnational governments to the national budgetary targets are decided by national authorities within the fiscal framework of each Member State and depend on the national fiscal rules. This said, flexibility is embedded in the Stability and Growth Pact to ensure that the EU fiscal rules are applied in an intelligent manner. 3. When national capacities to respond to disaster are overwhelmed, Member States can request Register of Commission documents: Written answer: Bad weather in Italy, serious damage in Veneto, Friuli-Venezia Giulia and Trentino-Alto Adige. Deployment of

and receive assistance through the Union Civil Protection Mechanism. Moreover, the <u>Commission</u> proposed rescEU (1), a proposal that aims at reinforcing the collective capacity to respond to disasters as well as strengthening disaster prevention. This proposal is now in an advanced stage of the legislative process (2). Funding for prevention and preparedness measures, including for flood risk, is also available through the Union Civil Protection Mechanism Prevention and Preparedness calls. ·1â[™]COM(2017)772. ·2â[™]2017/0309 (COD). |(|(|) |)

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Luxembourg: Court of Justice of the European Union has issued the following Judgment:

JUDGMENT OF THE COURT (Ninth Chamber)

7April 2022(*)

(Reference for a preliminary ruling – Aid granted by Member States – Aid scheme for the construction of mini-<u>hydroelectric</u> power plants – Alpine and mountain huts without connection to an electricity grid – Authorisation by the European <u>Commission</u> – Expiry)

In Joined Cases C-102/21 and C-103/21,

TWO REQUESTS for a preliminary ruling under Article267 TFEU from the Verwaltungsgericht, Autonome Sektion für die Provinz Bozen (Administrative Court, Autonomous Section for the Province of Bolzano, Italy), made by decisions of 9February 2021, received at the Court on 18February 2021, in the proceedings

KW (C-102/21),

SG (C-103/21)

v

Autonome Provinz Bozen,

THE COURT (Ninth Chamber),

composed of S.Rodin, President of the Chamber, J.-C.Bonichot (Rapporteur) and O.Spineanu-Matei, Judges,

Advocate General: L.Medina,

Registrar: A.Calot Escobar,

having regard to the written procedure,

after considering the observations submitted on behalf of:

- KW, by S.Pittracher and H.Wild, Rechtsanwälte,
- SG, by M.Durnwalder, Rechtsanwalt,
- the European <u>Commission</u>, by A.Bouchagiar, C.Kovács and C-M.Carrega, acting as Agents,

having decided, after hearing the Advocate General, to proceed to judgment without an Opinion,

gives the following

Judgment

1These requests for a preliminary ruling concern the interpretation of Article107(3)(c) TFEU and Article20 of Council Regulation (EU) 2015/1589 of 13July 2015 laying down detailed rules for the application of Article108 of the <u>Treaty</u> on the Functioning of the European Union (OJ 2015 L248, p.9), and of <u>Commission</u> Decision C(2012)5048 final of 25July 2012 on State aid SA.32113 (2010/N) – Italy: Aid scheme for energy savings, district heating and electrification of remote areas in Alto <u>Adige/South Tyrol</u> (OJ 2013 C1, p.7) ('the <u>Commission</u> Decision of 25July 2012').

2The requests have been made in proceedings between KW (Case C-102/21) and SG (Case C-103/21) and the Autonome Provinz Bozen (Autonomous Province of Bolzano, Italy) concerning the repayment of aid for the construction of mini-hydroelectric power plants granted by the Autonomous Province of Bolzano under an aid scheme authorised by the <u>Commission</u> Decision of 25July 2012 ('the aid scheme at issue').

Legal context

European Union law

Regulation (EU) No651/2014

3Article41 of <u>Commission</u> Regulation (EU) No651/2014 of 17June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles107 and 108 [TFEU] (OJ 2014 L187, p.1), entitled 'Investment aid for the promotion of energy from renewable sources', provides:

'1.Investment aid for the promotion of energy from renewable energy sources shall be compatible with the internal market within the meaning of Article107(3) of the <u>Treaty</u> and shall be exempted from the notification requirement of Article108(3) of the **Treaty**, provided that the conditions laid down in this Article and in Chapterl are fulfilled.

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- 7. The aid intensity shall not exceed:
- (a)45% of the eligible costs if the eligible costs are calculated on the basis of point (6)(a) or point (6)(b);
- (b)30% of the eligible cost[s] if the eligible costs are calculated on the basis of point (6)(c).
- 8. The aid intensity may be increased by 20 percentage points for aid granted to small undertakings and by 10 percentage points for aid granted to medium-sized undertakings.

... '

4Recital28 of Regulation 2015/1589 states:

'Misuse of aid may have effects on the functioning of the internal market which are similar to those of unlawful aid and should thus be treated according to similar procedures. Unlike unlawful aid, aid which has possibly been misused is aid which has been previously approved by the <u>Commission</u>. Therefore the <u>Commission</u> should not be allowed to use a recovery injunction with regard to misuse of aid.'

5Article1 of Regulation 2015/1589, entitled 'Definitions', provides:

'For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions shall apply:

. . .

(b)"existing aid" means:

. .

(ii)authorised aid, that is to say, aid schemes and individual aid which have been authorised by the *Commission* or by the Council;

. . .

(c) "new aid" means all aid, that is to say, aid schemes and individual aid, which is not existing aid, including alterations to existing aid;

. . .

(f)"unlawful aid" means new aid put into effect in contravention of Article108(3) TFEU;

(g) "misuse of aid" means aid used by the beneficiary in contravention of a decision taken pursuant to Article4(3) or Article7(3) or (4) of [Council] Regulation (EC) No659/1999 [of 22March 1999 laying down detailed rules for the application of Article [108 TFEU] (OJ 1999 L83, p.1)] or Article4(3) or Article9(3) or (4) of this Regulation;

...,

6Article4 of that regulation, entitled 'Preliminary examination of the notification and decisions of the **Commission**', provides, in paragraph3:

'Where the <u>Commission</u>, after a preliminary examination, finds that no doubts are raised as to the compatibility with the internal market of a notified measure, in so far as it falls within the scope of Article107(1) TFEU, it shall decide that the measure is compatible with the internal market ("decision not to raise objections"). The decision shall specify which exception under the [*Treaty* on the Functioning of the European Union] has been applied '.

7Article13 of that regulation, entitled 'Injunction to suspend or provisionally recover aid', provides, in paragraph2:

'The <u>Commission</u> may, after giving the Member State concerned the opportunity to submit its comments, adopt a decision requiring the Member State provisionally to recover any unlawful aid until the <u>Commission</u> has taken a decision on the compatibility of the aid with the internal market ("recovery injunction"), if all the following criteria are fulfilled:

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8Article16 of that regulation, entitled 'Recovery of aid', provides, in paragraph1:

'Where negative decisions are taken in cases of unlawful aid, the <u>Commission</u> shall decide that the Member State concerned shall take all necessary measures to recover the aid from the beneficiary ("recovery decision"). The Commission shall not require recovery of the aid if this would be contrary to a general principle of Union law.'

9Article20 of Regulation 2015/1589, entitled 'Misuse of aid', provides:

'Without prejudice to Article28, the <u>Commission</u> may, in cases of misuse of aid, initiate the formal investigation procedure pursuant to Article4(4). Articles6 to 9, 11 and 12, Article13(1) and Articles14 to 17 shall apply mutatis mutandis'.

Italian law

10The aid scheme at issue is based on the Landesgesetz nr. 9, Bestimmungen im Bereich der Energieeinsparung, der erneuerbaren Energiequellen und des Klimaschutzes (Provincial Law No9 laying down provisions in the field of energy savings, renewable energy sources and climate action) of 7July 2010, which provides, inter alia, for the grant of subsidies, up to a limit of 80% of the investment costs, for the construction of mini-hydroelectric power plants for the generation of electrical energy from renewable energy sources for own consumption, where connection to the electricity grid is not feasible without disproportionate effort in technical and financial terms as a result of the geographical location.

The <u>disputes</u> in the main proceedings and the questions referred for a preliminary ruling

11On 17December 2010, the Italian Republic notified the <u>Commission</u> of the aid scheme at issue under Article108(3) TFEU. By its decision of 25July 2012, the <u>Commission</u> authorised that scheme.

Case C-102/21

12KW owns an alpine pasture situated in a mountainous area of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano, which is not connected to the public electricity grid because of its geographical location.

13By decree of 29January 2018, the Autonomous Province of Bolzano granted KW a subsidy of EUR144634, corresponding to 80% of the eligible costs of a project for the construction of a mini-hydroelectric power plant for her personal supply of electricity under the aid scheme at issue.

14Subsequently, the Autonomous Province of Bolzano informed KW that, since the aid scheme at issue had expired on 31December 2016, the award of a subsidy for her project had to comply with Regulation No651/2014, which limits the authorised level of aid to 65% of the eligible costs.

15By decree of 27January 2020, the Autonomous Province of Bolzano withdrew in part its decision to grant KW a subsidy and reduced the amount of that subsidy to EUR113257.09 pursuant to Regulation No651/2014.

16On 14February 2020, the Autonomous Province of Bolzano requested KW to repay the amount of the excess aid, plus interest.

17KW brought an action before the Verwaltungsgericht, Autonome Sektion für die Provinz Bozen (Administrative Court, Autonomous Section for the Province of Bolzano, Italy) for annulment of those measures.

18That court considers that the <u>dispute</u> in the main proceedings raises the question of whether the subsidy granted to KW constitutes 'existing' aid within the meaning of EU law on State aid. In order to answer that question, that court' s view is that it is necessary to determine whether, on the date that subsidy was granted, the authorisation for the aid scheme at issue resulting from the **Commission** Decision of 25July 2012 was still in **force**.

19The referring court considers that, if that is not the case, the subsidy granted to KW constitutes a case of misuse of aid and that it is then necessary to determine whether Article20 of Regulation 2015/1589 must be interpreted as meaning that it was for the *Commission* to order the recovery of that aid.

20It adds that it is also necessary to examine whether the subsidy granted to KW may be regarded as compatible with the internal market under Article107(3)(c) TFEU.

21It is in that context that the Verwaltungsgericht, Autonome Sektion für die Provinz Bozen (Administrative Court, Autonomous Section for the Province of Bolzano) decided to stay the proceedings and to refer the following questions to the Court of Justice for a preliminary ruling:

- '(1)Did the aid authorised by the <u>Commission</u> Decision [of 25July 2012] to cover 80% of the costs of the construction of mini-hydroelectric power plants for the generation of electrical energy for own consumption from renewable energy sources for the benefit of mountain huts and hostels in high alpine areas, for which connection to the electricity grid is not feasible without disproportionate effort in technical and financial terms, expire on 31December 2016?
- (2)If that question is answered in the affirmative:
- (a)Is Article20 of Regulation [2015/1589] to be interpreted as meaning that, in the case where aid is misused, the *Commission* must issue a recovery decision before the public authorities intervene?
- (b)Is the abovementioned aid compatible with the internal market within the meaning of Article107(3)(c) TFEU on the ground that it serves to facilitate the development of certain economic areas, or is it liable to distort competition and affect trade between Member States?'

Case C-103/21

22SG owns an alpine pasture situated in a mountainous area of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano, which is not connected to the public electricity grid because of its geographical location.

23By decree of 31August 2018, the Autonomous Province of Bolzano granted SG a subsidy of EUR115011, corresponding to 80% of the eligible costs of a project for the construction of a mini-hydroelectric power plant for his personal supply of electricity under the aid scheme at issue.

24By decree of 27April 2020, the Autonomous Province of Bolzano withdrew in part its decision to grant SG a subsidy on the ground that the aid scheme at issue had expired on 31December 2016. It recalculated the amount of the subsidy which SG could claim on the basis of the award criteria laid down in Regulation No651/2014, namely the sum of EUR92604, and requested SG to repay the excess amount which he had received, plus interest.

25SG brought an action before the Verwaltungsgericht, Autonome Sektion für die Provinz Bozen (Administrative Court, Autonomous Section for the Province of Bolzano) for annulment of those measures.

26That court considers that the case raises legal questions identical to those in Case C-102/21.

27In those circumstances, the Verwaltungsgericht, Autonome Sektion für die Provinz Bozen (Administrative Court, Autonomous Section for the Province of Bolzano) decided to stay the proceedings and to refer the following questions to the Court of Justice for a preliminary ruling:

- '(1)Did the aid authorised by the <u>Commission</u> Decision [of 25July 2012] to cover 80% of the costs of the construction of mini-hydroelectric power plants for the generation of electrical energy for own consumption from renewable energy sources for the benefit of mountain huts and hostels in high alpine areas, for which connection to the electricity grid is not feasible without disproportionate effort in technical and financial terms, expire on 31December 2016?
- (2)If that question is answered in the affirmative:
- (a)Is it then necessary to assess whether Article20 of Regulation [2015/1589] is to be interpreted as meaning that, in the case where aid is misused, the <u>Commission</u> must issue a recovery decision before the public authorities intervene?

(b)Is it necessary to assess whether the abovementioned aid is compatible with the internal market within the meaning of Article107(3)(c) TFEU on the ground that it serves to facilitate the development of certain economic areas, or whether it is liable to distort competition and affect trade between Member States?

The joinder of Cases C-102/21 and C-103/21

28By decision of the President of the Court of 17March 2021, Cases C-102/21 and C-103/21 were joined for the purposes of the written and oral parts of the procedure and the judgment.

Consideration of the questions referred for a preliminary ruling

Preliminary observations

29It should be noted, as a preliminary point, that the questions referred by the referring court start from the premiss that the aid at issue in the cases in the main proceedings is State aid within the meaning of Article107(1) TFEU and that the aid also complies in part with Regulation No651/2014. That court also seems to start from the principle that there is no need to apply the de minimis rule to the aid, which it is for that court to verify.

The first question

30By its first question in Cases C-102/21 and C-103/21, the referring court asks, in essence, whether the authorisation for the aid scheme at issue resulting from the <u>Commission</u> Decision of 25July 2012 was still in <u>force</u> when the Autonomous Province of Bolzano granted subsidies to KW and to SG ('the aid at issue in the main proceedings').

31The <u>Commission</u> Decision of 25July 2012 states, in point2.2, entitled 'Duration and budget', that, under the aid scheme at issue, a total amount of EUR187.25 million would be granted over 'the period 2011-2016'. In addition, the summary of that decision published in the Official Journal of the European Union of 4January 2013 states that the 'duration' of that scheme is until 31December 2016.

32It follows that the aid scheme at issue was no longer authorised by the **Commission** Decision of 25July 2012 with effect from 1January 2017.

33It is also apparent from the file before the Court that that aid scheme was not the subject of a new authorisation by the *Commission* after that date.

34Furthermore, it is common ground that the Autonomous Province of Bolzano granted the aid at issue in the main proceedings after 31December 2016.

35The answer to the first question is therefore that the authorisation for the aid scheme at issue resulting from the **Commission** Decision of 25July 2012 was no longer in **force** when the Autonomous Province of Bolzano granted the aid at issue in the main proceedings.

The second question

36By its second question in Cases C-102/21 and C-103/21, the referring court asks, in essence, whether Article20 of Regulation 2015/1589 must be interpreted as meaning that, in the event of misuse of aid, the **Commission** is required to request the Member State to recover that aid.

37As the <u>Commission</u> has argued, it should be noted that individual aid granted under an aid scheme after the expiry of a <u>Commission</u> decision authorising that scheme does not constitute 'misuse of aid ' within the meaning of Article1(g) of Regulation 2015/1589.

38Article1(g) of Regulation 2015/1589 refers to situations in which aid is used by the beneficiary in contravention of a decision taken pursuant to Article4(3) or Article9(3) or (4) of that regulation or Article4(3) or Article7(3) or (4) of

Regulation No659/1999, which relate, respectively, to decisions not to raise objections, positive decisions and conditional decisions of the *Commission*.

39In the present case, it follows from the answer to the first question that the <u>Commission</u> Decision of 25July 2012 was no longer applicable after 31December 2016 and that the aid scheme at issue was not the subject of a new authorisation after that date.

40That fact is sufficient for a finding that the aid at issue in the main proceedings cannot be regarded as having been misused by its recipients.

41It is important to add that the fact the aid scheme at issue was extended beyond 31December 2016, assuming that be proved, is not decisive because the extension of an existing aid scheme creates a new aid which is distinct from the scheme which was extended (see, to that effect, judgment of 4December 2013, *Commission* v Council, C-111/10, EU:C:2013:785, paragraph58).

42Consequently, aid such as that at issue in the main proceedings must be regarded as new aid, which, having been granted in breach of the last sentence of Article108(3) TFEU, constitutes 'unlawful aid' within the meaning of Article1(f) of Regulation 2015/1589.

43In order to provide a useful answer to the referring court, it is therefore necessary to reformulate the second question to the effect that it relates in reality to the question of whether Article108(3) TFEU must be interpreted as meaning that the <u>Commission</u> is required to request the Member State to recover unlawful aid within the meaning of Article1(f) of Regulation 2015/1589.

44In that regard, it follows from <u>settled</u> case-law that the prohibition on implementation of planned aid laid down in the last sentence of Article108(3) TFEU has direct effect and that the immediate enforceability of the prohibition on implementation referred to in that provision extends to all aid which has been implemented without being notified (see, to that effect, judgment of 5March 2019, Eesti Pagar, C-349/17, EU:C:2019:172, paragraph88 and the case-law cited).

45The Court has concluded that it is the task of the national courts to ensure that all appropriate action is taken, in accordance with their national law, to address the consequences of an infringement of the last sentence of Article108(3) TFEU, particularly as regards both the validity of measures giving effect to the aid and the recovery of financial support granted in disregard of that provision, the essence of their task being, consequently, to adopt the appropriate measures to remedy the unlawfulness of implementation of the aid, so that the aid does not remain freely available to the beneficiary until such time as the <u>Commission</u>'s decision is made (judgment of 5March 2019, Eesti Pagar, C-349/17, EU:C:2019:172, paragraph89 and the case-law cited).

46It must be added that any provision of EU law that satisfies the conditions required to have direct effect is binding on all the authorities of the Member States, that is to say, not merely the national courts but also all administrative bodies, including decentralised authorities, and those authorities are required to apply it (see, to that effect, judgments of 22June 1989, Costanzo, 103/88, EU:C:1989:256, paragraph31, and of 5March 2019, Eesti Pagar, C-349/17, EU:C:2019:172, paragraph90 and the case-law cited).

47In accordance with the Court's <u>settled</u> case-law, both the administrative authorities and the national courts that are called upon, within the exercise of their respective powers, to apply provisions of EU law are under a duty to give full effect to those provisions (judgment of 5March 2019, Eesti Pagar, C-349/17, EU:C:2019:172, paragraph91 and the case-law cited).

48It follows that, where a national authority finds that aid has been granted in breach of the last sentence of Article108(3) TFEU, it is the duty of that authority to recover on its own initiative the aid that was unlawfully granted (see, to that effect, judgment of 5March 2019, Eesti Pagar, C-349/17, EU:C:2019:172, paragraph92).

49lt should be added that, in such a case, there is nothing to prevent, in principle, the Member State concerned from taking the view that only the part of the aid which does not satisfy the criteria laid down by Regulation No651/2014 must be repaid.

50Furthermore, it must be noted that, within the system established by the <u>Treaty</u> for supervision of State aid, the national courts and the <u>Commission</u> fulfil complementary but separate roles (judgment of 2May 2019, A-Fonds, C-598/17, EU:C:2019:352, paragraph45 and the case-law cited).

51Thus, the <u>Commission</u> cannot require recovery of aid on the sole ground that the aid is unlawful and must therefore carry out a full assessment of the compatibility of that aid with the internal market, whether or not the prohibition on implementation without prior authorisation has been complied with (see, to that effect, judgment of 14February 1990, France v <u>Commission</u>, C-301/87, EU:C:1990:67, paragraphs17 to 23). However, Article13(2) of Regulation 2015/1589 permits the <u>Commission</u> to order the provisional recovery of aid paid unlawfully until it makes a decision on whether the aid is compatible with the internal market.

52It follows from the foregoing that the answer to the second question is that Article108(3) TFEU must be interpreted as meaning that the <u>Commission</u> is not required to request the Member State to recover unlawful aid within the meaning of Article1(f) of Regulation 2015/1589.

The third question

53By its third question in Cases C-102/21 and C-103/21, the referring court asks, in essence, whether the aid at issue in the main proceedings is compatible with the internal market within the meaning of Article107(3)(c) TFEU, on the ground that it 'facilitates the development of certain economic areas' or whether it is 'liable to distort competition and affect trade between Member States'.

54However, it is not clear from the wording of that question whether, by its reference to the question of whether the aid at issue in the <u>disputes</u> in the main proceedings is 'liable to distort competition and affect trade between Member States', the referring court is making reference to Article107(1) TFEU, which prohibits, in principle, State aid, or to Article107(3)(c) TFEU, which states that aid intended to facilitate the development of certain economic activities or of certain economic areas may be considered to be compatible with the internal market, provided that it 'does not adversely affect trading conditions to an extent contrary to the common interest'.

55In any event, the file provided to the Court in these cases does not provide it with the factual details necessary to enable it to provide useful guidance to the referring court on the application of the criteria relating to the distortion of competition and the effect on trade between Member States laid down in Article107(1) TFEU, in the cases in the main proceedings, since the only circumstance mentioned in the order for reference in Case C-102/21, according to which the electricity produced by the funded mini-power plant will be used only for the personal supply of a private individual, does not, in any event, in itself, enable a finding to be made as to whether or not those criteria are satisfied.

56lt follows that such a question must be regarded as inadmissible.

57As regards Article107(3)(c) TFEU, it should be noted that the justification for making a request for a preliminary ruling is not for advisory opinions to be delivered on general or hypothetical questions, but rather that it is necessary for the effective <u>resolution</u> of a <u>dispute</u> concerning EU law (judgment of 3October 2019, A and Others, C-70/18, EU:C:2019:823, paragraph73 and the case-law cited).

58In accordance with <u>settled</u> case-law, national courts do not have jurisdiction to rule on a State aid 's compatibility with the internal market (see, to that effect, judgment of 26October 2016, DEI and <u>Commission</u> v Alouminion tis Ellados, C-590/14P, EU:C:2016:797, paragraph96 and the case-law cited).

59The assessment of the compatibility of aid measures with the internal market falls within the exclusive competence of the *Commission*, subject to review by the European Union Courts, whereas it is for the national courts to ensure that the rights of individuals are safeguarded where the obligation to give prior notification of State

aid to the <u>Commission</u> pursuant to the last sentence of Article108(3) TFEU has been infringed (see, to that effect, judgment of 2May 2019, A-Fonds, C-598/17, EU:C:2019:352, paragraph46 and the case-law cited).

60lt follows that the question of whether the aid at issue in the cases in the main proceedings is compatible with the internal market under Article107(3)(c) TFEU does not appear necessary in order to resolve the <u>disputes</u> in the main proceedings and that question must therefore be regarded as inadmissible.

Costs

61Since these proceedings are, for the parties to the main proceedings, a step in the action pending before the national court, the decision on costs is a matter for that court. Costs incurred in submitting observations to the Court, other than the costs of those parties, are not recoverable.

On those grounds, the Court (Ninth Chamber) hereby rules:

- 1. The authorisation for the aid scheme for the construction of mini-hydroelectric power plants resulting from <u>Commission</u> Decision C(2012)5048 final of 25July 2012 on State aid SA.32113 (2010/N) Italy: Aid scheme for energy savings, district heating and electrification of remote areas in Alto <u>Adige</u>/South Tyrol was no longer in <u>force</u> when the Autonome Provinz Bozen (Autonomous Province of Bolzano, Italy) granted subsidies to KW and SG.
- 2.Article108(3) TFEU must be interpreted as meaning that the European <u>Commission</u> is not required to request the Member State to recover unlawful aid within the meaning of Article1(f) of Council Regulation (EU) 2015/1589 of 13July 2015 laying down detailed rules for the application of Article108 of the <u>Treaty</u> on the Functioning of the European Union.

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Holidays in your own home; Holiday properties in South Tyrol have always been highly valued by German buyers. The Corona crisis is driving demand further. Strict conditions in hotels make the domicile in the mountains even more attractive

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Rugged peaks, glistening glaciers, green pastures, blue <u>lakes</u> - and all this under a bright sky: South Tyrol is for many people the most beautiful place on earth. Here you can spend the ideal holiday in the mountains. A jewel of nature, which for decades has enticed German citizens to spend only the most beautiful days of the year there - and some of them are so enthusiastic about it that they have bought a second home in the country on the <u>Adige</u> and Eisack *rivers*.

"For a very long time now, there has been a strong <u>demand</u> among Germans for vacation properties in South Tyrol", says Maximilian Schenk-Volgger, managing director of the real estate agency Ruth Immobilien in Brixen. During the curfew in the Corona crisis, the real estate business came to a complete standstill. However, since Italy ended the lockdown at the end of May and opened the borders on 3 June, there have been more and more calls from interested parties from Germany. Some had made their way across the Brenner Pass in June to view - and purchase - properties. "There is still a lot of interest from buyers from Germany," says the head of the family business.

There are several reasons for this: Firstly, the state government, the hoteliers and the lift operators in the Germanspeaking autonomous province of Italy proved their willingness to protect their population and their guests when the Corona pandemic broke out. When the first cases of infection occurred in Val Gardena at the beginning of March, they voluntarily ended the winter season early. "The health of the people is our top priority ", says Manfred Pinzger, President of the South Tyrolean Hoteliers and Innkeepers Association (HGV). It was only the following week that the government in Rome *forced* itself to close ski resorts throughout the country from 10 March. Austria's government even closed its winter sports resorts five days later. On the other hand, South Tyrol, like other holiday regions in Italy, has drawn up strict emergency regulations should a holidaymaker or employee in a hotel be infected with the virus. "In the event of a positive test, the guest in question, provided no further medical care is required, will be transferred from the establishment to a specially designated quarantine room where he or she will remain alone until another test is negative", says Antonia Contato of the Tourism and Business Development Association IDM South Tyrol. "All close contact persons will be quarantined for 14 days."

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The regulations necessary to protect against the pandemic changed the booking behaviour of holidaymakers, says Thomas Beyerle, chief researcher of the real estate consulting company Catella. "Families who have spent the lockdown with their children in the apartment do not want to risk being locked in their hotel room during their holidays because there is a corona outbreak in the complex," he said, adding that holiday apartments are therefore in particular <u>demand</u> this year. "This will not change until a vaccine against the virus or a therapy against Covid-19 is found," says Beyerle.

It is not only the worry of being quarantined in a hotel that drives many holidaymakers to book a holiday apartment now. "Older travellers in particular are afraid of getting infected with the virus because they are much more likely to develop a serious illness than younger people," says Günter Vornholz, Professor of Real Estate Economics at the EBZ Business School in Bochum. "That's why they don't want to go to a hotel, but prefer holiday apartments."

Those of them who have been travelling to the same holiday region over and over again for years and have enough money would now also increasingly consider buying a second home there. This applies in particular to holiday destinations such as Italy, Austria, Slovenia and Croatia, which can be reached by car from Germany. "Some people who used to go to one of these countries every year are now considering buying their own house or apartment there," says Vornholz.

This is confirmed by the Brixen broker Schenk-Vollger. "A considerable number of the German interested parties are 60 years and older "; Some of them would be about to retire. "They are considering moving to South Tyrol completely, as soon as they no longer need to work."

In German holiday regions on the North and Baltic Seas and in the Alpine regions of Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria, capital investors in particular have acquired holiday properties in recent years in order to rent them out to other holidaymakers. The trend is now intensifying with the pandemic, says Sebastian Fischer, CEO of the Berlinbased real estate developer Primus, which is currently developing eleven projects with holiday apartments on the Baltic Sea coast of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania with a total volume of 400 million euros. "Corona is a catalyst" Investors would bet on the fact that many holidaymakers would recognise the advantages of a holiday home this year and would also forego hotel stays in the coming years.

According to a study by the holiday home rental service provider Fewo-Direkt, German holiday homes have been able to achieve net yields of 4.2 percent on average in recent years. According to the study, properties in southern European countries such as Italy, Portugal and Spain yield on average three percent. The net yield reflects the ratio of the purchase price and ancillary acquisition costs such as land transfer tax and broker's *commission* in relation to the annual rental income less land tax, operating and maintenance costs.

In South Tyrol, holiday homes have so far been purchased mainly by owner-occupiers, says Schenk-Volgger. "Most German buyers want to use their second home on their own or still make it available to relatives and friends for their holidays" This is also due to the fact that many owners live in Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria and can reach the region on the Etsch and Eisack rivers in two to three hours by car via the Brenner or Reschen Pass. This makes it possible for them to use their South Tyrolean second home also on weekends.

What influence the Corona crisis will have on the real estate market in South Tyrol and the buying behavior of foreign interested parties cannot be predicted at this time, says Herbert Arquin, president of the South Tyrolean Real Estate Association (SMV). "This will probably only be foreseeable towards the end of this year, when a larger number of transactions have taken place" Italy lifted the lockdown at the beginning of June. Only since then have foreigners been allowed back into the country.

In principle, South Tyrolean vacation properties are also interesting for capital investors, says Arquin. "Renting is possible", but there is a lack of infrastructure, says Schenk-Volgger. "Unlike on Lake Garda or in Spain, there are hardly any professional service providers in South Tyrol who check that no damage has occurred when guests change and take over the cleaning of the holiday apartments" German landlords would have to hire local people to do this.

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So far the Corona crisis has not had any effect on the prices of holiday homes. "Two-room apartments in the portfolio cost on average around 250,000 euros, three-room apartments around 350,000 euros," says Schenk-Volgger. "Depending on location and condition, prices can be lower or higher," he says, but new buildings are hard to find. Because building land is a scarce commodity in the mountain valleys, most municipalities have now stipulated in their development plans that newly built properties may only be sold and rented to locals. This would also rule out sales to Italians from other provinces of the boot state. "In this way, the municipalities want to ensure that foreign interested parties do not drive up prices to such an extent that South Tyrolean families can no longer acquire residential property", says the real estate agent.

The secondary income costs in South Tyrol are lower than in the rest of Italy because there is a land register in the province which belonged to Austria until the end of the First World <u>War</u>. Therefore, when there is a change of ownership, there is no need for a surveyor to check the ownership and building rights, for which costs of up to 2000 euros are incurred in other parts of the country. In addition to the brokerage fee of three percent on average, notary fees of about one percent of the purchase price are incurred. In addition, when acquiring a property in the portfolio, there is the registration fee of nine percent of the cadastral value, which is comparable to German land transfer tax. "The cadastral value is usually significantly lower than the purchase price," says Schenk-Volgger. The tax is therefore usually only four to five percent of the purchase price. "If you move your main residence to South Tyrol when you buy the property, you only have to pay a registration fee of four percent of the purchase price ", says the real estate agent.

Interest among Italians in buying a second home in the Alps is currently muted. The economy has been hit hard by the Corona crisis. Many high-income earners also fear for their jobs. This makes it easier for Germans to find a holiday home. "If you have a clear idea where your second home is located and what it should be like, you can find the right property for a five-day stay," says Schenk-Volgger. South Tyrolean estate agents could use the criteria catalogue to compile a list of suitable properties and view them with the interested parties.

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Mühlwald in the Ahrntal Valley. Many regions in South Tyrol are sought after by German house buyers

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EU Contract Award: Temporary Association of Companies ECOL STUDIO SPA Wins EU Contract worth 364 593.58 EUR

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<u>Chronicles of Victory: President Ilham Aliyev interviewed by Italian Rai 1 TV</u> channel on October 26, 2020

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BAKU, Azerbaijan, October 26. President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev was interviewed by the Italian Rai 1 TV *channel* on October 26, 2020.

<u>Trend</u> presents the interview.

- Mr. President, good afternoon. Please tell us if this new truce, this new ceasefire will hold. If I am not mistaken, this is the third ceasefire.
- Everything will depend on how Armenia behaves because the first two ceasefires were disrupted by Armenia. After the first ceasefire, which was declared for humanitarian considerations, Armenia violated the ceasefire within 24 hours and barbarically launched a ballistic missile at the city of Ganja at night. As a result of the first shelling, 10 people were killed and many were wounded. Then they hit Ganja again, and also at night. There were even more victims. So we had to answer. As for the second truce, we have a chronology of Armenia's violations of the ceasefire. They violated it literally two minutes after the appointed hour of the truce. Today, at 8 o'clock, a new truce came into <u>force</u>. Now it is 10 o'clock in the morning in Baku. At about 3-4 minutes after the ceasefire entered into <u>force</u> at 8 o'clock, several shells were fired at the city of Tartar again. We are not reacting to this. We hope this was an accident, but if this continues, we will be <u>forced</u> to respond adequately.
- Mr. President, what actually caused the outbreak of hostilities at the end of September? Why did this happen?
- There was a series of events of political and military nature. Armenia's main goal was to disrupt the process of <u>negotiations</u> in every possible way. The new government of Armenia has repeatedly stated that the fundamental principles are unacceptable for it, that it is not going to return a single centimeter of the occupied territories, which contradicts the fundamental principles. The prime minister stated that we should <u>negotiate</u> not with Armenia but with the so-called leaders of Nagorno-Karabakh, which is unacceptable both for us and for the OSCE Minsk Group. He also stated that 'Karabakh is Armenia, full stop', thereby completely undermining the <u>negotiations</u>. In the past year, there were practically no <u>negotiations</u>, and in order to shift the blame on us, Armenia made three sabotage attempts in July on the border, in August when they sent a sabotage group, and in September when they shelled

our cities. They probably thought that we would show restraint again, but that did not happen. We answered them in a manner that they are now regretting it.

- On what conditions will you <u>agree</u> to stop the <u>hostilities</u> then? You have repeatedly spoken about the need for a constructive approach on the part of Armenia. What should a constructive approach be like?
- A constructive approach should be that they must publicly declare, through the prime minister, that they accept the fundamental principles. The fundamental principles envisage the return of seven districts located around the Nagorno-Karabakh autonomous region to Azerbaijan and the return of Azerbaijani refugees to the territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, including the ancient Azerbaijani city of Shusha. These approaches are, in principle, based on four UN Security Council resolutions, which require practically the same. But when the Armenian prime minister says that not a single centimeter of land will be given to us, when the Armenian defense minister says that Armenia will start a new <u>war</u> for new territories and when aggression is carried out against us, this is not a constructive approach, of course. He must say that yes, the occupied territories will be returned to Azerbaijan, that the Azerbaijanis will return to Nagorno-Karabakh, including Shusha, and then, of course, we will come to an <u>agreement</u> very quickly.
- -Mr. President, there is one very controversial issue. Some countries, not only Armenia, but also France, have somehow accused you and Turkey of sending thousands of mercenaries, jihadists from Syria to Karabakh via Turkey. How will you respond to such accusations, and how will you respond to the accusations that speak of the presence of Turkish *troops* and Turkish military aircraft on the territory of Azerbaijan?
- I have already answered this question many times and I will answer it again. First, such unfounded accusations were brought against us by only two countries - France and Russia. France said that through the President, Russia through the head of the Foreign Intelligence Service. These charges were brought against us immediately after the outbreak of hostilities. Although almost a month has already passed, not a single piece of evidence, no proof was provided to us. In fact, I will say this for the first time - I asked the French side for the heads of relevant agencies to meet, discuss the issue and provide us with evidence. Nothing was presented to us. Therefore, these are all insinuations. All this is an attempt to cast a shadow on Azerbaijan. I regret that such unfounded accusations come from the co-chair countries, which are supposed to be objective. After all, we do not talk every day about how many weapons are supplied from Russia to Armenia. We do not talk about the fact that Armenia would not have lasted a day in the occupied territories without external assistance. Political support, military support, moral support - all this comes from countries that are supposed to stay neutral. Therefore, we strongly reject these insinuations. It is not necessary. We have 100,000 soldiers of the regular army. If necessary, we will announce overall mobilization, which, by the way, we have not done unlike Armenia. Therefore, this is all lies and slander. As for the participation of Turkish troops in operations, this is also a lie. There is not a single piece of evidence. The fact that Turkish F-16s are on the territory of Azerbaijan was a result of our joint military exercises on the eve of the *conflict*. We do not talk about how many Russian MIG-29s and Su-30s are on the territory of Armenia. We do not talk about the fact that 5,000 Russian troops are located at the base in Armenia in Gumru and, according to our data, there are periodical supplies of the Armenian armed forces from there. These are facts, in contrast to what is being said about us. Therefore, I suggest that those who want to accuse us first deal with themselves and then make such hasty conclusions based on false information.
- Mr. President, my last question more or less also concerns our country, Italy. You probably know that in Europe there are many successful examples of a peaceful <u>settlement</u> of territorial <u>disputes</u> or separatism. We have one of such examples in Italy. It is Alto <u>Adige</u>/Südtirol. Don't you think that Italy could help you with its experience in resolving the status of Karabakh? Moreover, Italy has very good, close and strong political and cultural relations with you and also with Armenia.
- Yes, I believe that Italy can play a very important role in the <u>settlement</u> of the <u>conflict</u>. I must say that when the Minsk Group was formed, a very long time ago, almost 30 years ago, it was the Italian representative, the Italian <u>diplomat</u> who was the leader of this Minsk Group. That was before the institution of co-chairs was established. After the institution of the co-chairs was created, the Minsk Group as a group of countries did not produce any results because the co-chairs took this activity into their monopoly. We know what this has led to. For 28 years,

there has been no progress, no results, only promises, only bureaucratic procedures. In essence, it seems to us today that the activities of the co-chairs were aimed at freezing the *conflict*, not at resolving it. As for the model that exists in Italy, we have studied it. We also studied the model of the Aland Islands and other successful autonomy experiences. Azerbaijan, unlike Armenia, is a multiethnic state. In Armenia, as you probably know, 99 percent of the population are Armenians. Therefore, this is a very positive experience of self-government which could be applied in our case. In fact, as far as I know, such proposals were made in the mid-1990s. Even groups of representatives of non-governmental organizations and political scientists have visited your country, the region you are talking about, and the Aland Islands. But Armenia has always categorically *rejected* this. They believed that they would be able to occupy our territories forever relying on military, political and economic support from leading countries of the world, but they made a gross miscalculation. We are proving our case on the battlefield today. We are implementing UN Security Council resolutions and are restoring international law.

- Mr. President, the very last question: at what level will we be in this **conflict** in one year? Or will it already be resolved by then?
- You know, I communicate with representatives of foreign media almost every day during this month, and in my addresses to the Azerbaijani people I always clearly state our position. We see the future of the Karabakh region not only the upper part of it but also the plain because Karabakh is a large part of Azerbaijan - as a prosperous and peaceful territory where Azerbaijanis, who must return there, and the Armenians who now live there will live in peace. Our position is this. I believe that this can be achieved with mutual goodwill of the parties. After all, thousands of Armenians live in Baku and other cities of Azerbaijan today. The Azerbaijanis and Armenians have joint businesses in Russia and Georgia. There are mixed families. Therefore, I think that reconciliation is possible. The Armenian leadership should simply abandon its aggressive policy. And if this happens, with our investments and our experience of rebuilding the country, we can turn this region into one of the most prosperous regions in the world. But for this to happen, the consequences of the war must be eliminated. The occupation must be eliminated, the Azerbaijanis must return to the lands where they have lived for centuries, and live in harmony with the Armenian population. It will not be easy and it will take time. But we know how countries were reconciled after World War II, when European countries were at war - the current neighbors, and many people were killed. But this should not sit in the memory all the time and produce hatred, which is what Armenian ideologists are doing today. Goodwill must be shown. If that happens, what I am saying will happen. If not, we will return these lands anyway. And the current state of affairs on the battlefield is showing that. We will return them at any cost. Either peacefully or war, but we will return them. Therefore, I think the Armenian leadership should seriously think about it and take the right step.
- Thank you very much, Mr. President, and as they say in Italian, Bono Fortuno!
- Thank you, all the best to you too. Thank you!
- Goodbye!
- Goodbye!

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Brussels: Public Register European Parliament has issued the following document: EN ANNEX The Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2017/247 is amended as follows: (1) In Part A, the entry for Italy is replaced by the following: 'Member State: Italy Area comprising: Date until applicable in accordance with Article Municipality of SOLFERINO (MN): North of via Barche, West of via San 29(1) of Directive 2005/94/EC Martino Municipality of CASTIGLIONE DELLE STIVIERE (MN): South of via Astore, of via Fichetto, of via Astore, East of SP83, South of via Giuseppe Mazzini, East of via Casino Pernestano, of via Roversino, North of via Dottorina, West of SP10, East and South of via Levadello, West of via Gerra, West of via L.T. Casalini, West of via Napoleone Bonaparte, via Dante Alighieri, North of via Barche di Solferino, via Bertasetti, via Barche Municipality of ERBE' (VR): South and East of SP50a Municipality of TREVENZUOLO (VR): North-East of SP50a, East of via N. Sauro, South of via Decima, of str. Marinella, East of Corte Mantellina Municipality of ISOLA della SCALA (VR): South of SP50b, West of country road that intersects SP50b at 4th km, South of SP50b, South of SP24, East of via Verona, South and East of via Tavole di Casalbergo, West of SS12, South of SP24, West of via Rosario, North of via Selesetto, West of country road that intersects via S.Gabriele at number n.30, West and South of via S. Gabriele, West of country road that intersects via Ave, North of SP20a, West of via S. Municipality of SORGA' (VR): North of via Albarella, East and West of SP20a, North of SP50, East of via Bosco, East and North of via Gamandone 24.8.2017 Municipality of BAGNOLO SAN VITO (MN): East of Via Ploner, North of Via Gradaro, East of Via Canova, North of SP413 and Via Romana Nuova, North-East of Via Molinara, West of SP413 Municipality of SUSTINENTE (MN): West of SP79, North of SP482, North of Via Sacchetta, left bank of Po river Municipality of RONCOFERRARO (MN): South-East of SP31, South of SP30. South of SP80 13.8.2017 Municipality of BONAVIGO (VR): North-East of SP18 Municipality of PRESSANA (VR): North of SP40b, East of the country road that intersects via Braggio at number Municipality of ALBAREDO D'ADIGE (VR): East of SP18 Municipality of VERONELLA (VR): South of the Municipality of COLOGNA VENETA (VR): West of SP500, South-West of via Santa Leb *canal*, East of SP18 Apollonia, North-East of SP19, South and West of via Santi Pietro and Paolo, South of the Leb canal 19.8.2017 Municipality of ISOLA della SCALA (VR) East of via S. Zeno, South of SP20a, East of

country road that intersects via S.Gabriele at number n.30, West and South of via S. Gabriele, West and South of via Guasto, East of via Gabbietta, South of via Cognare Municipality of SALIZZOLE (VR): West of SP48c, South of SP20, West of via G. Rossini, South of via Dante Alighieri, West of via Lavacchio, South of via Franchine Municipality of SORGA' (VR): East of via S. Pietro Municipality of NOGARA (VR): North of via Spin, East of via Montalto, of via Olmo, North of SR10, West of SS12, of SP20 21.8.2017

Municipality of CASTELLUCCHIO (MN): East of via Mantellazze, of via Marchiodola, North of SP55; North-West of via Borsatta, of str. Picco, of str. Fontana Municipality of RODIGO (MN): South-East of SP1, South-West of SP1 25.8.2017 Municipality of SORBOLO (PR): North of Strada Certosino -Stradone Dell'Aia - Via della Mina - Strada del Ferrari Municipality of BRESCELLO (RE): North of strada Vignoli; West of Strada Provinciale SP62R, of Strada della Cisa Municipality of MEZZANI (PR): East of Strada provinciale 72, South of Po river 31.8.2017 Municipality of CASTIGLIONE DELLE STIVIERE (MN): East of SP10, West and South of via Levadello, East of via Gerra, East of via L.T. Casalini, East of via Napoleone Bonaparte, via Dante Alighieri, South of via Barche di Solferino, via Bertasetti, via Barche; and North of via Levadello Municipality of SOLFERINO (MN): South of via Barche, West of via G. Garibaldi, via Cavriana, North of SP12 Municipality of CASTIGLIONE DELLE STIVIERE (MN): East of via 4.9.2017 Castellina, via Pigliaguaglie, via Berettina, South of via Dottorina, via Levadello Municipality of SOLFERINO (MN): South of SP12 Municipality of CAVRIANA (MN): South West of SP8, via Capre, West of Monte 3 Galline Municipality of GUIDIZZOLO (MN): West of via S.Cassiano, North East of via Tiziano, North East of SP236, West of country road that connect SP236 to Str.S.Martino, South of Str.S.Martino, West of country road that connect Str.S.Martino to via S.Andrea, North of Str. per Medole, West of via Oratorio, South of Canale Virgilio, West of via Lombardia, South West of SP10 Municipality of MEDOLE (MN) Municipality of CASTEL GOFFREDO (MN): North East of SP6, East and North of Contrada S.Anna, North of Str. Baldese, West of country road that intersects SP6 at km 13, North East of SP6, East of via Martiri di Belfiore, of Str.Medole, North East of via Malfada, East and North of Contrada Perosso Sopra, East of Str. Profondi, via Castellina 10.9.2017 Municipality of CHIGNOLO PO (PV) Municipality of BADIA PAVESE (PV): East of via Guglielmo Marconi Municipality of MONTICELLI PAVESE (PV) Municipality of SAN COLOMBANO AL LAMBRO (MI): South of SP19, viale F. Petrarca, West of SP23, South of S. Giovanni di Dio, West of via Privata Colombana, via del Municipality of ROTTOFRENO (PC): North of SP13, Pilastrello, West of di Strada comunale per Campagna via Veratto 31.8.2017 Municipality of SOLFERINO (MN): North of via della Baita, of country road that connect via della Baita to via Ca' Morino, West of via Ca' Morino Municipality of POZZOLENGO (BS): South West of Loc. Bella Vista, West of country road that connect Località Bella Vista to Località Volpe, West of country road that connect Località Volpe to Località Rondotto, North of Località Rondotto, West of Località Celadina Nuova, via Valletta Municipality of CASTIGLIONE DELLE STIVIERE (MN): East of via Fabio Filzi, North of via Levaldello, East of SP82, via L.T.Casilini, South of via Giuseppe Verdi, East of via dei Morei, South of via Barche di Solferino, North East of via Bertasetti, via Fichetto, East and South of via Astore, East of via del Bertocco, South Municipality of CAVRIANA (MN): West of SP8, via Georgiche, via Madonna della Porta, via Pozzone, North West of SP15, North East of SP13, East of SP8 Municipality of DESENZANO DEL GARDA (BS): East of via Vaccarolo, South West of Località Taverna, Località Bella Vista Municipality of LONATO DEL GARDA (BS): South East of via Mantova, South and West of via Navicella, East of via Montefalcone, South and East of via Fenil Bruciato, East of Pietra Pizzola, South East of via Castel Venzago, via Centenaro 3.9.2017 In Part B, the entry for Italy is replaced by the following: 'Member State: Italy Area comprising: Date until applicable in accordance with Article 31 of Directive 2005/94/EC Municipality of CASTIGLIONE DELLE STIVIERE (MN): South of via Astore, of via Fichetto, of via Astore, East of SP83, South of via Giuseppe Mazzini, East of via Casino Pernestano, of via Roversino, North of via Dottorina, West of SP10, East and South of via Levadello, West of via Gerra, West of via L.T. Casalini, West of via Napoleone Bonaparte, via Dante Alighieri, North of via Barche di Solferino, via Bertasetti, via Barche Municipality of SOLFERINO (MN): North of via Barche, West of via San Martino From 25.8.2017 to 19.9.2017 Municipality of BAGNOLO SAN VITO (MN): East of Via Ploner, North of Via Gradaro, East of Via Canova, North of SP413 and Via Romana Nuova, North-East of Via Molinara, West of SP413 Municipality of SUSTINENTE (MN): West of SP79, North of Municipality of RONCOFERRARO (MN): South-East of SP482, North of Via Sacchetta, left bank of Po river SP31, South of SP30, South of SP80 From 14.8.2017 to 22.8.2017

Municipality of GUIDIZZOLO (MN): South of str. to Medole, South-West of via Casarole, West of via Marchionale; South of Str. per Medole, East of via Oratorio, North of Canale Virgilio, East of via Lombardia, North East of SP10 Municipality of CASTEL GOFFREDO (MN): East of SP8, of viale Prof. B. Umbertini, of via Monteverdi, North of SP6, North-East of via C. Battisti, East of via Ospedale, North-East of str. Zocca; South West of SP6, West and South of Contrada S.Anna, South of Str.Baldese, East of country road that intersects SP6 at km 13, South West of SP6, West of via Martiri di Belfiore, of Str.Medole, South West of via Malfada From 10.8.2017 to 19.9.2017 Municipality of DESENZANO DEL GARDA (BS): North of Highway A4 Municipality of MONTICHIARI (BS): South of SP668, East of via Sant'Eurosia, of via Boschetti of Sopra, South of via Mantova, East of via Padre Annibale of Francia, of str. Vicinale Scoler, of via Scoler, South of SP236, of SP668, East of SP29. North-East of via Montechiaresa: and West of Chiese river. West of via Mantova LONATO DEL GARDA (BS): South-West of SP11, East of SP25, South-East of SP668; and North of SP668, North-East of via Malocche, West and North via Fossa, North of via Cominello, West of via Monte Mario, North of via S. Tommaso, West and North of via Monte Semo, West of via Bordena, South-West of via Marziale Cerruti, North of Municipality of MONZAMBANO (MN): West of SP19, South of SP74, West of str. S. Pietro; and East Highway A4 Municipality of POZZOLENGO (BS): South of E70; and North of Localita Cobue Sotto, of Localita Caccia, SP18 East of Localita Cascina Ceresa, North of Localita Giacomo Sotto, East of via Sirmione, North-West of SP106 2.9.2017

Municipality of SUSTINENTE (MN): East of SP79, South of SP482 Municipality of QUINGENTOLE Municipality of SAN GIORGIO of MANTOVA (MN): East of SP28, South-East of SP10 (MN) Municipality of PEGOGNAGA (MN): North of SP49, East of Strada Ruggera, North-East of Strada Panazza Ruggera Municipality of SAN BENEDETTO PO (MN): North of Tangenziale Sud, SP49 Municipality of BAGNOLO SAN VITO (MN): West of Via Ploner, South of Via Gradaro, West of Via Canova, South of SP413 and Via Romana Nuova, South-East of Via Molinara, West of SP413 Municipality of BORGO VIRGILIO (MN): North of SP413 and Strada Romana Municipality of MANTOVA (MN): East of SR62 (Via Parma), South of SP28 (Via Brennero) Municipality of RONCOFERRARO (MN): North-East of SP482, North-Municipality of SERRAVALLE A PO (MN) West of SP31, North of SP30, North-East of SP80, and South of Stradello Pasqualone Municipality of QUISTELLO (MN): North of Tangenziale Sud, North-West of Via Cortesa, North-West of Via N. Sauro, North of SP496, East of Via Cantone, North-East of Via Basaglie, North of Via Sanguinetto, West of SP72 22.8.2017 Municipality of RONCOFERRARO (MN): North of Stradello Pasqualone From 23.8.2017 to 30.8.2017

Municipality of CASALMORO (MN): South of via solferino, via Piave, East of via Roma, South of via IV Municipality of CASTELGOFFREDO (MN): West of SP8, South-West of str. Casaloldo, Novembre, of SP68 South of Contrada Molino, South-East of str. Casalmoro, West of str. Nuovissima, of str. Carobio, South-East of Contrada Casalpoglio, South of via Casalpoglio Municipality of REMEDELLO (BS): North of via Solferino, of via Dante, of via XXIV Aprile, East of SP76, of via Silvio Pellico, North of SP29, East of via Padre M. Cappellazzi, South-East of SP29 Municipality of GOITO (MN): North-East of SP16, East and North of SP236, West SP19; and East of the country road that intersects the SP16, South of SP16, East of Strada Cavacchia Cerlongo, Municipality of PIUBEGA (MN): North-West of SP7, South of SP1 Pazza San Pio X, North of SP236 Municipality of CERESARA (MN): South of Str. Goite, via Municipality of MARIANA MANTOVANA (MN) Don Ottaviano Daina Municipality of ASOLA (MN): North of SP7, North-East of SP68, North-East of via Bonincontri Longure, North of via Aporti, North-East of via SP343, North of SP2, East of via Bassa of Casalmoro; and South of via Mantova, South-West of SP68, West of SP1 18.8.2017

Municipality of BONAVIGO (VR): North-East of SP18 Municipality of PRESSANA (VR): North of SP40b, East of the country road that intersects via Braggio at number n.56 Municipality of ALBAREDO D'<u>ADIGE</u> (VR): East of SP18 Municipality of VERONELLA (VR): South of the Leb canal, East of SP18 Municipality of COLOGNA VENETA (VR): West of SP500, South-West of via Santa Apollonia, North-East of SP19, South and West of via Santi Pietro and Paolo, South of the Leb canal From 20.8.2017 to 28.8.2017

Municipality of BONAVIGO (VR): South-West of SP18 Municipality of LONIGO (VI): South of via Rotonda, West of SP17, South of via S. Giovanni, of via Madona, of via Pavarano, of via Lobbia Vicentina Municipality of RONCO ALL'ADIGE (VR): East of SP39b, North of SP19, East of via Ronchi, South of via Gatelle, East of via Mazza Municipality of MONTAGNANA (PD): North of via A. Dozzi, East of via Arzarin, West of via Pallonga, North of SR10, North-West of via Lognolo, West of via Saoncella, South-West of via Busi, West of via Argine Padovano Municipality of COLOGNA VENETA (VR): East of SP500, North-East of via Santa Apollonia, South-West of SP19, North and East of via Santi Pietro and Paolo, North of Leb canal Municipality of LEGNAGO (VR): East of via del Pontiere, North-West of viale Regina Margherita, North of via XXIV Maggio, of via Passeggio, of via Disciplina, West of SR10, East of via Papa Pio X, North-West of SP42a Municipality of BOSCHI SANT'ANNA (VR): North of via Scaranella, of via Stradone, West of via Piazza S. Marco, North-West of via Casette, West of via Faro, North-East of via Viadane, North of via Stradone Municipality of PRESSANA (VR): South of SP40b, West of country road that intersects via Braggio at number n.56 28.8.2017

Municipality of ASIGLIANO VENETO (VI): West of via Roma, South of via Trieste, West of via Vela, Municipality of OPPEANO (VR): North-East of Bussè river, East of SP21, of via Dante Alighieri, of South of SP3 via Fossette, North of via Postale Vecchia Municipality of BEVILACQUA (VR): West of SP41, West of via Lupara, Municipality of CEREA (VR): North of via Fossalta, East of SP45, North-East of via North-West of SP42a Palesella Scuole, of via Palesella, North of SP44c, East of SS434 Municipality of ALONTE (VI): West of via Sabbionara, South of via Castelletto Municipality of ORGIANO (VI): West of via Paradiso, of via Teonghio, West Municipality of SAN BONIFACIO (VR): East of SP38, South-East of via Cimitero, East of SP7, South of Municipality of ROVEREDO of GUA' (VR): South-West of via Dante via Circonvallazione, South of SP38 Alighieri, West of via Battisti, South-West of via Rosa Municipality of SAN PIETRO DI MORUBIO (VR): North of via Fossalta, of via Rubbiani, North-East of via Orti, East of via Luche, South of via Bosco, East of via Casalino Municipality of ISOLA RIZZA (VR): North of via Muselle, East of SP45a, North of SP3 Municipality of BELFIORE (VR): South of SP38, East of via Moneta, South-West of SP395, South-East of via Bionde, West of via Porto, South-East of SP39b Municipality of ROVERCHIARA (VR) Municipality of ANGIARI (VR) Municipality of Municipality of ALBAREDO D'ADIGE (VR): West of SP18 ARCOLE (VR) Municipality of VERONELLA (VR): North of Leb canal, West of SP18 Municipality of MINERBE (VR) Municipality of ZIMELLA (VR) 28.8.2017 Municipality of SORGA' (VR): East of via S. Pietro Municipality of ISOLA della SCALA (VR): East of via S. Zeno, South of SP20a, East of country road that intersects via S.Gabriele at number n.30, West and South of via S. Gabriele, West and South of via Guasto, East of via Gabbietta, South of via Cognare Municipality of SALIZZOLE (VR): West of SP48c, South of SP20, West of via G. Rossini, South of via Dante Alighieri, West of via Lavacchio, South of via Franchine Municipality of NOGARA (VR): North of via Spin, East of via Montalto, of via Olmo, North of SR10, West of SS12, of SP20 From 22.8.2017 to 2.9.2017 Municipality of GAZZO VERONESE (VR): West of e North of via Dosso de Pol. North of via Ronchetrin. North-West of via Bastia, West of SS12, North of via Frescà, of via Dante Alighieri, of via Olmo, West of SP47a, North-West of Municipality of CONCAMARISE (VR) Municipality of BOVOLONE (VR): South East of SP20, East of via Don G. Calabria, South of via Valbauzzo, North of SP2 Municipality of SAN PIETRO DI MORUBIO (VR): West of via Farfusola, of via Borgo, South-West of via Parti Municipality of SANGUINETTO (VR): North and West of via Marchiorina, West of via Bonzanini, North of SR10 Municipality of VILLIMPENTA (MN) Municipality of OPPEANO (VR): North-West of SP20, West of via Corsina, of via SP21a, South of via Sorio, West of via Croce, Municipality of CEREA (VR): West of via Favaletto, of SP48a, of SP2, North of via Brunel, West of South of SP21 via Isolella Bassa Municipality of SALIZZOLE (VR): East of via Spolverine, South of SP20b; North and East of via Valmorsel, South of country road that intersects via Peron at number n. 47 30.8.2017

Municipality of CASTELLUCCHIO (MN): East of via Mantellazze, of via Marchiodola,North of SP55, and North-West of via Borsatta, of str. Picco, of str. Fontana Municipality of RODIGO (MN): South-East of SP1, South-West of SP1 From 26.7.2017 to 3.9.2017 Municipality of PIUBEGA (MN): South-East of SP7, South of SP1 Municipality of MARCARIA (MN): South-East of

SP10, East of SP57 Municipality of MARMIROLO (MN): West of SP236 Municipality of SAN MARTINO DALL'ARGINE (MN): North of SP58, East of SP78, North-East of left bank of Oglio river Municipality of GAZZUOLO (MN): East of SP58 Municipality of ACQUANEGRA SUL CHIESE (MN): North-East of SP67, South-East of SP17 Municipality of RODONDESCO (MN) Municipality of GOITO (MN): East of SP7, South-West of SP16, West and South of SP236 Municipality of MANTOVA (MN): North-West of via Brescia, East of SR62, North-West of SP10, West of viale Pompillio, West of SP29 Municipality of PORTO MANTOVANO (MN): West of SP236, of via Brescia Municipality of GAZOLDO DEGLI IPPOLITI (MN) Municipality of CASTELLUCCHIO (MN): West of Via Mantellazze, of via Marchiodola, SP55, South-East of via Borsatta, Str. Picco, Str. Fontana Municipality of RODIGO (MN): North-West of SP1, North-East of SP1 3.9.2017

Municipality of TREVENZUOLO (VR): North-East of SP50a, East of via N. Sauro, South of via Decima, of str. Marinella, East of Corte Mantellina Municipality of ISOLA della SCALA (VR): South of SP50b, West of country road that intersects SP50b at 4th km, South of SP50b, South of SP24, East of via Verona, South and East of via Tavole di Casalbergo, West of SS12, South of SP24, West of via Rosario, North of via Selesetto, West of country road that intersects via S.Gabriele at number n.30, West and South of via S. Gabriele, West of country road that intersects via Ave, North of SP20a, West of via S. Zeno Municipality of ERBE' (VR): South and East of SP50a Municipality of SORGA' (VR): North of via Albarella, East and West of SP20a, North of SP50, East of via Bosco, East and North of via Gamandone From 25.8.2017 to 2.9.2017

Municipality of ERBE' (VR): North and West of SP50a Municipality of TREVENZUOLO (VR): South-West of SP50a, West of via N. Sauro, North of via Decima, of str. Marinella, West of Corte Mantellina Municipality of ISOLA della SCALA (VR): North of SP50b, East of country road that intersects SP50b at 4th km, North of SP50b, North of SP24, West of via Verona, North and West of via Tavole di Casalbergo, East of SP12, North of SP24, East of via Rosario, South of via Selesetto, East of country road that intersects via S.Gabriele at number 30, North of via S.Gabriele, via S.Guasto, West of via Gabbietta, North of via Franchine Municipality of SORGA' (VR): West and South of via Gamandone, West of via Bosco, South of SP50, East and West of SP20a, South of via Albarella, West of via S.Pietro Municipality of SALIZZOLE (VR): East of SP48c, North of SP20, East of via G. Rossini, North of via Dante Alighieri, East of via Lavacchio, North of via Franchine, West of via Spolverine, North of SP20b, South and West of via Valmorsel, North of country road that intersects via Peron at number n. 47 Municipality of NOGARA (VR): South of via Spin, West of via Montalto, of Municipality of VIGASIO (VR) via Olmo, South of SR10, East of SS12, of SP20 Municipality of BUTTAPIETRA (VR): South of SP51 Municipality of SAN GIOVANNI LUPATOTO (VR): South of via Acque Municipality of OPPEANO (VR): West of SP2, South of via Antonio Salieri, West of SS434, West of via Bragagnani Municipality of BOVOLONE (VR): North West of SP20, West of via Don G. Calabria, North of via Valbauzzo, South of SP2 Municipality of CASTEL D'ARIO (MN) Municipality of BIGARELLO (MN) Municipality of CASTELBELFORTE (MN) Municipality of ROVERBELLA (MN): East of Autostrada del Brennero (A22) Municipality of NOGAROLE ROCCA (VR): East of via Colombare, of via Guglielmo Marconi, of via Molinare, of country road that intersects Torre Storta at number n. 22 Municipality of POVEGLIANO VERONESE (VR): East of SP52, South of via dei Ronchi 2.9.2017 Municipality of SORBOLO (PR): South of Strada Certosino - Stradone Dell'Aia - Via della Mina - Strada del Ferrari Municipality of BRESCELLO (RE): South of strada Vignoli; East of Strada Provinciale SP62R and of Strada della Cisa Municipality of MEZZANI (PR): East of Strada provinciale 72, South of Po river From 1.9.2017 to 9.9.2017 Municipality of PARMA (PR): East of Strada provinciale SP9, North of tangenziale di Parma (until exit n. 7), of Strada statale SS9 Municipality of GATTATICO Municipality of TORRILE (PR) (RE) Municipality of POVIGLIO (RE) Municipality of BORETTO (RE) Municipality of COLORNO (PR) Municipality of CASTELNOVO DI SOTTO (RE): North of via A. Alberici, West of Municipality of CAMPEGINE (RE): North of Strada via Villafranca, West of Strada Pescatora and of via Tolara provinciale SP112, West of Strada Pescatora Municipality of VIADANA (MN): South-West of Via Ottoponti Bragagnina - Via Ottoponti Salina, West of Via Ottoponti e dell'abitato di Salina CASALMAGGIORE (CR): South-Est of SP 343 R - Ponte Asolana, South of SP ex SS 420, West of Case San Quirico, South of Case Sparse Quattro Case – Via Valle, West of Via Manfrassina 9.9.2017

Municipality of CASTIGLIONE DELLE STIVIERE (MN): East of SP10, West and South of via Levadello, East of via Gerra, East of via L.T. Casalini, East of via Napoleone Bonaparte, via Dante Alighieri, South of via Barche di Solferino, via Bertasetti, via Barche; and North of via Levadello Municipality of SOLFERINO (MN): South of via Barche, West of via G. Garibaldi, via Cavriana, North of SP12 From 5.9.2017 to 19.9.2017 Municipality of CASTIGLIONE DELLE STIVIERE (MN): East of via Castellina, via Pigliaguaglie, via Berettina, South Municipality of SOLFERINO (MN): South of SP12 of via Dottorina, via Levadello Municipality of CAVRIANA (MN): South West of SP8, via Capre, West of Monte 3 Galline Municipality of GUIDIZZOLO (MN): West of via S.Cassiano, North East of via Tiziano, North East of SP236, West of country road that connect SP236 to Str.S.Martino, South of Str.S.Martino, West of country road that connect Str.S.Martino to via S.Andrea, North of Str. per Medole, West of via Oratorio, South of Canale Virgilio, West of via Lombardia, South West of SP10 Municipality of MEDOLE (MN) Municipality of CASTEL GOFFREDO (MN): North East of SP6, East and North of Contrada S.Anna, North of Str.Baldese, West of country road that intersects SP6 at km 13, North East of SP6, East of via Martiri di Belfiore, of Str. Medole, North East of via Malfada, East and North of Contrada Perosso Sopra, East of Str. Profondi, via Castellina From 11.9.2017 to 19.9.2017

Municipality of CERESARA (MN): North-West of SP16, North-East of via Colombare Bocchere and via S. Martino, North of SP16, North-West of SP7, SP15 Municipality of CASALOLDO (MN): East of str. Grassi, North of via Squarzieri From 10.8.2017 to 19.9.2017 Municipality of DESENZANO DEL GARDA (BS): South of Highway A4; and East of via S. Piero, West and North of Localita Taverna, North of Localita Municipality of LONATO DEL GARDA (BS): South of SP668, South-West of via Malocche, East and Bella vista South via Fossa, South of via Cominello, East of via Monte Mario, South of via S. Tommaso, East and South of via Monte Semo, East of via Bordena, North-East of via Marziale Cerruti, South of Highway A4; and West of via delle Cocche, Localita Pradei, North of via Malomocco, via S. Marco, via Vallone, West and North of via Brodena, West of SP567 Municipality of POZZOLENGO: South of Localita Cobue Sotto, West of Localita Cascina Ceresa, South of Localita Giacomo Sotto, West of via Sirmione, South-East of SP106; and North of Localita Bella Vista, Strada comunale Desenzano-Pozzolengo, East and North of SP13 Municipality of VOLTA MANTOVANA (MN): West of SP19, Str. Dei Colli, via S. Martino, via Goito; and North East of Str. Bezzetti, South of SP19, East via I Maggio Municipality of CALCINATO (BS): South of SP668 13.9.2017

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President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev was interviewed by the Italian Rai 1 TV *channel* on October 26, 2020.

*Trend*presents the interview.

- Mr. President, good afternoon. Please tell us if this new truce, this new ceasefire will hold. If I am not mistaken, this is the third ceasefire.
- Everything will depend on how Armenia behaves because the first two ceasefires were disrupted by Armenia. After the first ceasefire, which was declared for humanitarian considerations, Armenia violated the ceasefire within 24 hours and barbarically launched a ballistic missile at the city of Ganja at night. As a result of the first shelling, 10 people were killed and many were wounded. Then they hit Ganja again, and also at night. There were even more victims. So we had to answer. As for the second truce, we have a chronology of Armenia's violations of the ceasefire. They violated it literally two minutes after the appointed hour of the truce. Today, at 8 o'clock, a new truce came into <u>force</u>. Now it is 10 o'clock in the morning in Baku. At about 3-4 minutes after the ceasefire entered into <u>force</u> at 8 o'clock, several shells were fired at the city of Tartar again. We are not reacting to this. We hope this was an accident, but if this continues, we will be **forced** to respond adequately.
- Mr. President, what actually caused the outbreak of *hostilities* at the end of September? Why did this happen?
- There was a series of events of political and military nature. Armenia's main goal was to disrupt the process of <u>negotiations</u> in every possible way. The new government of Armenia has repeatedly stated that the fundamental principles are unacceptable for it, that it is not going to return a single centimeter of the occupied territories, which contradicts the fundamental principles. The prime minister stated that we should <u>negotiate</u> not with Armenia but with the so-called leaders of Nagorno-Karabakh, which is unacceptable both for us and for the OSCE Minsk Group.

He also stated that 'Karabakh is Armenia, full stop', thereby completely undermining the <u>negotiations</u>. In the past year, there were practically no <u>negotiations</u>, and in order to shift the blame on us, Armenia made three sabotage attempts - in July on the border, in August when they sent a sabotage group, and in September when they shelled our cities. They probably thought that we would show restraint again, but that did not happen. We answered them in a manner that they are now regretting it.

- On what conditions will you <u>agree</u> to stop the <u>hostilities</u> then? You have repeatedly spoken about the need for a constructive approach on the part of Armenia. What should a constructive approach be like?
- A constructive approach should be that they must publicly declare, through the prime minister, that they accept the fundamental principles. The fundamental principles envisage the return of seven districts located around the Nagorno-Karabakh autonomous region to Azerbaijan and the return of Azerbaijani refugees to the territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, including the ancient Azerbaijani city of Shusha. These approaches are, in principle, based on four UN Security Council resolutions, which require practically the same. But when the Armenian prime minister says that not a single centimeter of land will be given to us, when the Armenian defense minister says that Armenia will start a new <u>war</u> for new territories and when aggression is carried out against us, this is not a constructive approach, of course. He must say that yes, the occupied territories will be returned to Azerbaijan, that the Azerbaijanis will return to Nagorno-Karabakh, including Shusha, and then, of course, we will come to an <u>agreement</u> very quickly.
- -Mr. President, there is one very controversial issue. Some countries, not only Armenia, but also France, have somehow accused you and Turkey of sending thousands of mercenaries, jihadists from Syria to Karabakh via Turkey. How will you respond to such accusations, and how will you respond to the accusations that speak of the presence of Turkish <u>troops</u> and Turkish military aircraft on the territory of Azerbaijan?
- I have already answered this question many times and I will answer it again. First, such unfounded accusations were brought against us by only two countries - France and Russia. France said that through the President, Russia through the head of the Foreign Intelligence Service. These charges were brought against us immediately after the outbreak of hostilities. Although almost a month has already passed, not a single piece of evidence, no proof was provided to us. In fact, I will say this for the first time - I asked the French side for the heads of relevant agencies to meet, discuss the issue and provide us with evidence. Nothing was presented to us. Therefore, these are all insinuations. All this is an attempt to cast a shadow on Azerbaijan. I regret that such unfounded accusations come from the co-chair countries, which are supposed to be objective. After all, we do not talk every day about how many weapons are supplied from Russia to Armenia. We do not talk about the fact that Armenia would not have lasted a day in the occupied territories without external assistance. Political support, military support, moral support - all this comes from countries that are supposed to stay neutral. Therefore, we strongly reject these insinuations. It is not necessary. We have 100,000 soldiers of the regular army. If necessary, we will announce overall mobilization, which, by the way, we have not done unlike Armenia. Therefore, this is all lies and slander. As for the participation of Turkish troops in operations, this is also a lie. There is not a single piece of evidence. The fact that Turkish F-16s are on the territory of Azerbaijan was a result of our joint military exercises on the eve of the *conflict*. We do not talk about how many Russian MIG-29s and Su-30s are on the territory of Armenia. We do not talk about the fact that 5,000 Russian troops are located at the base in Armenia in Gumru and, according to our data, there are periodical supplies of the Armenian armed forces from there. These are facts, in contrast to what is being said about us. Therefore, I suggest that those who want to accuse us first deal with themselves and then make such hasty conclusions based on false information.
- Mr. President, my last question more or less also concerns our country, Italy. You probably know that in Europe there are many successful examples of a peaceful <u>settlement</u> of territorial <u>disputes</u> or separatism. We have one of such examples in Italy. It is Alto <u>Adige</u>/Südtirol. Don't you think that Italy could help you with its experience in resolving the status of Karabakh? Moreover, Italy has very good, close and strong political and cultural relations with you and also with Armenia.
- Yes, I believe that Italy can play a very important role in the <u>settlement</u> of the <u>conflict</u>. I must say that when the Minsk Group was formed, a very long time ago, almost 30 years ago, it was the Italian representative, the Italian

diplomat who was the leader of this Minsk Group. That was before the institution of co-chairs was established. After the institution of the co-chairs was created, the Minsk Group as a group of countries did not produce any results because the co-chairs took this activity into their monopoly. We know what this has led to. For 28 years, there has been no progress, no results, only promises, only bureaucratic procedures. In essence, it seems to us today that the activities of the co-chairs were aimed at freezing the conflict, not at resolving it. As for the model that exists in Italy, we have studied it. We also studied the model of the Aland Islands and other successful autonomy experiences. Azerbaijan, unlike Armenia, is a multiethnic state. In Armenia, as you probably know, 99 percent of the population are Armenians. Therefore, this is a very positive experience of self-government which could be applied in our case. In fact, as far as I know, such proposals were made in the mid-1990s. Even groups of representatives of non-governmental organizations and political scientists have visited your country, the region you are talking about, and the Aland Islands. But Armenia has always categorically rejected this. They believed that they would be able to occupy our territories forever relying on military, political and economic support from leading countries of the world, but they made a gross miscalculation. We are proving our case on the battlefield today. We are implementing UN Security Council resolutions and are restoring international law.

- Mr. President, the very last question: at what level will we be in this **conflict** in one year? Or will it already be resolved by then?
- You know, I communicate with representatives of foreign media almost every day during this month, and in my addresses to the Azerbaijani people I always clearly state our position. We see the future of the Karabakh region not only the upper part of it but also the plain because Karabakh is a large part of Azerbaijan - as a prosperous and peaceful territory where Azerbaijanis, who must return there, and the Armenians who now live there will live in peace. Our position is this. I believe that this can be achieved with mutual goodwill of the parties. After all, thousands of Armenians live in Baku and other cities of Azerbaijan today. The Azerbaijanis and Armenians have joint businesses in Russia and Georgia. There are mixed families. Therefore, I think that reconciliation is possible. The Armenian leadership should simply abandon its aggressive policy. And if this happens, with our investments and our experience of rebuilding the country, we can turn this region into one of the most prosperous regions in the world. But for this to happen, the consequences of the war must be eliminated. The occupation must be eliminated, the Azerbaijanis must return to the lands where they have lived for centuries, and live in harmony with the Armenian population. It will not be easy and it will take time. But we know how countries were reconciled after World War II, when European countries were at war - the current neighbors, and many people were killed. But this should not sit in the memory all the time and produce hatred, which is what Armenian ideologists are doing today. Goodwill must be shown. If that happens, what I am saying will happen. If not, we will return these lands anyway. And the current state of affairs on the battlefield is showing that. We will return them at any cost. Either peacefully or war, but we will return them. Therefore, I think the Armenian leadership should seriously think about it and take the right step.
- Thank you very much, Mr. President, and as they say in Italian, Bono Fortuno!
- Thank you, all the best to you too. Thank you!
- Goodbye!
- Goodbye!

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IVECO attends the opening of the first LNG refuelling station in the Alto Adige region

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Oct. 26 -- The opening of the first LNG station in Vipiteno (Bolzano) along the Brenner axis is a significant step towards providing an effective solution to the freight traffic restrictions on the Italian-Austrian-German route and the traffic bans for diesel trucks that the Tyrol region is extending to Euro 4 vehicles.

With Stralis NP LNG vehicles in their fleet, businesses such as FERCAM will be able to take full advantage of the exemption of LNG commercial vehicles from the MAUT toll system in Germany and deliver their logistics services across Italy and Germany without *polluting* the environment and with significantly reduced operating costs.

At the opening event, IVECO delivered the first Stralis LNG vehicles of an order placed by FERCAM, a leading multinational company in transalpine logistics based in Bolzano, to develop their sustainable logistics services.

The first Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) refuelling station in the Alto <u>Adige</u>, owned by APS fuel, was inaugurated on October 19th at the Sadobre terminal in the Bolzano province of Vipiteno. Among the attendees were Pierre Lahutte, IVECO Brand President; Isabella De Monte, member of the European Parliament Committee on Transport and Tourism; Daniel Alfreider, former member of Parliament and SVP candidate for the Provincial Council of the Alto <u>Adige</u>; Elmar Morandell, President of APA goods transportation; Thomas Baumgartner, President of FERCAM and ANITA; Roberto Padovani, owner of APS Fuel, as well as representatives of the press and other organizations.

The Assembly of Tyrol - the Austrian border region in the Alps - has announced days ago its decision to ban Euro 4 trucks from August 2019 and to extend the restriction to Euro 5 vehicles in 2021. In addition, it is planning to extend the current area restrictions to Euro 6 vehicles for all vehicles with a weight above 7.5 tonnes that transport a wide range of classified goods. In the face of such stringent measures, LNG vehicles, which are exempt from the traffic restrictions in place, and provide an environmentally and financially sustainable solution, facilitating logistics operations in a key geographical area for freight transport entering and exiting Italy.

The new refuelling station is located in a geographically strategic area that can be reached directly via the A22 motorway - both north- and south-bound - and is close to the border between Italy and Austria. It is destined to play a role of great importance, as it is positioned close to the Brenner Pass, which suffers from environmental pollution, and it provides a practical solution to the increasingly intense debate on this issue.

Pierre Lahutte, IVECO Brand President, commented: "Technology that uses clean fuel like natural gas or biomethane - which our Natural Power vehicles feature - provides an immediate and practical solution for crossing the Brenner Pass and the whole alpine route in an environmentally and economically sustainable way. Traffic bans on diesel vehicles in the Tyrol and other regions in the north of Italy, and exemption from the MAUT toll system in Germany, further confirm that natural gas is the most effective response to the environmental impact of road

IVECO attends the opening of the first LNG refuelling station in the Alto Adige region

transport. With our full range of natural gas powered vehicles, IVECO has made sustainability a reality for many customers who, like FERCAM, have chosen to share our future vision of the transport sector."

The refuelling station, which can stock 80 m3 of LNG and refuel around 250 articulated trucks per day, features 12 high flow pumps spread over six lanes, to make refuelling quicker. The station also offers a variety of additional services to meet all customer needs, including 300 parking spaces for heavy goods vehicles.

During the opening event, GASSER, IVECO's dealer in the area with over 60 years' experience, officially delivered the first IVECO Stralis NP 460 vehicles to FERCAM, a multinational transport and logistics company based in Bolzano. The company, which is based in the Alto <u>Adige</u> region and is a European leader in logistics, chose to keep its commitment to customers by opting for eco-sustainable vehicles with a low environmental impact.

This purchase is part of the company's 2015-2020 strategic objectives within their "CLEAN, SMARTER LOGISTICS" program in response to the ever-growing <u>demand</u> for sustainability within the transport sector. As a renowned leading manufacturer in alternative traction solutions, IVECO was the natural choice. The vehicles are equipped with cryogenic tanks to deliver a range of 1600 km. They combine a high performance, equal or better than that of equivalent diesel vehicles, and maximum environmental and financial sustainability, with considerably reduced Total Costs of Ownership.

"Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) is particularly well suited to freight and public transport," commented Alex Gasser, owner of the GASSER IVECO dealership. "With our LNG engines we are able to reduce Particulate Matter emissions by 99% compared to Euro VI standards, NO2 by 90% and CO2 by up to 10% compared to its diesel counterpart - and, with biomethane, by as much 95%. In addition, these vehicles operate much more quietly. The vehicles FERCAM has taken delivery of, in particular, feature an optional SILENT MODE function that reduces noise levels to 71 dB, as measured during the Piek Quiet Truck test. We are extremely proud that a transport company based in Alto <u>Adige</u> such FERCAM has chosen our vehicles, and we are confident that soon local administrations will follow suit and choose natural gas for urban passenger transport. City centres could also benefit greatly from this technological innovation."

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As reported earlier, on 26 October President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev was interviewed by the Italian Rai 1 TV *channel*.

<u>AZERTAC</u>presents the interview.

- Mr. President, good afternoon. Please tell us if this new truce, this new ceasefire will hold. If I am not mistaken, this is the third ceasefire.
- Everything will depend on how Armenia behaves because the first two ceasefires were disrupted by Armenia. After the first ceasefire, which was declared for humanitarian considerations, Armenia violated the ceasefire within 24 hours and barbarically launched a ballistic missile at the city of Ganja at night. As a result of the first shelling, 10 people were killed and many were wounded. Then they hit Ganja again, and also at night. There were even more victims. So we had to answer. As for the second truce, we have a chronology of Armenia's violations of the ceasefire. They violated it literally two minutes after the appointed hour of the truce. Today, at 8 o'clock, a new truce came into *force*. Now it is 10 o'clock in the morning in Baku. At about 3-4 minutes after the ceasefire entered into *force* at 8 o'clock, several shells were fired at the city of Tartar again. We are not reacting to this. We hope this was an accident, but if this continues, we will be *forced* to respond adequately.
- Mr. President, what actually caused the outbreak of <u>hostilities</u> at the end of September? Why did this happen?
- There was a series of events of political and military nature. Armenia's main goal was to disrupt the process of <u>negotiations</u> in every possible way. The new government of Armenia has repeatedly stated that the fundamental principles are unacceptable for it, that it is not going to return a single centimeter of the occupied territories, which contradicts the fundamental principles. The prime minister stated that we should <u>negotiate</u> not with Armenia but with the so-called leaders of Nagorno-Karabakh, which is unacceptable both for us and for the OSCE Minsk Group. He also stated that 'Karabakh is Armenia, full stop', thereby completely undermining the <u>negotiations</u>. In the past year, there were practically no <u>negotiations</u>, and in order to shift the blame on us, Armenia made three sabotage attempts in July on the border, in August when they sent a sabotage group, and in September when

they shelled our cities. They probably thought that we would show restraint again, but that did not happen. We answered them in a manner that they are now regretting it.

- On what conditions will you <u>agree</u> to stop the <u>hostilities</u> then? You have repeatedly spoken about the need for a constructive approach on the part of Armenia. What should a constructive approach be like?
- A constructive approach should be that they must publicly declare, through the prime minister, that they accept the fundamental principles. The fundamental principles envisage the return of seven districts located around the Nagorno-Karabakh autonomous region to Azerbaijan and the return of Azerbaijani refugees to the territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, including the ancient Azerbaijani city of Shusha. These approaches are, in principle, based on four UN Security Council resolutions, which require practically the same. But when the Armenian prime minister says that not a single centimeter of land will be given to us, when the Armenian defense minister says that Armenia will start a new <u>war</u> for new territories and when aggression is carried out against us, this is not a constructive approach, of course. He must say that yes, the occupied territories will be returned to Azerbaijan, that the Azerbaijanis will return to Nagorno-Karabakh, including Shusha, and then, of course, we will come to an <u>agreement</u> very quickly.
- -Mr. President, there is one very controversial issue. Some countries, not only Armenia, but also France, have somehow accused you and Turkey of sending thousands of mercenaries, jihadists from Syria to Karabakh via Turkey. How will you respond to such accusations, and how will you respond to the accusations that speak of the presence of Turkish <u>troops</u> and Turkish military aircraft on the territory of Azerbaijan?
- I have already answered this question many times and I will answer it again. First, such unfounded accusations were brought against us by only two countries - France and Russia. France said that through the President, Russia through the head of the Foreign Intelligence Service. These charges were brought against us immediately after the outbreak of *hostilities*. Although almost a month has already passed, not a single piece of evidence, no proof was provided to us. In fact, I will say this for the first time - I asked the French side for the heads of relevant agencies to meet, discuss the issue and provide us with evidence. Nothing was presented to us. Therefore, these are all insinuations. All this is an attempt to cast a shadow on Azerbaijan. I regret that such unfounded accusations come from the co-chair countries, which are supposed to be objective. After all, we do not talk every day about how many weapons are supplied from Russia to Armenia. We do not talk about the fact that Armenia would not have lasted a day in the occupied territories without external assistance. Political support, military support, moral support - all this comes from countries that are supposed to stay neutral. Therefore, we strongly reject these insinuations. It is not necessary. We have 100,000 soldiers of the regular army. If necessary, we will announce overall mobilization, which, by the way, we have not done unlike Armenia. Therefore, this is all lies and slander. As for the participation of Turkish troops in operations, this is also a lie. There is not a single piece of evidence. The fact that Turkish F-16s are on the territory of Azerbaijan was a result of our joint military exercises on the eve of the *conflict*. We do not talk about how many Russian MIG-29s and Su-30s are on the territory of Armenia. We do not talk about the fact that 5,000 Russian troops are located at the base in Armenia in Gumru and, according to our data, there are periodical supplies of the Armenian armed forces from there. These are facts, in contrast to what is being said about us. Therefore, I suggest that those who want to accuse us first deal with themselves and then make such hasty conclusions based on false information.
- Mr. President, my last question more or less also concerns our country, Italy. You probably know that in Europe there are many successful examples of a peaceful <u>settlement</u> of territorial <u>disputes</u> or separatism. We have one of such examples in Italy. It is Alto <u>Adige</u>/Südtirol. Don't you think that Italy could help you with its experience in resolving the status of Karabakh? Moreover, Italy has very good, close and strong political and cultural relations with you and also with Armenia.
- Yes, I believe that Italy can play a very important role in the <u>settlement</u> of the <u>conflict</u>. I must say that when the Minsk Group was formed, a very long time ago, almost 30 years ago, it was the Italian representative, the Italian <u>diplomat</u> who was the leader of this Minsk Group. That was before the institution of co-chairs was established. After the institution of the co-chairs was created, the Minsk Group as a group of countries did not produce any results because the co-chairs took this activity into their monopoly. We know what this has led to. For 28 years,

there has been no progress, no results, only promises, only bureaucratic procedures. In essence, it seems to us today that the activities of the co-chairs were aimed at freezing the *conflict*, not at resolving it. As for the model that exists in Italy, we have studied it. We also studied the model of the Aland Islands and other successful autonomy experiences. Azerbaijan, unlike Armenia, is a multiethnic state. In Armenia, as you probably know, 99 percent of the population are Armenians. Therefore, this is a very positive experience of self-government which could be applied in our case. In fact, as far as I know, such proposals were made in the mid-1990s. Even groups of representatives of non-governmental organizations and political scientists have visited your country, the region you are talking about, and the Aland Islands. But Armenia has always categorically *rejected* this. They believed that they would be able to occupy our territories forever relying on military, political and economic support from leading countries of the world, but they made a gross miscalculation. We are proving our case on the battlefield today. We are implementing UN Security Council resolutions and are restoring international law.

- Mr. President, the very last question: at what level will we be in this **conflict** in one year? Or will it already be resolved by then?
- You know, I communicate with representatives of foreign media almost every day during this month, and in my addresses to the Azerbaijani people I always clearly state our position. We see the future of the Karabakh region not only the upper part of it but also the plain because Karabakh is a large part of Azerbaijan - as a prosperous and peaceful territory where Azerbaijanis, who must return there, and the Armenians who now live there will live in peace. Our position is this. I believe that this can be achieved with mutual goodwill of the parties. After all, thousands of Armenians live in Baku and other cities of Azerbaijan today. The Azerbaijanis and Armenians have joint businesses in Russia and Georgia. There are mixed families. Therefore, I think that reconciliation is possible. The Armenian leadership should simply abandon its aggressive policy. And if this happens, with our investments and our experience of rebuilding the country, we can turn this region into one of the most prosperous regions in the world. But for this to happen, the consequences of the war must be eliminated. The occupation must be eliminated, the Azerbaijanis must return to the lands where they have lived for centuries, and live in harmony with the Armenian population. It will not be easy and it will take time. But we know how countries were reconciled after World War II, when European countries were at war - the current neighbors, and many people were killed. But this should not sit in the memory all the time and produce hatred, which is what Armenian ideologists are doing today. Goodwill must be shown. If that happens, what I am saying will happen. If not, we will return these lands anyway. And the current state of affairs on the battlefield is showing that. We will return them at any cost. Either peacefully or war, but we will return them. Therefore, I think the Armenian leadership should seriously think about it and take the right step.
- Thank you very much, Mr. President, and as they say in Italian, Bono Fortuno!
- Thank you, all the best to you too. Thank you!
- Goodbye!
- Goodbye!

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Key themes from India's TV news channels 19 Sep 22

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Main themes on evening prime-time shows on Indian TV news channels on 16-18 September 2022

Highlights

- -Select coverage of meeting between Indian PM Modi's and Russian President Putin
- -Select coverage of PM Modi's birthday
- -Extensive, continuous coverage of a video leak scandal involving university girls

Modi-Putin Meeting

Several prominent news <u>channels</u> highlighted a meeting between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin on the side-lines of the 15-16 September annual summit of the Shanghai <u>Cooperation</u> Organisation (SCO).

Privately-owned, prominent, English-language TV news channel NDTV 24X7 aired a special broadcast [at 19:30 IST or 14:00 gmt, 16 September] on the meeting.

Anchor Maha Siddiqui, reporting from Samarkand in Uzbekistan, where the SCO summit took place, said that the "big takeaway from his [Modi's] 24-hour visit to Uzbekistan was his meeting with the Russian president".

The anchor added that the "two sides met warmly but there was a big headline from that engagement between the two leaders - PM Modi asking President Putin to take the initiative, the first step in ending the Ukraine crisis". He added that Modi said that "this is not the era of <u>war</u>" and mentioned that the <u>conflict</u> had "created a food and energy crisis globally". Modi also spoke about other aspects in the relationship between the two countries, "how the relationship has been extremely warm and the personal equation between him and President Putin".

The anchor then said, "Meanwhile, President Putin acknowledged for the second day in a row that some of its [Russia's] friends have concerns with regards to Ukraine and the crisis."

The broadcast shared a video of Modi's meeting with Putin, wherein Modi can be seen saying, "I know that today's times are not that of <u>war</u>. At the same time, I will also like to thank both you and Ukraine that when in the starting days of the <u>war</u>, many of our [Indian] students were stuck in Ukraine, it was because of your and Ukraine's help that we could get our students out of there safely. Today, once again we are meeting and today, also the biggest tensions that the world is facing, especially the developing countries, is that of food security, fuel security, and of fertiliser [shortage]. We need to find solutions to these and you [Russia] will also need to take the first step in that."

Privately-owned, nationalist, English-language TV news channel WION on its show "Gravitas" [at 21:00 IST or 15:30 gmt, 16 September] reported that "until this week, Vladimir Putin was known as a symbol of Russian power", but "this week at the SCO summit, Putin looked like a completely different man... his demeanour remained the same but the Russian President doesn't look confident."

The anchor said, "For the last two days, Putin has found himself repeatedly defending his actions in Ukraine. Yesterday, it was Xi Jinping [China's President] and today, it was India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi. There is a marked shift in the Russian President's tone. He is reassuring allies that the <u>war</u> will end soon." The anchor then talked about the Modi-Putin meeting terming the the setting of the meet to be "cordial".

Modi's birthday

Popular, pro-government news channels offered glowing tributes to Modi on his 72nd birthday on 17 September.

Prominent, privately-owned, pro-government, Hindi TV news channel Zee News aired a special report [at 19:00 IST or 13:30 gmt, 17 September] on Modi, touting him as a "world leader from Vadnagar [town in western state of Gujarat]."

The broadcast said, "Modi works for over 18 hours in a day, and for the past 20 years, he has been working regularly without taking a day off."

In a video shared by the broadcast, Home Minister Amit Shah, a long-time Modi aide, was seen as saying, "PM Modi's personality is that of someone who has the capability to take very tough decisions and someone who takes decisions guickly."

The broadcast further said, "Modi's thought process, which is different from everyone else, also makes him a world leader. While he talks about toilet [sanitization] from the Red Fort [during his Independence Day speech in New Delhi], he is able to connect the entire country with 'Swachh Bharat' ['Clean India' mission started by Modi]."

Anchor Sudhir Chaudhary on popular, pro-government, Hindi TV news channel Aaj Tak said on his show "Black and White" [21:00 IST or 15:30 gmt, 17 September], "Today, we will do the most special analysis of PM Modi and will also tell you what are the things that make Modi so special."

He added, "I personally know PM Modi from the past 25 years and I have seen his political struggles very closely... I have also seen him when he used to ride on a two-wheeler as a [ground-level] worker [of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)] and I also saw him when he went to the White House [United States] and the Kremlin [Moscow] as a special guest as the prime minister [of India]."

Video leak scandal

<u>Protests</u> erupted on the campus of Chandigarh University in Punjab over "rumours" that objectionable videos of several women students were recorded by a hosteler.

Some media reports said that a female student had leaked videos of around 60 girls taking baths in the hostel.

Following this, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann ordered an investigation. The police arrested the accused woman student and sent a team to apprehend a youth in Himachal Pradesh.

However, Punjab police later told reporters that the woman had shared a video of only her with the youth and no objectionable video of any other student was found.

The university authorities also <u>rejected</u> as "false and baseless" reports that claimed that objectionable videos of several women students in the hostel were made and leaked on social media, and that select students had attempted suicide after the episode.

However, a large number of students held <u>protests</u> and accused the university authorities of "suppressing" the incident.

Speaking on prominent English-language TV news channel Times Now's show "The Newshour" [at 21:00 IST or 15:30 gmt, 18 September], Lalita Kumar Mangalam, former chief of National <u>Commission</u> for Women, remarked that there was something "seemingly something fishy in this whole episode". She added that "students from colleges are not so stupid [that they will <u>protest</u> over a frivolous matter], this is a huge <u>protest</u>, not 10-15 people or one party, you know, it's not a political <u>protest</u>". She said that it was a <u>protest</u> by the students, "there is something [that has] happened for sure, which seems being covered up".

She added, "Whatever it is, the way the police are talking, it seems as if the police are trying to let people off. When journalists were asking the questions, they were not really replying to them in a direct manner. Their replies were, very indirect."

Another privately-owned, nationalist, English-language TV news channel Republic TV on its show "Burning Question" [at 21:00 IST or 15:30 gmt, 18 September] also highlighted this issue.

The broadcast showed visuals of *protests* by a large number of Chandigarh university students over the issue.

Speaking on the show, women rights activist Brinda <u>Adige</u> said, "The college has not handled the situation in a professional manner. Trying to cover up when the complaint was made was their first disaster and their blunder. There was no need for them to cover it up. If the girls have come and complained and that there is a virtual trail because you have proof over there, the warden and the management should have immediately said that they will look into this matter."

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<u>Christopher Woods, SOE agent - obituary; Officer who co-ordinated</u> partisans with SOE in Italy then spent the Cold War serving in MI6

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Body

Christopher Woods, who has died aged 92, spent more than eight months with SOE as a British liaison officer in Italy behind the German lines; after the <u>war</u>, he was posted abroad as an officer in the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS, or MI6) under <u>diplomatic</u> cover.

In July 1944 Woods joined SOE, as part of No 1 Special <u>Force</u>, the effective nucleus of the Executive's operations in Italy. He was told to report to Monopoli and was sent on a weapons training, sabotage and parachute course. He already spoke passable Italian.

In August, his mission, code-named Ruina, was the first to be dropped to the Italian partisans in the western Veneto. Its action zone lay in the mountain areas of Vicenza and Trento between the <u>rivers</u> Brenta and <u>Adige</u> to the east of <u>Lake</u> Garda.

Its main task was to co-ordinate partisan activity with General Alexander's offensive, aimed at breaking through the German Gothic Line into the Po valley before winter 1944. Its role consisted of infiltrating behind the enemy front line and supporting the partisans in harassing the Germans.

There were a number of defined targets, such as roads and railways, ambushing convoys and <u>troop</u> concentrations. Clandestine sabotage was preferred in order to avoid the reprisals that the Germans often inflicted on the civilian population after obviously successful operations.

Mission Ruina took off from Bari in a Dakota aircraft at midnight on August 12 1944. The operation was led by Major John Wilkinson and was allotted a radio officer. All were in uniform. Woods's nom de guerre was Colombo.

The drop zone was a wooded area on Monte Pau, on the southern edge of the Asiago plateau. It turned out to be littered with boulders and Woods hit the ground hard. They were met by a reception party of about 30 non-communist partisans, who gave them a shot of grappa to drink and a slice of polenta. Woods said afterwards that it was like eating sawdust washed down with petrol.

A big enemy drive by German <u>troops</u> in the area of Posina had just taken place. This had dispersed the partisans and Woods spent the next few weeks in very dangerous conditions contacting and re-organising them.

Christopher Woods, SOE agent - obituary; Officer who co-ordinated partisans with SOE in Italy then spent the Cold War serving in MI6

The mission had been told to try to take centralised command of the partisans, but achieving this over a large area covered by mutually antagonistic groups proved impossible. Much of Woods's time was spent struggling across the rugged terrain, dodging enemy patrols, so as to select drop zones in preparation for delivering supplies or parachuting in other missions.

The drop zones were given code names, often the nicknames of generals such as AUK and MONTY. When these were exhausted, they used those of the seven dwarves. One passage in a mission report read: "Went to SNEEZY and BASHFUL to await supplies." Woods's mission was greatly hindered by the fact that very few supplies were received before winter.

Early in September, in the area of Recoaro, he was being escorted by a small armed group of partisans when they were ambushed by a German patrol. Only through his coolness and courage did the party save itself from being wiped out.

On September 6, while he was away, the Germans employed shock tactics by swamping the area of Asiago with a large-scale offensive. The partisans were shaken and the Mission HQ was moved to Conca. On October 10, with the first of the winter snow only a few weeks away, the HQ was moved to a barn on a mountainside near the small village of Laghi. It had a large living room and a fireplace and Woods and his companions slept on straw.

A girl came from some houses a quarter of a mile away to cook for them. The dwellings had electricity and the radio officer went there to use the radio. Transmissions had to be kept short to avoid detection by German radio direction-finding devices.

Woods had several narrow escapes. On one occasion, he had crossed the mountains on the way to Folgaria and was feeling exhausted. A lorry belonging to a German *forced* labour organization came past and he hitched a lift but his identity was not discovered.

On another, after a long march, he rolled down a hillside in the snow and came to rest in full view of a German parade ground. He was, however, too tired to move for some time so was not spotted.

In December, Woods, who had recently been promoted to captain, went to Folgaria to meet a group of partisans. When they arrived at the house chosen for the meeting, they discovered that most of the group had been arrested. They waited for two hours for their contact to arrive. Suddenly the door burst open and Woods was confronted with a number of Italians brandishing guns.

There were some unpleasant moments before one of the partisans recognised him from an earlier meeting and greeted him warmly. He found out some time afterwards that a fresh grave had been dug for him outside the house.

Informers, usually with Fascist sympathies, who infiltrated the ranks of the partisans were a constant risk. Woods remembered discussing with Wilkinson whether they should shoot a man they suspected of being a spy.

There were many escapees who passed through the mission's hands. Some were downed American pilots, others were ex-PoWs who had escaped from German prison trains or been freed from Italian camps after the armistice.

Woods had been wearing British Army uniform, but the rigours of an Italian winter in the mountains *forced* him to don civilian clothes and come down into the villages. The risk of detection was much higher there but he maintained constant wireless contact with base, called for supply sorties and sabotage material and attacked the enemy on every possible occasion.

These attacks provoked retaliation with the result that he and his comrades were regularly driven from their hiding places. In January 1945, the mission set up a temporary HQ in the house of Count Federigotti in the village of Pomarolo.

When they knocked on the door in the middle of the night it was opened by the Count in evening dress. They spent the night on a funeral bier in the family chapel and hid their weapons under the altar steps.

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A few days later, the count was playing a game of bridge with the commander of the local German garrison. When the commander took the opportunity to enquire after the Count's English guests, it was decided that the time had come for the mission to move again.

In March, Wilkinson, the mission commander, was ambushed and killed by Fascists. Woods and Captain John Orr-Ewing then took over the running of the mission. They found it very difficult to keep the hotheaded partisans in check. But at the end of April, together with the Italians, they **fought** their way into Schio, a local industrial centre, and set up a new Mission HQ there.

They took the local German surrender there but the partisans made the mistake of permitting the German paratroopers to keep their weapons. The paratroopers withdrew and were fired on by the hotheaded partisans, after which the Germans carried out savage reprisals.

The German surrender in Italy became effective on May 3. A month later, Woods was back in Britain. He was awarded an Immediate MC.

Christopher Matthew Woods was born at Dulwich on May 26 1923 and won a scholarship to Bradfield College. He went up to Trinity College, Cambridge, after the *war* to read History and Modern Languages with Russian.

In the summer of 1942, he enrolled in the King's Royal Rifle Corps and was **commissioned** the following year. After landing in Algeria in autumn 1943, he was seconded to the 5th Battalion Royal West Kent Regiment and posted to Italy.

He found himself in command of an anti-tank platoon in the Abruzzi in mid-winter. His unit had suffered heavy losses and he recalled that his men were a restive, rather mutinous crew under a martinet of a sergeant.

One night, accompanied by his corporal, he visited an isolated, ruined building to check on two men he had posted as a look-out. They had come under a mortar attack and he was concerned for their welfare. On arrival, he and the corporal saw no sign of the men, and found that the door was locked.

The corporal handed Woods his sub-machine gun and then tried to barge the door down. Woods was holding the weapon by the trigger guard, but the safety catch was off, his finger slipped and a .45 bullet went through his boot and his big toe. Fortunately it caused no long-term damage.

From July 1945 to December 1946 he served with the Political Warfare Division in Java and Sumatra. He retired from the Army in January 1947 and the following year began working for MI6.

He served at the Tehran station from 1950 to 1952, and was transferred to Ismailia in the Canal Zone in 1953, and then withdrawn to Nicosia. He was appointed head of station in Milan in 1957, and moved back to head office at Broadway Buildings in Victoria in 1958.

He was appointed to the Rome station in 1962, and was promoted Controller, Soviet Bloc in 1965.

Upon his retirement in 1988 he succeeded the redoubtable Edward Boxshall as the Foreign Office's SOE Adviser and completed an official history of SOE in Italy. In 2006 he contributed a chapter on operations in Italy to SOE: A New Instrument of *War*, published by the Imperial *War* Museum.

<u>Settled</u> in Suffolk, he listed his interests in Who's Who as birds, churches, music and books. Throughout his career he maintained the charm and bearing of the regiment into which he was *commissioned* at the age of 20.

Christopher Woods was appointed CMG in 1979; he described it as a "Cold <u>War</u> medal". He contributed to a Festschrift for MRD Foot and to published records of various British and Italian gatherings of SOE. A family memoir, Petrol and Sawdust, was published privately.

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He married first, in 1954, Gillian Sara Rudd; she died in 1985. He married secondly, in 1992, Mrs Patricia Temple Muir, who had once been married to the band leader Humphrey Lyttelton. She survives him with four sons and a daughter from his first marriage.

Christopher Woods, born May 26 1923, died January 10 2016

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Snow deficit to hamper Italy's summer hydropower supply - experts

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CIMA said that 4 March is typically the peak Although further snow precipitation could still it would meaningfully support the snowpack remainder of the season. accumulation day for snow levels in Italy. occur in the coming weeks, it is unlikely that level as the snowmelt would accelerate over the		
	ITALY SNOW DEFICIT	
"For the Po river basin we have almost one third of the snow water equivalent level seen over the last 12 years," Francesco Avanzi, hydrological researcher at CIMA told ICIS.		
as	"The [snow] season started later than usual and possible for the remainder of the year we have	in this 'marathon' to have as much snow lost ground," Avanzi said.
a 2022,	Moreover, Italy has already experienced two heavy toll on hydro reservoirs. This means that the hydrological picture is much more critical	years of record-low precipitation, which took even if snow levels were to be similar to this year, the expert added.
on	"The snowmelt period happening earlier than hydro margins, with water <u>demand</u> [from both	usual in recent years also adds more risks the energy and agriculture sectors]

the snowmelt has already come to an end,"

CIMA's president, Luca Ferraris,

Snow deficit to hamper Italy's summer hydropower supply - experts

"We are entering a perfect storm," explained including rising water <u>demand</u> amid warmer temperatures, would also come into play this summer.

CIMA indicated that just one quarter of typical snow volumes were recorded in the Triveneto area, which includes the northern Italian regions of Veneto, Friuli-Venezia Giulia and Trentino-Alto *Adige*/Sudtirol.

Together, the Po river basin and the Triveneto area account for 90% of Italian water resources.

POWER RISK

Italian power <u>demand</u> historically peaks during the months of June and July, when hot temperatures cause a surge in the usage of domestic and retail cooling appliances.

This incentivises hydro generators to hold back on releasing water flows until the height of summer, when power prices typically peak.

Snowmelt from the Alps is crucial to Italian power generation:

- Water is collected in hydro reservoirs that feed the country's hydropower plants. These historically accounted for up to 20% of the Italian generation fleet

- After flowing down to the Po valley, the water is used to cool down natural-gas power plants

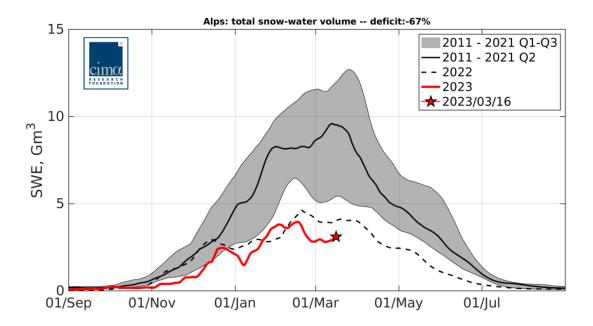
ENTSO-E data showed that hydropower reservoirs in week 10 were nearly as full as in 2022 at 27%. This was well below the 2011-2022 average of 38%.

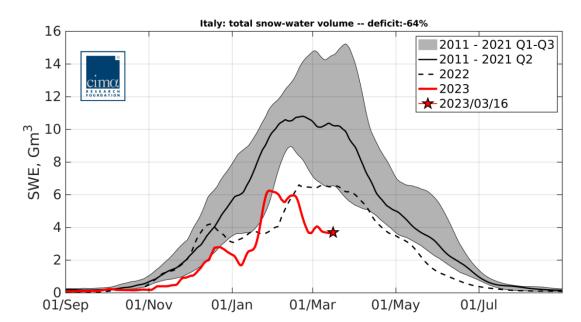
An earlier snowmelt period and low snowpack levels in the Alps in 2022 led to lower river levels during the peak summer power **demand** months of June and July.

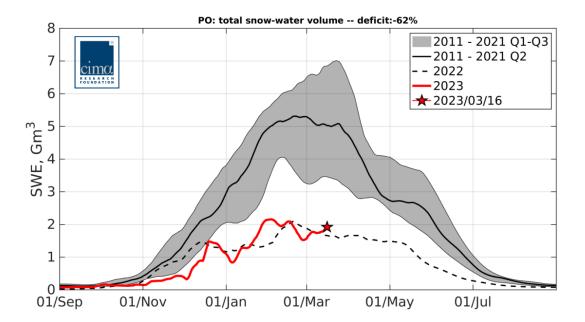
Additionally, daily average power <u>demand</u> surged by 1.5% over the same period due to hot temperatures raising air conditioning <u>demand</u>, which put significant stress on the power grid.

Both factors, combined with tight supply margins caused by below-average hydro reservoirs, led to several power outages during the period. Andrea Battaglia and David Battista

Note: Snow water volume's graphs published with the permission of CIMA Research Foundation







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Out of Control in Italy in quarantine thaw: in Milan people go out en masse and several regions threaten to "open everything"

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The day when the dead by crown virus in Italy exceeded **30 thousand deaths** was dominated by the clash between the national government and the governors of a good part of the twenty regions, which despite warnings from the alarmed scientists, project to "open everything" this month, starting on Monday the 11th. This situation reflects the state of **anxiety** in the country to achieve as soon as possible a new normal that is starting to put **more and more people on the streets.**

The scandal broke out on Thursday in Milan, when **thousands of people** flocked to the parks and in particular crowded the typical Navigli district (the ships), with navigable **canals**, whose history dates back ten centuries and is a favorite area of the Milanese.

The Navigli is the meeting area for aperitif, walking and dinner, but bars and restaurants so far have permission only to sell food to eat at home. However, many young people were seen **drinking**.

The danger of the weekend

Milan's mayor Giuseppe Sala said he was "very angry" and launched an open ultimatum in view of the weekend. "If those scenes that go against everything that has been <u>fought</u> to impose essential security measures against the coronavirus are repeated again, I will shut down the entire Navigli district with an ordinance," he warned.

Milan is the capital of Lombardy and head of a province. The dead in Lombardy account for nearly half of the 30,000 deaths since the pandemic began on 21 February, precisely in the south of Italy's most important and industrialized region.

Professor Massimo Galli, head of infectious diseases at Milan's main hospital (Sacco), said on Friday that "Milan is a bomb because so many were <u>forced</u> to remain in their cases and since Monday there are a very high number of infected people who have returned to circulation".

Galli, like the rest of the scientific world, defend the government's line for a phase 2 of controlled reopening after nearly two months of quarantine that has allowed control of an epidemic that kept Italy until a few days ago, when Britain took the lead, the status of the most punished European country.

Professor Galli called for "greater controls" to avoid a disastrous res upturn of the pandemic that would <u>force</u> quarantine to be re-implanted, closing factories and now reopened businesses, causing much more serious damage than Italy is suffering today, which has entered a deep recession.

Out of Control in Italy in quarantine thaw: in Milan people go out en masse and several regions threaten to "open everything"

Galli and other scientists explained that if **the demadre of** human contacts, which are the first source of contagion, occurs in massive form**"We will have to close Lombardy again**,but also Piedmont and Emilia Romania", which are the second and third northern region most affected by the pandemic.

It aggravated a political climate that is becoming <u>conflicted</u>, the announcement of the autonomous province of **Alto** <u>Adige</u>,inhabited by a minority of Austrian origin. Its president Arno Kompatscher reported in the capital, Bolzano, that **from Monday business will reopen**,passing over the staggering plan until the end of May that ordered the national government to launch from last Monday Phase 2 of controlled reopening of productive and social activities.

From Monday they will operate in fullin the High <u>Adige</u> and all businesses, including bars and restaurants, **will open the hairdressers** and aesthetic centers that premier Giuseppe Conte's government planned to authorize, if the epidemic curvesshowed that the situation was under control at the end of May.

The president of High <u>Adige</u> Komparscher, said that his decision to "reopen almost everything" (hotels will be able to do so from the 25th of this month), is based "on epidemiological data, which show that the pandemic is under complete control in our region." He added that there would be strict control over respect for the security measures provided by the national government.

The German-speaking province has been at zero level for days and is low in the level of infected.

The epidemic in Italy has been particularly virulent, but concentrated in **four regions** of the northern industrialized: Lombardy, Piedmont, Emilia Romania and Veneto.

In the south center and in some smaller regions of the north, such as the High <u>Adige</u>, the levels of contagion and fatal cases are totally different. Umbria, Molise, Basilicata, Sardinia, Calabria, Sicily, Friuli and Abruzzo range from zero to two dead in the last few days, with all other data in safe descent.

In the case of the underdeveloped regions of the south, their economic and social structure is very different from the industrial areas of the north, large manufacturers of exportable manufactures, with comparable living standards in regions of Germany. Hence the pressure on the southern governors of middle traders, craftsmen and industrialists is very strong in favour of starting the economy as soon as possible.

Specialists, including Professor Galli himself from the Sacco hospital in Milan, say phase 3 is in its first week and that we have to wait "several more days" to start hearing about the impact on the spread of the epidemic that reopens, which adds 4.4 million workers who returned to their work and millions of other citizens who begin to peek from their homes after 50 days locked up by compulsory quarantine.

Rome, correspondent

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This historic town is about to be wiped off the map

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Highlight: A 12,000-year-old town in the Anatolia region of south-east Turkey could vanish forever under plans to

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Body

A 12,000-year-old town in the Anatolia region of south-east Turkey, home to a rich archaeological heritage spanning nine civilisations, including Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman, could vanish forever under plans to build a controversial <u>dam</u>.

Sitting on the banks of the Tigris <u>River</u>, Hasankeyf was declared a natural conservation area in 1981, and excavations in the area have uncovered a **settlement** dating back to 9500 BC.

But soon - potentially as early as next year - it faces obliteration, consumed by the <u>waters</u> of the Ilisu <u>Reservoir</u>, which Turkish officials say will provide electricity and <u>irrigation</u> to underdeveloped parts in the Kurdish region.

The construction of the <u>dam</u> would see the displacement of around 78,000 residents and 3000 nomadic people in and around Hasankeyf, and the <u>flooding</u> of nearly 200 villages in the surrounding area, along with some 400 archaeological sites, as well as religious monuments, from mosques and cave churches to ancient cemeteries and tombs. That's according to the latest report from <u>Hasankeyf'i Ya??atma Giri??imi</u> (the Initiative to Keep Hasankeyf Alive), a movement founded in 2006 to campaign against the Ilisu <u>dam</u> project.

Among the most notable archaeological sites in the area is the remains of the Old Tigris Bridge, a ruined four-arch structure whose central arch was once the largest in the world, while there is concern for several endangered marine species, such as the Euphrates soft-shelled turtle.

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Authorities have also promised that a "cultural park" will be built next to the ancient town in a bid to relocate several of Hasankeyf's monuments - a process which has come under fire since 2015 (when the relocation of the first structure - the Zeynel Bey Tomb - began) for its lack of transparency. There are fears about the impact of the relocation on their preservation, the initiative notes.

Back in 2008, work on the ???1.2 billion (\$1.84 billion) project was suspended temporarily after having not met the World Bank environmental and heritage standards for funding, and Hasankeyf was placed on the World Monument Watch list, which highlights sites around the world deemed to face the most <u>threat</u>, followed by its inclusion in the 2016 "Seven Most Endangered" ranking by Europa Nostra, the European cultural heritage body and consultant group for Unesco.

This historic town is about to be wiped off the map

While Hasankeyf and the surrounding Tigris Valley is said to meet nine of the 10 criteria to merit Unesco World Heritage status, and Hasakeyf was also declared a "first degree archaeological site" by the country's supreme board of monuments back in 1978, the project has still gone forward and is said to be around 97 per cent completed, the Turkish minister for forests and water, Veysel Eroglu, claimed back in August.

DSI State Hydraulic Works, the project owner on behalf of the Turkish government, has announced plans for the resettlement of Hasankeyf residents to begin in 2018, with the flooding of the village starting from the end of next year and into the start of 2019, according to Hasankeyf'i Ya??atma Giri??imi.

Turkey's ministry of culture and tourism and DSI have yet to confirm the pending status of the Hasankeyf cultural park, the completion date of the Ilisu dam and other remaining uncertainties around the project.

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But the initiative states: "The hydroelectric power plant is still not completed; the large bridge near Hasankeyf and many roads in the areas to be flooded are still under construction; and the expropriation of hundreds of affected households as well as the construction of New-Hasankeyf still continue."

As the development of the controversial project continues, below we look at other sunken towns and villages around the world.

13 fascinating sunken towns and villages around the world

1. Curon Venosta, Italy

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A 12,000-year-old town in the Anatolia region of south-east Turkey, home to a rich archaeological heritage spanning nine civilisations, including Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman, could vanish forever under plans to build a controversial <u>dam</u>.

Sitting on the banks of the Tigris <u>River</u>, Hasankeyf was declared a natural conservation area in 1981, and excavations in the area have uncovered a **settlement** dating back to 9500 BC.

But soon - potentially as early as next year - it faces obliteration, consumed by the <u>waters</u> of the Ilisu <u>Reservoir</u>, which Turkish officials say will provide electricity and <u>irrigation</u> to underdeveloped parts in the Kurdish region.

A minaret of tje El Rizk Mosque along *River* Tigris in HasankeyfCredit: Getty

The construction of the dam would see the displacement of around 78,000 residents and 3,000 nomadic people in and around Hasankeyf, and the flooding of nearly 200 villages in the surrounding area, along with some 400 archaeological sites, as well as religious monuments, from mosques and cave churches to ancient cemeteries and tombs. That's according to the latest report from Hasankeyf'i Yasatma Girisimi (the Initiative to Keep Hasankeyf Alive), a movement founded in 2006 to campaign against the Ilisu dam project.

Among the most notable archaeological sites in the area is the remains of the Old Tigris Bridge, a ruined four-arch structure whose central arch was once the largest in the world, while there is concern for several endangered marine species, such as the Euphrates soft-shelled turtle.

Authorities have also promised that a "cultural park" will be built next to the ancient town in a bid to relocate several of Hasankeyf's monuments - a process which has come under fire since 2015 (when the relocation of the first structure - the Zeynel Bey Tomb - began) for its lack of transparency. There are fears about the impact of the relocation on their preservation, the initiative notes.

Fortress ruins in HasankeyfCredit: Getty

Back in 2008, work on the (EURO)1.2 billion (£1.1 billion) project was suspended temporarily after having not met the World Bank environmental and heritage standards for funding, and Hasankeyf was placed on the World Monument Watch list, which highlights sites around the world deemed to face the most *threat*, followed by its inclusion in the 2016 "Seven Most Endangered" ranking by Europa Nostra, the European cultural heritage body and consultant group for Unesco.

While Hasankeyf and the surrounding Tigris Valley is said to meet nine of the 10 criteria to merit Unesco World Heritage status, and Hasakeyf was also declared a "first degree archaeological site" by the country's supreme board of monuments back in 1978, the project has still gone forward and is said to be around 97 per cent completed, the Turkish minister for forests and water, Veysel Eroglu, claimed back in August.

The remains of the Old Tigris Bridge in HasankeyfCredit: Getty

DSI State Hydraulic Works, the project owner on behalf of the Turkish government, has announced plans for the resettlement of Hasankeyf residents to begin in 2018, with the flooding of the village starting from the end of next year and into the start of 2019, according to Hasankeyf'i Yasatma Girisimi.

Telegraph Travel has contacted Turkey's ministry of culture and tourism, as well as the DSI, both of which have yet to confirm the pending status of the Hasankeyf cultural park, the completion date of the Ilisu dam and other remaining uncertainties around the project.

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MYSURU/BENGALURU: The state government on Saturday withdrew its controversial order to collect donations from parents of children in government schools across the state."The circular was withdrawn on the instruction of education minister BC Nagesh," read a circular from the commissioner, department of public instruction.TOI first reported on the circular which drew flak from various quarters. The department of school education and literacy, in its October 19 order, asked School Development and Monitoring Committees (SDMCs) to involve parents in "developmental activities" by collecting donations from them under the Nanna Shaale, Nanna Koduge (My School, My Contribution) programme. Although it was not mandatory, parents were asked to donate Rs 100 per month towards minor repairs, drinking water facilities, and cleaning of toilets, among other things. It also asked SDMCs to convince parents about the condition of government schools and encourage them to donate voluntarily. On Saturday, minister Nagesh blamed DPI commissioner R Vishal for issuing the order without taking government approval. He said neither he nor chief minister Basavaraj Bommai were aware of the circular until it was reported by the media. "The DPI commissioner issued the circular based on suggestions by SDMCs.

The commissioner has constitutional powers to issue such circulars without bringing it to the notice of the minister," Nagesh said, adding that it would be withdrawn if found to be against the rules. Opposition parties had stepped up pressure on the government to withdraw it. The Aam Aadmi Party said, "The state government had issued an order to schools to collect donations to buy shoes. It is clear the government has gone bankrupt due to rampant corruption under the BJP rule."Former chief minister and opposition leader Siddaramaiah had said: "The BJP government has now targeted poor students in government schools. After looting 40% *commission* from government coffers, they now want to loot parents too.""There is provision under the RTE Act to collect donations at the local level for development of schools. The RTE Act is a good Act. It was the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government that brought it. So, it's not right for Siddaramaiah to indulge in politics regarding it," Nagesh said. Rights activist Brinda *Adige* had earlier criticised the government. "# OurStateStoops to collect school donations from # ParentsChildren, a blatant violation of the Right to Education law," she tweeted. For Reprint Rights: timescontent.com

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Wherefore Art Thou, Gnocchi-o? Fair Verona Has Another Enduring Love Story

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holiday, complete with a parade, costumes and an elected Santa-esque figure, Papà del Gnoco.

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Forget Romeo and Juliet. The most riveting love story out of Verona is about another couple whose passion thrives today: the city and gnocchi.

You can find pillowy potato dumplings anywhere in Italy, or possibly, the planet. But it's only here, in this former Roman colony perched on the <u>Adige River</u>, that the dish has inspired an actual holiday. It's called Venerdì Gnocolar - in English, "Gnocchi Friday" - and it always falls during Carnival on the final Friday before Lent. This year, that's March 1.

And one sure sign it's approaching is the sight of a fat, bearded gentleman holding a huge, bejeweled fork piercing the world's largest (fake) piece of gnocchi.

Meet Papà del Gnoco, or "Gnocchi Dad," the Santa-esque figure who's the symbol of this celebration. He's the crowned king of Verona's carnival, and he and his court of costumed assistants - who also wield oversized cutlery head the city's grand parade on Venerdì Gnocolar. But this is no monarchy. Each year, about a month before the big event, a new Papà del Gnoco is elected by the citizens of Verona in San Zeno square, the heart of the neighborhood where this tradition was born waaaaaaaay back in 1531.

It's here - in the shadow of the Romanesque Basilica of San Zeno, dedicated to Verona's always-smiling patron saint - that a terrible famine ended when a group of wealthy families distributed all of the ingredients necessary to make gnocchi. (Not including New World potatoes, which were added to the recipe later.)

So today, it's where the parade that has commemorated this act of charity ever since ends in an all-night gnocchi party, explains Alberto Botturi as he sips white wine inside Osteria Abazia, which sits on the corner of the square. "This is the place to be in Verona for Carnival. It's like the Super Bowl here," says Botturi, who owns a movie theater in San Zeno. Sara Zaffani, who's prepping appetizers behind the bar, chimes in that Abazia serves homemade gnocchi every day - three types: with tomato, with ragu, and with pastissada de caval, a horsemeat-based sauce that's very Veronese.

This, naturally, sets off a conversation about gnocchi. Botturi is a butter and sage guy, although he notes that, "I'm not against horse. That's our heritage." (Back when it was a poor, <u>war</u>-torn region, Verona didn't let dead horses go to waste.) Then there's another kind with cinnamon and sugar, but only old men like it, Zaffani says. Is gnocchi in Verona different than anywhere else? Botturi wouldn't know. He's never eaten it outside of the city.

His most recent serving came just a few days earlier at the election festivities, where free gnocchi is available for all. It was a rainy morning, and Botturi had to wait about 30 minutes in line at the polls, but he didn't mind doing his part for tradition - partly because he was giving it a jolt.

"I voted for the gay one," he says.

That's right, in 2019, for the election of Verona's 489th Papà del Gnoco, the matchup included an openly gay candidate for the first time. Prior to the election, Sebastiano Ridolfi, a 36-year-old manager in a digital communication company, was best known for his local gay rights advocacy, as well as a stunt he pulled during the Venerdì Gnocolar parade two years ago. He donned a suit and a floppy blonde wig, and he posed as President Donald Trump. Flanked by a Melania lookalike and a MAGA-hat-wearing "son," Ridolfi proclaimed his *intentions* to build a wall. (His proposed structure would keep out the people of nearby Vicenza, which, incidentally, is home to a large American military base.)

He had such a blast that he decided to take his impression to the next level: Ridolfi campaigned for the position of this year's Papà del Gnoco as Trump with the slogan "Make Verona Gnoco again!"

What started as a joke quickly became serious for Ridolfi, who saw that his involvement could boost his city's interest in the age-old contest. "This tradition was slowly decreasing," he says. "I saw the possibility to do something different. My goal was to bring back the original spirit, but with a more contemporary style."

Indeed, locals have noticed that Verona's infatuation with its gnocchi-fueled festival has waned in recent decades. While Papà del Gnoco candidates once needed to be from the San Zeno neighborhood, a lack of entrants *forced* the rules to be loosened so they can be from anywhere in the city. "Carnival is now smaller, more contained," says Virginia Conta, who runs the food tour company Romeo and Juliet Guide with Sara Valitutto. Both remember a more raucous bash in their youth, complete with teenagers pelting each other with flour and eggs. (Two ingredients in gnocchi!)

Outsiders may not notice anything amiss. "If you come on that Friday, you'll find gnocchi is in every bar and every restaurant," reassures Valitutto. And their groups are always pleasantly surprised by the spectacle of floats and dancers winding through the city streets - even if they are hesitant to try pastissada de caval. "It's very tasty, and made with wine. But there are people who feel it's like eating dogs," Valitutto says.

The problem, explains Valerio Corradi, president of Bacanal del Gnoco (the organization that runs this whole shebang), is that the event needs to evolve. His predecessor held the job for 55 years. "Everything happened automatically. There wasn't anything new," says Corradi, who took over three years ago. Although he doesn't have much of a budget - virtually everyone who participates is a volunteer - Corradi has been gradually implementing updates, such as *commissioning* a catchy theme ("Verona, Verona") from spiky-haired pop singer Sergio Cremonese, whose grandfather was a Papà del Gnoco.

Another recent initiative: the Carnival bus. In the weeks leading up to Venerdì Gnocolar, a decommissioned city bus that's been transformed into a rolling restaurant serves free gnocchi and red wine at stops all over town.

At its first destination this season, the Borgo Venezia market, there's a line to meet Papà del Gnoco and one of his sidekicks (called "Macaroni," the previous name for gnocchi). Upon closer examination of the person wearing the bushy white beard and elaborate costume - an ivory and red ensemble adorned with lace and stuffed full of padding - it's not one of this year's candidates. "Once you become Papà del Gnoco, you are always Papà del Gnoco," explains Arnaldo Leso, 73, who was elected in 1995. There are too many public appearances for just one guy, so former winners pitch in when necessary.

He has been doing this for decades, but the San Zeno native is still excited to smile for photos with babies, and, of course, talk about a certain food. "Now in these days, the moms and grandmas are all making gnocchi by hand," Leso says. Two retired teachers sitting nearby, Louisa and Carla, nod in <u>agreement</u> while they chow down on their bowls of gnocchi, generously covered in donkey meat ragu. (Yep, another Veronese specialty.)

To the younger generation, this devotion of time and effort to Verona's rituals can seem bizarre. "You can't believe that people take it that seriously," says lawyer Alberto Lorusso, a friend of Ridolfi's. But after delving into this world of costumed craziness for the election, he has a new appreciation for Carnival and the volunteers who make it happen. Why do they do it? "They have a heart that's so big," Lorusso says.

This year's campaign proved to be more controversial than any in recent memory, as far-right politicians argued that there shouldn't be a gay Papà del Gnoco. That led to an opposing outcry for inclusion. Ridolfi boasts that he even got an endorsement from Stuart Milk, nephew of the slain civil rights activist Harvey Milk.

"Everything was sleepy here," Ridolfi says. "But the *fight* between us lit up something new for the Carnival and the city. It's the best edition ever, as Trump would say."

By "us," Ridolfi means his opponent, 47-year-old videomaker Francesco Gambale, who sports a real - and impressive - white beard, and takes his gnocchi with pastissada de caval. (Unlike Ridolfi, who goes for gorgonzola.) Despite being the more traditional candidate, Gambale embraced the unconventional campaign. "Together, we managed to approach many people not at all interested in Carnival before," he says. For proof, just look at the record turnout on that rainy election day. More than 7,000 people voted, and hundreds more were still in line when the polls closed.

Two days later, both candidates meet again at the Palazzo della Gran Guardia, which stands across from the city's Roman Arena on Piazza Brà. This is where the parade will start on March 1. But up first, a packed auditorium awaits the coronation of the victor: Gambale.

A marching band, majorettes shaking pom poms, and regional "royalty" (or at least, folks dressed up like it) welcome him to a gold armchair. He grips his fork scepter through a series of speeches, as well as an aerial silks performance recalling the story of the Verona Carnival. It gets frenzied and aggressive to remind viewers of the famine and near revolt, and then turns joyous and graceful as gnocchi restores the **peace**, leading to Verona's happily ever after.

That feel-good mood continues tonight, as Ridolfi gets invited on stage for a hearty round of applause, and after the ceremony, when Gambale poses for photos with well-wishers. (Before each flash: "Uno, due, tre, gnocchi!") Then everyone heads upstairs for - what else? - a gnocchi feast.

Will Ridolfi run again? "Let me sleep for a while and then we'll see," he jokes. But he has certainly developed a taste for challenging the status quo. As he ponders the future, he envisions other candidates he could help. "Traditionally, you have to be male to run, but that is something I would like to change," he says. The same is true of the Macaroni, Papà del Gnoco's loyal sidekicks. They were originally the male heads of families, but he sees no reason it has to remain a boys' club today.

"Carnival is quite conservative," Ridolfi says. "But as the best traditions, it adapts."

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<u>Capt John Robson; Obituaries Officer who won an MC after taking eight</u> prisoners while on patrol in Italy

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CAPTAIN JOHN ROBSON, who has died aged 88, was awarded an MC in Italy in 1945 and subsequently had a successful career in industry.

On April 26 1945, Robson, then a lieutenant serving with the 12th Royal Lancers, was patrolling in an armoured car near Lendinara, northern Italy, with orders to carry out a reconnaissance on the approaches to the <u>river Adige</u>. He was in close country, there were enemy pockets of resistance everywhere, and he and his <u>troop</u> corporal decided that they must cover the last part on foot.

As they got near to the <u>river</u>, their way was barred by a strong German <u>fighting</u> patrol. Robson was short of time because the Engineers were in urgent need of his report. He and his comrade were unsupported and heavily outnumbered. If it came to a confrontation, they stood every chance of being killed or captured - but they immediately opened fire with their Tommy guns and charged the enemy.

In the short, fierce <u>fight</u> that followed, they killed four and made prisoners of another eight. They then went on to the river and, after getting back to the cars, were able to radio the vital information required. Robson was awarded an Immediate MC. The citation added: "This is only one of several occasions when he has shown outstanding qualities of determination and *fighting* spirit."

John Edward Robson was born in London on April 8 1923. He was educated at Haileybury, where there were compulsory cold baths every morning and the loos - there were about 20 of them in rows facing each other - were in a roofless building that was known as White City.

In 1941 Robson went up to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, to read Natural Sciences but left in the summer of 1942 and, after completing a short course at Sandhurst, he was **commissioned** into the 27th Lancers. He was posted to the 12th Lancers and, having joined the regiment in Algiers in October 1943, landed in Naples the following April.

Capt John Robson; Obituaries Officer who won an MC after taking eight prisoners while on patrol in Italy

As they approached Venice, in the last days of the Italian campaign, Robson and a New Zealand company commander were told to secure the Hotel Danieli. The order came from General Freyberg, who had spent his honeymoon there. Robson commandeered a gondola and, as he wrote in his memoirs, "we were shot at by the fascists from the palazzos along the sides as we were punted down the Grand Canal".

After the end of the <u>war</u> he went to Egypt and to Palestine, where he went out with the Ramle Vale Hunt. He retired from the Army in 1947 and worked for Samuel Osborn & Company, steelmakers and manufacturers of engineering tools, based in Sheffield. He subsequently became managing director of Samuel Osborn Overseas and, for 30 years, spent about three months every year travelling abroad on business. He retired in 1978 and farmed in Sussex and then in the Ashdown Forest.

Robson was an enthusiastic sportsman. He was an expert falconer and also enjoyed stalking in Scotland. By 1955 he had hunted with 19 packs of foxhounds, 19 packs of beagles, 12 packs of otterhounds and various packs of harriers and staghounds. From 1974 to 1986 he was Joint Master of the Old Surrey & Burstow and, in 1995, when he hung up his hunting boots, he had ridden 71 horses since the end of the *war*.

He published, in 1998, One Man in his Time, a biography of his friend David James, the politician, writer and adventurer. Robson was also the author of A Portrait of Jorrocks Country: The Old Surrey and Burstow Hunt (2001).

He married, in 1955, Wendy Cox; she predeceased him, and he is survived by their two sons.

Captain John Robson, born April 8 1923, died December 9 2011

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He commandeered a gondola

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Burst irrigation pipe is focus of Merano train crash investigation

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Investigators were this week focusing their attention on a faulty <u>irrigation</u> system thought to have triggered the landslip which led to this month's fatal train crash in Italy.

"Natural groundwater seems not to be the main trigger of the landslide," said Bolzano Province lead technical investigator Rinaldo Genevois.

Province of Bolzano transport adviser Thomas Widmann <u>agreed</u> and added that the first tests proved that huge quantities of water must have "spilled out" from the irrigation system.

Investigators began work on site on 16 April. This has so far involved drilling four boreholes and installing piezometers to study the strata and hydrogeology of the site.

In addition, <u>investigators have carried out some field experiments on the burst pipe</u>, which is part of an irrigation system that serves an adjacent apple orchard (*News* last week).

Genevois confirmed that ground conditions in the slope comprise sandy or silty soil with boulders or thin layers of silty clays in an alluvial cone cut by the *Adige* River.

"Natural groundwater seems not to be the main trigger of the landslide."Rinaldo Genevois

Genevois said that while early indications suggest the presence of some water near the base of the debris slide, there was no sign of surface water on the majority of the affected slope.

Work is now continuing to investigate further groundwater flow and officials said that the process could last for weeks to come.

Widmann said it would then take around 10 days to reopen the railway line, which is currently closed between Naturno and Laces in northern Italy.

Burst irrigation pipe is focus of Merano train crash investigation

Nine people died and 30 were injured after the debris slide crashed into a passing train near Merano. Widmann described the incident as the result of "an extraordinary external cause".

He added that events, caused by water pipes running more than 50m away from the railway line could "hardly be considered in design standards".

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Berlusconi is back, without the Bunga Bunga. This time, he's Italy's 'Nonno'; The frequently disgraced former prime minister, still barred from office, is nonetheless poised to be a major force in March elections

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Body

Silvio Berlusconi checked the puffiness of the pillow on his seat as he <u>settled</u> in for another comfortable interview on another of the Italian television <u>channels</u> he owns. In the final silent seconds before the cameras started rolling, a mischievous gleam crossed his eyes as he used an Italian double entendre to recall that, back in his old television days, people used to have sex on the studio floor.

Yes, Berlusconi, 81, is back. Again. His smile is brighter, his cheeks are Silly Putty-toned and tauter, his waistline is slimmed and his hair has regenerated into a Ken-Doll helmet. But despite his waxworks appearance and pre-Weinsteinian penchant for priapic innuendo, Berlusconi, a former Italian prime minister, is no longer the joke of European politics. Instead, political analysts <u>agree</u> that the only sure bet in Italy's coming and critical March 4 elections is that Berlusconi will return as a major <u>force</u> in Italian, and possibly European, politics.

Even if he will not be prime minister immediately (he is barred until next year following a fraud conviction), he is likely to be the kingmaker.

His resurrection is both astonishing and entirely unsurprising when one considers that Berlusconi has over the decades conditioned and desensitized an electorate that has picked him as prime minister three times despite, well, everything.

He has been investigated over accusations of mob links. He entered politics in part to protect his vast business interests and then, as the owner of the majority of Italy's commercial television stations, used his sprawling media empire to stay in power. He hosted underage women at what he called "elegant dinners" but what the world knew as sex-fueled Bunga Bunga bacchanals. He made a habit of embarrassing Italy on the global stage.

And yet, in a measure of how unpredictable global politics have become, things have come back around for the pre-Trump era's leading personification of *conflicts* of interest, outsize appetites and the politics of victimization and press demonization. In the age of U.S. President Donald Trump - comparisons to whom Berlusconi cannot stand - the Italian mogul has successfully recast himself as grandfather, or nonno, to the nation.

Italian elections, frequent and feuding, are often dismissed as opera buffa offerings from a country that never changes. Not this year. After France and Germany gave the European establishment a breather by beating back far-right-wing insurgencies, it is Italy's unpredictable and angry Five Star Movement that worries them. In contrast,

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Berlusconi suddenly doesn't look so bad. And the master salesman, as crafty as they come, is obligingly playing the role of wise and moderate statesman.

"He believes that he can reinvent himself infinitely, like you can see in his face," said Sofia Ventura, a political scientist at the University of Bologna. Berlusconi, a master communicator, she said, was presenting himself as a consensus maker as he targeted older Italians who watched his television channels.

In uncertain times, Italians may be choosing the devil they knew. "He's reassuring," she said.

But people close to Berlusconi say that underneath his new, still surface runs a deep current of revenge. He wants to leave the game a winner and **settle** scores with all those who prematurely danced on his grave.

In 2011, a crushing global debt crisis <u>forced</u> Berlusconi's resignation. He was at the time distracted by accusations that he had paid an underage woman named Karima el-Mahroug, a.k.a. Ruby Heart-Stealer, for sex at wild parties packed with aspiring showgirls. (A court later overturned his conviction for paying for sex, though he is due to stand trial on accusations that he bribed witnesses, including a pianist at one of the parties.)

Then in 2013, an Italian court convicted him of tax fraud related to inflated invoices at his Mediaset television empire. His prison sentence was converted, because of his age, to community service at an old age home. Later that year, Italian lawmakers ousted him from parliament and barred him from holding office until 2019.

The setbacks knocked him to a political nadir. As he griped about being the victim of a political coup (he ultimately *appealed*, so far in vain, to the European Court of Human Rights), members of his party defected, and in 2015, Matteo Renzi, the brash new prime minister from the Democratic Party who Berlusconi had admired as an heir, dashed his comeback dreams with Machiavellian efficiency. In 2016, Berlusconi underwent major heart surgery.

But that all seems a long time ago.

With the help of swimming, gymnastics and visits to a beauty farm in Trentino Alto-*Adige*, Berlusconi's health has recovered. He re-emerged as Italy's kindly granddad, if one with a 32-year-old girlfriend, unlimited means and a television empire that helped him recharm politically important older voters. The stain of Bunga Bunga seemed to lift

"This is a country that has dedicated a little bit of attention to love," said Emilio Fede, who for more than a quarter century from his perch as an anchor on a Berlusconi-owned television channel acted as Berlusconi's cheerleader (his detractors say lap dog).

Himself still a defendant in a Bunga Bunga-related case, he insisted Italians have begun saying: "What a bore these stories of Bunga Bunga. Then to speak of Ruby as a minor? For God's sake."

Fede said that despite all the focus in Italian politics on social media, Berlusconi believed in the power of television. Berlusconi himself would not sit for an interview, despite months of repeated requests.

His advisers acknowledge that he has cleverly nurtured a constituency of aging animal lovers - and potential voters - by frequently appearing on a show on one of his networks in which he pets his fluffy white dogs and bottle-feeds lambs.

In the meantime, the politics of Italy and the world, it seems, has swung back to him.

Berlusconi exacted revenge on Renzi by campaigning against a referendum championed by the prime minister; its defeat <u>forced</u> his resignation. Anxiety about lacklustre economic growth and illegal immigration played directly into the hands of Berlusconi, who was way ahead of his time when it came to co-opting the anti-immigrant right.

It again fell to Berlusconi, who never groomed a successor, to act as the centrist glue for anti-immigrant, racially motivated and post-fascist *forces*.

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Berlusconi's party still has only about 17 per cent support in polls, and must still contend with mutinous and euroskeptic partners. In contrast, Berlusconi appears a mitigating *force*.

In the event of an absolute electoral victory, a long shot, Berlusconi has said he would act as a movie director guiding a hand-picked "super candidate" or maybe - by the time the ban on his political participation is lifted in 2019 - himself. At this stage, anything is possible, including a broad coalition with Renzi that chooses a consensus prime minister.

But for now, it is Berlusconi who is on a winning streak. His coalition scored big in this summer's municipal elections. A judge recently ruled that he no longer needs to pay 1.4 million euros a month in alimony to his ex-wife, Veronica Lario, who once called him "shameless trash" after he attended the birthday party of an 18-year-old woman.

Other relationships have held up better. Earlier this year, Berlusconi gave his good friend President Vladimir Putin of Russia a birthday present.

It was a duvet cover featuring the two old pals shaking hands.

Berlusconi's confidants say the Italian sees himself as a potential bridge between Putin, who is increasingly popular in Italy, and Trump, who isn't. Berlusconi has been deeply reluctant to discuss Trump.

Alan Friedman, author of My Way, an authorized biography of Berlusconi, said he had brought up the incessant comparisons to Trump. "I'm more moderate than Trump," Berlusconi said grumpily, according to Friedman.

But in important ways, and not just their backgrounds in real estate, television and hair care travails, there are similarities. As Friedman pointed out, Berlusconi's objectification of women and coarse language "steadily debased Italian culture over time."

And like Trump, Berlusconi essentially drove the political opposition bonkers during his collective nine years in office.

Last week, as Berlusconi left the TV studio, Rita Monaco, a 59-year-old member of the studio audience, said that while Berlusconi could have "done without" the dirty joke about sex in the studio, she found him "positive and optimistic, notwithstanding everything." He had won her vote.

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TWISTER TERROR 2,000 tourists evacuated on Menorca after tornado tears down electricity pylons and plunges Spanish island into darkness; Galeforce winds have forced thousands to be relocated as hotels shut down

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NEARLY 2,000 tourists are being relocated on Menorca after their hotels were left without electricity or <u>water</u> as a result of a freak tornado.

Three quarters of the Spanish island has been left without power for three days when pylons were brought down by gale-*force* winds.

Many hotels did not have their own power supplies so had to move guests to other parts of the island.

Business leaders have called the situation "absolutely inadmissible" and have <u>demanded</u> an explanation of why "this episode in the 21st century has happened".

Sunday saw Spain battered by the tornado, just 48 hours after the country was blanketed by heavy snowstorms.

More than 38,000 homes were left without power for a whole day after the tornado ravaged the island of Menorca on Sunday.

The Menorca hotel association Ashome issued an update for locals and tourists today telling hotels with generators to continue as they are and have asked clients to pay attention to "consumption tips" so as not to use too much energy.

They said: "The customers housed in establishments without their own generators have been relocated to other accommodation in the Llevant area or to hotels with their own generators."

A spokesperson for Ashome said: "We appreciate the <u>collaboration</u> of all the accommodations that have hosted affected customers, unlocking even rooms already in the process of closing. Also, to all those who have opened their facilities to serve residents affected by the blackout."

Water supplies have also been hit but are due to be reconnected tomorrow.

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Mercadel and Ciutadella areas have been affected and tourists there have been moved to Mahón, Es Castell and Sant Lluis.

Ashome president Luis Casals said: "We would be talking about a maximum of 2,000 tourists, it was already the last days, the hotels were already working on blocking rooms by October 31 and they had more or less each hotel a capacity of 30 per cent or 40 per cent as much."

A spokesman for the Balearic government said this evening: "At this time, the supply replenishment plan is underway in a coordinated way between Red Eléctrica and Endesa.

"The activation of the service has been gradually made to minimise fluctuations in the system, but it is being successfully completed. However, at the moment the generators deployed on the island will remain.

"This joint effort by Red Eléctrica and Endesa has made it possible to move forward the calendar originally planned - Wednesday at noon - the replacement of the service."

More than 50 trees and hundreds of power lines were pulled down by the powerful storm, leaving thousands of residents without electricity.

Neighbouring principality Asturias' 25,000 properties also had their power knocked out by the tornado.

A week-long spell of rain, snow and unseasonably low temperatures has been blamed on the arrival of a mass of polar air lingering over the Iberian Peninsula.

At least one person remains missing in the town of Camariñas in Galicia, northwestern Spain, with reports the man may have fallen into the sea while fishing.

The bad weather has returned to the Balearics just weeks after the region was hit with flooding, in which 13 people were killed.

Heavy snowfall across the north of the country has led to traffic chaos on Spain's train networks and roads.

There are currently weather warnings in place across 29 provinces, as well as the North African exclave city of Melilla.

The highest alerts are for the provinces of Burgos, Castellón and Tarragona.

Freezing temperatures are expected to last until at least Wednesday.

The freak weather system over Western Europe has also caused chaos in parts of Italy.

It has now been reported that a student was killed by a falling tree in Naples earlier today as violent storms swept across the country.

His death comes just hours after a man was found dead by firefighters near the port of Catanzaro on Calabria's southern coast after a boat was dragged ashore by strong currents.

Several Italian regions remain on high alert as the severe weather conditions show no signs of easing off.

The Civil Protection Department issued a red alert - the maximum level - this morning for the regions of Abruzzo, Liguria, Lombardy, Veneto, Friuli-Venezia-Giulia and Trentino Alto *Adige*.

Strong winds, hail and thunderstorms are expected today and tomorrow in these regions, with particularly heavy rain and a risk of landslides in Alpine areas.

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Numerous roads and motorways in these regions are closed or experiencing delays and heavy traffic, mainly due to localised flooding or fallen trees.

Authorities have also warned that heavy rainfall and high winds are expected in many other parts of the country with orange alerts for Piedmont, Emilia-Romagna, Tuscany, Marche, Umbria, Lazio, Calabria, Sicily, and parts of Molise, Campania, and Puglia.

Italian firefighters reported a busy Sunday night with 180 weather-related incidents recorded in Tuscany alone between midnight and 7am.

Europe's current weather chaos has been blamed on a 'European snow cloud' that is now set to leave Britain shivering over the coming week.

News of the European snow cloud comes as the UK also prepares to be battered by Hurricane Oscar.

The cold snap is set to develop into a "messy picture" in a few days' time, as the 15th storm of the Atlantic hurricane season *threatens* to bring unsettled weather to British shores.

Though it won't make landfall, Oscar's effects are set to be felt across the UK towards the end of this week.

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<u>Universita degli Studi di Trento Researchers Describe Recent Advances in</u> <u>Hydrology [Streamflow Reconstructions Using Tree-Ring Based Paleo</u> <u>Proxies for the Upper Adige River Basin (Italy)]</u>

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2022 DEC 12 (NewsRx) -- By a News Reporter-Staff News Editor at NewsRx Science Daily -- Investigators publish new report on hydrology. According to news originating from Trento, Italy, by NewsRx correspondents, research stated, "The <u>Adige River</u> Basin (ARB) provides a vital <u>water</u> supply source for varying <u>demands</u> including agriculture (wine production), energy (hydropower) and municipal <u>water</u> supply. Given the importance of this <u>river</u> system, information about past (paleo) <u>drought</u> and pluvial (wet) periods would quantity risk to <u>water</u> managers and planners."

The news correspondents obtained a quote from the research from Universita degli Studi di Trento: "Annual streamflow data were obtained for four gauges that were spatially located within the upper ARB. The Old World Drought Atlas (OWDA) provides an annual June-July-August (JJA) self-calibrating Palmer Drought Severity Index (scPDSI) derived from 106 tree-ring chronologies for 5414 grid points across Europe from 0 to 2012 AD. In lieu of tree-ring chronologies, the OWDA dataset was used as a proxy to reconstruct both individual gauge and ARB regional streamflow from 0 to 2012. Principal component analysis (PCA) was applied to the four ARB streamflow gauges to generate one representative vector of regional streamflow. This regional streamflow vector was highly correlated with the four individual gauges, as coefficient of determination (R²) values ranged from 85% to 96%. Prescreening methods included correlating annual streamflow and scPDSI cells (within a 450 km radius) in which significant (p 0.01 or 99% significance) scPDSI cells were identified. The significant scPDSI cells were then evaluated for temporal stability to ensure practical and reliable reconstructions. Statistically significant and temporally stable scPDSI cells were used as predictors (independent variables) to reconstruct streamflow (predictand or dependent variable) for both individual gauges and at the regional scale. This resulted in highly skillful reconstructions of upper ARB streamflow from 0 to 2012 AD."

According to the news reporters, the research concluded: "Multiple drought and pluvial periods were identified in the paleo record that exceed those observed in the recent, historic record. Moreover, this study concurred with streamflow reconstructions in nearby European watersheds."

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For more information on this research see: Streamflow Reconstructions Using Tree-Ring Based Paleo Proxies for the Upper <u>Adige</u> River Basin (Italy). Hydrology, 2022,9(8):8. (Hydrology - http://www.mdpi.com/journal/hydrology). The publisher for Hydrology is MDPI AG.

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Merano train crash probe focuses on cause of landslide

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Investigations into the rail crash in northern Italy last week will focus on the origin of <u>water</u> that triggered the landslide which swept the train off its tracks.

Nine people died and 30 were injured <u>when a mudslide set off by a sudden water flow slammed into a commuter train</u> near the town of Merano in the Bolzano province in the foothills of the Dolomites (*News* last week).

Investigators will examine whether the mudslide was intiated by the failure of an <u>irrigation</u> pipe in an orchard upslope of the railway line. They will also consider whether exceptional rainfall leading up to the event was a factor, or even if uncharted **aquifers** played a part.

Local press reports say the orchard owner has admitted that water had leaked from its irrigation system, but that natural aquifers in the subsoil could have caused long term instability in the ground.

Bolzano prosecutor Guido Rispoli said the investigation, which started this week, would focus on establishing the origin of water that saturated the upper part of the slope by creating a reconstruction of the debris flow.

"The landslide was no more than 300m³ to 400m³ in size but had a huge effect. Preliminary investigations will last 15-20 days"Rinaldo Genevois, University of Padua

He has appointed University of Padua geoscientist professor Rinaldo Genevois, Vincenzo Bixio, also from the University of Padua, and professor Alberto Mazzucato from Venice's University luav as technical advisors. "We are at the very beginning of our investigations," said Genevois.

"The landslide was no more than 300m³ to 400m³ in size but had a huge effect. I think that preliminary investigations will last about 15 to 20 days; on the basis of those results other investigations could be planned."

Genevois specialises in debris flow and landslide modelling. Bixio specialises in land irrigation, land reclamation, irrigation and hydraulic engineering and Mazzucato is a geotechnical engineer who has carried out research into the mechanical behaviour of granular soils and water seepage.

Merano train crash probe focuses on cause of landslide

The terrain in the area is a glacial moraine or till, which is rocky debris accumulated and deposited by a glaicer. The soil is made up of rocks and gravel, is not consistant or easy to move. This makes it prone to debris slides, according to Paolo Cortini, a consultant geologist to the Bolzano province.

A commuter train like the one derailed

Cortini could not comment on the geology of the specific area of the disaster but Italian Ordnance Survey mapping shows the area to comprise an allivual cone. This is sharply inclined alluvial deposits formed where a stream emerges onto a lowland after its descent from steep upland area.

Alluvial cones are steeper than the more common alluvial fans and show a greater average particle size. Fans are more likely to generate mudslides similar to that observed in last week's crash.

Imperial College London professor of geotechincal engineering Richard Chandler, who has investigated a similar landslide in the area (see box below), predicted that investigators would find the cause to be a reactivation of historic ground movement, a wet winter, a burst water pipe or a combination of all three.

"Unless there was heavy rainfall at, or just before the event, it is likely that the burst irrigation pipe caused the debris slide." Rainfall was not recorded on the date of the accident.

The Stava Valley disaster

The glacial moraine or till found across the mountainous Bolzano province makes it highly vulnerable to landslides.

Tragedy previously struck the region on 19 July 1985 when 268 people died after a tailings dam constructed for a fluorine mine collapsed in the Stava valley.

The Stava valley is just 8km north of the train crash site.

Disaster struck when the upper basin of the dam gave way and collapsed into the lower basin. This produced a muddy mass of approximately 180,000m³ of sand, slime and water.

The landslide reached a speed of 90km/h completely destroying three hotels, 54 homes, six industrial buildings and condemning eight bridges.

The collapse deposited a thick layer of mud, 200mm to 400mm deep over a 4.2km area.

The cause of the collapse was found to be the chronic instability of the dam and the low factors of safety used in its design.

The dam was assessed in 1974, and although a number of vital checks were missed, the assessment concluded the dam had been "taken to its limit".

Four main structural reasons were cited in the collapse:

- The deposited slime from the fluorine mine had not <u>settled</u> because of the marshy nature of the soil on which the dams were built.
- · Excessive height and inclination of the dams
- The decision to enlarge the bank according to the "upstream" method, which was the quickest and most inexpensive, but also the most dangerous
- Drainage pipes were installed incorrectly

Catch fence cleared

Initial speculation that the catch fence installed to retain rock fall was failed to do its job may be unfounded, engineers said this week.

Imperial College London professor of geotechnical engineering Richard Chandler said it was unlikely that the catch fence would have been designed to prevent such an accident.

"The catch fence would have only been intended to catch the odd boulder and would not have been expected or possible to stop the debris slide," he said. The catch fence was constructed in the 1970s by the Italian state railway company.

Railway infrastructure operator Infrastructure Ferroviarie Alto <u>Adige</u> (SBA) said that neither the retaining wall next to the railway line nor the catch fence were altered during the 2005 reconstruction of the line.

"The retaining wall was constructed when the railway was originally built 100 years ago," said a spokesman. "The fencing was constructed by the Italian state railways in the 1970s. SBA did not alter the wall when reconstructing the line" BAM Ritchies business manager David Gibson, who has recently installed landslide flow barrier on the A83 in Scotland, said loadings differ significantly depending on the type of event.#

"With a rock fall you have a limited mass travelling at high velocity, while a mudslide usually has substantially more material travelling at a slower velocity. The loading of the barrier will differ between events, which is why specialised barriers have been developed recently, he said.

Corinna Wendler, civil engineer at barrier specialist Geobrugg, <u>agreed</u>. "On a rockfall event there's only a single impact, whereas with mudslides the loads are more spread out."

Chandler added that the wall would not be to blame. "Cutting at the toe of a slope is very dangerous," he said. "However debris slides are typically unexpected failures that occur on a natural slope and cutting at the toe generally has nothing to do with it."

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Italian PDO's and PGI's Embrace Pink Wines To Conquer New Palates

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(PRWeb) - While many think Ros is largely a French invention that started in Provence, Italian Vini Rosa (Pink Wines) have a long tradition behind them. They are among the most <u>diverse</u> ros wines in the world in terms of color and grape varieties. One can find wines with a pale pink onion skin color, going through to salmon color, and then onto the darker tones of ros.

The wines come from a host of indigenous or native grapes and can be made using a few different methods. Some are done only using direct press, others with what is known as the saignee method - the bleeding off of the juice after a shorter maceration than used in red wine making.

While there is a lot of variation, what they tend to have in common is that these are food friendly wines, like most other Italian wines. They almost always have pronounced acidity and freshness. They are usually paired with local fare but can be enjoyed on their own, and they are perfect year long.

Some areas in Italy that have always been known for their Vini Rosa include Puglia and Calabria, where the ros is called Rosato; Veneto and Lombardy, where the name for the ros is Chiaretto; and Abruzzo, where Cerasuolo is produced. In Northern Italy, in the Lake Garda Region, the Chiaretto tradition dates back to Roman times, while Rosatos from Southern Italy have ancient Greek traditions. Trentino-Alto <u>Adige</u> and Tuscany also have Rosato traditions on a smaller scale.

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The Public Prosecutor's Office in Bolzano (northern Italy) has opened an investigation into the so-called "corona-parties", a practice that has become fashionable, especially among young people, to get infected with the coronavirus with the intention of overcoming the disease and being able to obtain a health certificate. These are private parties in which at least one of the participants is a carrier of the virus and that have become fashionable in the region of Alto Adige, one of the regions that currently has the highest number of infections of the virus in the country and where opposition to vaccines is deeply rooted among the German-speaking community, according to local media, reports Efe.The *intention* of the participants is to get infected to pass the COVID-19, one of the criteria - along with vaccination and negativity - to obtain the health certificate and that in Italy is mandatory for work and leisure. "In a closed room, with a positive person of the Delta variant can easily infect between 5 and 10 people in one night (...)....) We are talking above all about young people who, worried about the possible restrictions for those who do not have the 'Green Pass' (health certificate), try to get immunized", according to Patrick Franzoni, vicecoordinator of the Covid unit in Bolzano. He told the media, explaining that "many are convinced that it's just a flu," but "there are long-term consequences and they too can end up in hospital. In fact, the "corona-fests" have caused, for the moment, the hospitalization of three people and two of them are in Intensive Care Units and the Prosecutor's Office of Bolzano has opened an investigation, according to the information channel skytg24. This practice, widespread in Germany and Austria, has even involved children in primary schools, whose parents antivaccine take them to meet with covid positives to develop the contagion and immunization, revealed Franzoni.Although all regions of the country are classified as "white zone", without restrictions by the coronavirus, the northern regions soon fear an increase in limitations due to the increase of cases in Alto Adige, Friuli-Venezia-Julia, Veneto, Ligura and Valle d'Aosta, the situation has led regional governors to request an urgent meeting with the government to consider the adoption of new restrictions and among them are predominantly in favor of these limitations affect only those not vaccinated or those who do not have the health certificate.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 17, 2021 /PRNewswire-PRWeb/ -- While many think Rosé is largely a French invention that started in Provence, Italian "Vini Rosa" (Pink Wines) have a long tradition behind them. They are among the most <u>diverse</u> rosé wines in the world in terms of color and grape varieties. One can find wines with a pale pink onion skin color, going through to salmon color, and then onto the darker tones of rosé.

The wines come from a host of indigenous or native grapes and can be made using a few different methods. Some are done only using direct press, others with what is known as the saignee method - the bleeding off of the juice after a shorter maceration than used in red wine making..

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ENJOYING LA DOLCE VITA; The Italian lakes offer competitive prices and glorious scenery, says Gordon Miller

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THE Italian <u>Lakes</u> are feted by the rich and famous. George Clooney, Elton John and Oscar De La Renta count themselves as devotees of the three main *lakes* - Como, Garda and Maggiore - in northern Italy, south of the Alps.

Exclusive <u>Lake</u> Como is where the slebs tend to be found; <u>Lake</u> Maggiore is the nearest to Milan, drawing crowds from the city for weekends; <u>Lake</u> Garda, the most easterly, only 20 minutes' drive from Verona airport with international flights to the UK, is home to Bella Italia on the lakeside and Gardaland, a renowned theme park (inset).

Linda Travella, a British estate agent with three decades' real estate experience solely in Italy, notes the <u>lakes'</u> many attractions, accessibility for international visitors and activities for their children in a safe environment are a major draw.

'Lakes Como and Maggiore offer stunning scenery and established, as well as some new-build, properties with lake views,' she says. 'Lake Garda is flatter and more open, and properties with lake views are less common. It's popular with families because of Gardaland.' Property prices follow hand in hand with exclusivity, as they do the world over. Simone Rossi, general manager at www.gate-away.com notes that the region of Lombardy, in which Lake Como is located, is placed fourth in the most sought-after Italian regions, according to gate-away.com's 2016 first quarter report.

'Due to Lake Como's exclusivity, average house prices in Lombardy are among the highest in Italy,' he says. 'Lake Garda, with its mild climate, beautiful scenery and the short distance to reach the Alps for ski and mountain activities, has great potential.'

A classic example of a Lake Como property for sale is a five-bedroom, five-bathroom villa on the lakeside, ten miles from Como and 40 miles from Milan. Set on four floors with two entrances, an extensive interior and exterior restoration project was completed in 2010. The asking price is (EURO)4.5million (£3.5million) with Beauchamp Estates.

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That's at the high end, notes Rossi. 'The average value for Italian properties considered by overseas investors stands at around (EURO)480,000 (£379,000). In Veneto and Trentino, the local real estate market offers the possibility of valuable properties at significantly lower prices compared to the overall average prices and to those of the Lombardy region.'

An example to support Rossi's point is a newer-build four-bedroom, twobathroom villa set into the Torri del Benaco hillside, in a prestigious residential area. It has two panoramic lake-view terraces, and a private garden of 3,000 sqm complete with an olive grove. The asking price is (EURO)1.2million (£947,000) with www.gate-away.com

Asking prices are increasing in some regions, notes Rossi.'Veneto and Trentino Alto <u>Adige</u>, closest to Lake Garda, may not be statistically within the top ten of the most desirable regions, but Trentino prices in particular grew 83 per cent in the past year - and this trend should continue in 2016.'

The upward trajectory gives buyers confidence, says Lynne Davies of Beauchamp Estates - Italy. 'Properties on the lakes retain their value extremely well regardless of issues in the broader, more domestically focused market and the economy in general,' explains Lynne.

That said, Daria Burimova, Tranio real estate investment expert and Italy sales manager, has actually noticed a ten to 15 per cent drop in prices - although it does vary depending on the location. 'It's not always noticeable that prices have decreased, judging only by the advertisements, but sellers are often more willing to lower the prices when a real buyer shows,' she says.

The trend doesn't always apply to the high-end properties, Daria notes, as typically their owners are in no urgent need for money, so don't leave such considerable room for *negotiation* on the selling price.

A further bonus for owners and prospective buyers, notes Lynne, is that most Italian lakes are protected against over-development. 'This further safeguards the value of homes in the lake's vicinity and ensures that visitors will want to keep coming,' she says.

It's a fine balance, of course, to maintain the heritage while encouraging new life. The lakes seem to have found a harmonious equilibrium. Market <u>demand</u> and increasing values motivate period- property owners to maintain and renovate, while pockets of new-build properties spring up, encouraged by purchaser **demand**.

Lynne thinks it all adds up. 'Lake Como has the distinct elegance and sophistication of another era, with a steamer operating on the lake and large villas with gardens open to the public, but the northern part of Lake Garda also holds *appeal* with its rugged and dramatic mountains.'

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Budget

Price: (EURO)275,000 (£217,000) Location: Lake Garda

This two-bed flat, part of Green Residence, is just 300 metres from Lake Garda and 2km from the centre of Desenzano del Garda. www.casatravella.com

High

Price: (EURO)1.35million (£1.06million) Location: Via Nuova Regina, Laglio, Lake Como

This new-build development has its own private beach and the flats have luxury fittings and views across the lake. www.milan-sothebysrealty.com

Mid

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Price: (EURO)340,000 (£268,000) Location: Lake Lugano

This three-bed is in a small residential complex on Lake Lugano. The master bedroom has a terrace with views over the lake and mountains. www.tranio.com

Uber

Price: (EURO)6.5million (£5.13million) Location: Villa Annetta, Faggeto Lario, Lake Como

This modernised, period six-bed villa, set on four floors, has exquisite views over Lake Como and is surrounded by a private garden. www.john-taylor.com

BUYING IN ITALY

Linda Travella notes stamp duty was reduced in 2014, and there's no inheritance tax levied in Italy. Other positives include no Capital Gains Tax (although you may still be liable in the UK) after five years, should you sell.

'A real plus is that no gazumping goes on - as long as contracts are drawn up correctly,' says Linda. When buying an existing second home, add about 12 per cent of the purchase price, and about 14 per cent for a new build - when you buy in Italy you pay **commission** however you buy.

Lynne Davies of Beauchamp Estates - Italy, notes the benefit of the Northern lakes' proximity to some of the best Italian and Swiss ski resorts. 'It's possible to have a rental season that extends well beyond the summer months, she says. 'Rental yields can be from four to seven per cent.'

Ilaria Pinto of Italy Sotheby's International Realty says: 'An understanding of the language is important to fully grasp factors such as value and price considerations, the zoning ordinance and the legal/ contractual system.' getting THERE

Flying time is 1 hour 40 minutes from London airports to Verona airport and either Milan airports.

Lake Garda is 20 minutes' drive from Verona; Lake Maggiore and Lake Como are around 50 to 60 minutes' drive from Milan.

EasyJet, Ryanair, and BA among others fly to Verona and Milan. Return flights from Gatwick to Verona are as low as £50pp. ba.com; easyjet.com; www.ryanair.com

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Italy weather: Italy braces as flood warnings spread past Venice to Florence and Pisa; ITALY has been lashed with rain as the huge floods that forced Venice to close St Mark's Square again following the third major deluge in a week triggered fears major cities such as Florence and Pisa could also soon be under several feet of water.

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Tuscany's President Enrico Rossi sparked fears in Pisa after tweeting a warning of a "<u>flood</u> wave" on the Arno, and said boards were being installed on the swollen <u>river's</u> banks "as a precautionary measure". Italian paratroopers have been drafted in to bolster defences in Pisa, with authorities also monitoring the same <u>river</u> in Florence after torrential rain meant <u>water</u> levels rose drastically overnight. Civil protection units Florence have warned citizens not to stand close to the Arno's rover banks.

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Flooding from the Arno devastating Florence in 1966, killing some 100 people and destroying thousands of pieces of priceless works of art.

The latest fears come after Venice was **forced** to close St Mark's Square today as the battered city suffered its third major flooding in less than a week.

Venice was hit with tides of 150cm on Sunday - only slightly lower than Tuesday's 187cm - which was the highest in half a century.

Temporary walkways were removed from the famous square as the water began to rise again, with only police and soldiers visible at around midday.

The city's Mayor Luigi Brugnaro, who has estimated the damage so far from the salt water to be at more than (EURO)1million so far, tweeted: "Maximum attention for today's tide.

"St Mark's Square is closed. Safety first."

On Saturday, the city's weather forecast centre warned the tide could reach 160cm just after midday today.

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The Mayor told a press conference yesterday: "It will be a tough day tomorrow, but we are ready."

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Mr Brugnaro, who has been appointed as the special commissioner to deal with the emergency, said he had received offers of support from the European Union, adding the European Investment Bank could grant special loans for repairs.

Since Monday, the city has been swamped by four tides rising above 140cm - the worst week for high tides in Venice since 1872.

Venice endured its worst flooding in 50 years on Tuesday when the tide peaked at 187cm at 9.50pm - just short of the record 194cm set in 1966.

The flooding has caused more than \$1billion worth of damage, submerging the famous St Mary's Square under several feet of water.

On Thursday, the Italian Government declared a state of emergency for Venice, after the deadly floods brought "widespread devastation" to to its historic basilica, with the city's Mayor warning the city is "on its knees".

In a post on Facebook, Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte said: "The disaster that hit Venice is a blow to the heart of our country. It hurts to see the city so damaged, its artistic heritage compromised, and its business activities so severely affected.

"I gave a clear signal to the authorities and local institutions I met this afternoon: the government is there for you. It is with Venice and Venetians.

"Tomorrow I will be in the city again, I will meet the local community and we will have another operational meeting in the Prefecture to see the real damage and to give the first solutions.

"In the afternoon I will return to Rome for a Council of Ministers during which we will take charge of the request for a state of emergency. We are ready to allocate the first funds.

"I will also accelerate the structural solution to the problems, linked to the extraordinary maintenance of the barriers and the hydraulic systems.

The Italian Prime Minister added: "But it is not only Venice. In these hours many other regions are affected by this violent wave of bad weather. With the Head of Civil Protection we are constantly monitoring the news from all over Italy.

"From the rest of the Veneto, as from Friuli Venezia Giulia, from Puglia to Trentino Alto <u>Adige</u>, from Naples to Matera and from other territories.

"On the Government's part, our attention is maximum."

Emanuela Carpani, the official supervising art works and historic buildings, said half the city's 120 churches had been flooded with salt water on Tuesday, damaging some mosaic floors.

She told the press conference: "Water is a cancer whose damages emerge after months," adding the first repairs to these churches could cost (EURO)3.6 million.

On Tuesday, the flooding destroyed shops and hotels, leaving many of the city's historic squares and side streets deep underwater.

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Luca Zaia, the premier of the Veneto region, warned the city was "faced with total, apocalyptic devastation".

He told Italian media: "I'm not exaggerating - 80 percent of the city is under water, the damage is unimaginable."

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<u>TEACHER COUPLE SUNK IN THE ETSCH RIVER; Search for bodies. Son</u> arrested. Dispute over tuition fees?

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"I want to know the truth. Just the whole truth!"

A young doctor from Munich, Madé N. (26), fears for the lives of her parents. The retired teacher couple has been missing for more than three weeks. And the police firmly believe that Peter N. (63) and his wife Laura (68) were murdered.

The suspected murderer: Benno N. (30), the couple's son, Madé's brother.

Is that the whole truth in this family drama that has been making headlines in South Tyrol for weeks?

Flashback: January 4th, a Monday. Madé N. calls her parents, who own a house in Bolzano, as she often does. The doctor reaches neither her mother nor her father. Also the next morning both mobile phones are switched off. The doctor asks her brother to check on their parents. He doesn't seem as concerned as she is. Later, Madé N. tells relatives that she almost had to *force* her brother to file a missing person's report - file number 224/2021.

Investigators now assume that the teacher couple is dead. They found traces of Peter N.'s blood on the railing of a bridge over the <u>Adige</u> River, which flows from South Tyrol to the sea near Venice - it is considered certain that the murderer threw the two bodies into the water here. The forensic experts also found traces of blood in the house and in the car of the missing persons.

Did Benno N., the beautiful bodybuilder, kill his parents - because they <u>demanded</u> tuition fees back from him? Benno N. had broken off his sports studies.

The "Neue Südtiroler Tageszeitung" reported that a relative had said that Benno had often quarreled with his father. The parents had been afraid of him - at night they locked themselves in the bedroom. A friend reported that Benno

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had become aggressive due to his fitness mania and his heavy consumption of anabolic steroids, and had often really snapped.

But Benno N. has an alibi for the evening of his parents' disappearance. He had a nightly rendezvous with a new girlfriend (40) in Auer, about an hour away from Bolzano. The woman confirms that Benno N. was with her - and had left again at around five in the morning.

But: Benno N. was late at his mistress' place - by 40 minutes. His mobile phone was also off for about that long. Are these 40 minutes exactly the time he needed to kill the parents, pack them into their car and throw them off the bridge into the *Adige* river?

Benno N. denies these accusations. But the investigators are gathering more and more circumstantial evidence. For example, the mistress tells how he arrived at her home on the evening of January 4: sweaty, with dirty clothes. He took a shower and threw his clothes on the floor. She offered to wash his clothes - he had spare clothes with him. Benno N.'s reply: "If you don't mind too much ... "

The mistress later handed over these washed clothes to the police - for an examination in the laboratory.

In the night to Friday, the public prosecutor's office in Bolzano had Benno N. arrested - for "two counts of intentional homicide and concealment of the bodies". Did the laboratory analysis of his washed clothes reveal evidence of blood?

Madé N., the young doctor from Munich, meanwhile realizes what the truth is. She has, she says, "lost the two most important people in my life, Mami and Papi, when she was 26".

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This is how Benno N. (30) presents himself on the Internet: He is considered the main suspect, but is convinced he can prove his innocence

Madé N. (26), Benno N.'s sister.

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Italian paper views chances for 'national unity government'

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The context has changed: Recession until a week ago was a looming hypothesis, but, now that Covid-19 has paralysed the productive heart of the country, it has become a dramatic certainty. This turn, abrupt and unexpected, had an immediate reflection on politics, on the government - required to provide replies and mostly solutions - and on the opposition, rather, on the main opposition party and on his leader: Matteo Salvini [Northern League leader].

Because, even if the sovereignist turn of the captain has deleted the north from the [party] symbol, it is still there and from there its strength comes. Salvini knows it well. He knows that, if somewhere else his speeches against the landings, the selfies, the <u>river</u> of crowds can be enough, in Lombardy, in Veneto, where the League has been governing for years, but also (more recently) in Friuli Venezia Giulia, in Piedmont and in Liguria, in Trentino-Alto <u>Adige</u> down toward Emilia-Romagna, where he did not win but doubled his electors in the last years, expectations are quite different.

The uneasiness was already strong when Salvini was at the government in Rome with the Five Star Movement. Now it burst. The block of activities, calling off or postponing crucial international events like the International Furnishing Accessories Exhibition, cancellations at hotels for the following months, production plants on hold, deleted flights to Milan from London due to lack of bookings, <u>demand</u> an assumption of responsibility to the first Italian party, which has precisely in the regions of the north his main electoral basin. Salvini understood it.

After shouting about the non-closure of borders and contributing to fuelling the Covid-19 fears with blunders on social networks, the former Minister of Interior changed his attitude. Instead of making polemics against Giuseppe Conte [President of the Council of Ministers] and asking for the immediate return to elections, as he has done for months, he picked up the phone and called the Prime Minister, offering his contribution, and then he sent the League proposals to face the economic emergency to Palazzo Chigi [Presidency of the Council of Ministers]. Finally, he asked the head of state for a meeting to express to Sergio Mattarella, besides his concern, also the League's availability to take responsibility, if it was necessary.

Italian paper views chances for 'national unity government'

This is the turnabout, for which Giancarlo Giorgetti, Salvini's right-hand man but also the one who has in his hands the thread of the institutional relations inside and outside Italy, has been working for quite some time, and which has in Matteo Renzi [Italy Alive leader] the jimmy to crash the majority. The Italy Alive leader has kept on insisting on the inadequacy of the Prime Minister even in the last hours. The target, for both Renzi and Salvini, is the same at the moment: Evicting Conte from Palazzo Chigi. Sure, the League leader continues chasing the hope of capitalising at the elections, as soon as possible, on the supremacy confirmed by the European elections and by all polls. But this is an impassable road. Not anymore and not only because of the MPs' resistance to leave their chairs. In such a dramatic situation as the current one, solutions are more necessary than rallies. And this is why; for the first time, even for Salvini, the prospect of a government of national emergency is not a hypothesis to *fight* at all costs anymore.

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(CNN) -- [Breaking news update, posted at 3:28 a.m.]

Migrants <u>streamed</u> into Budapest's Keleti train station on Thursday, breaking a deadlock with authorities outside. Trains are running, but the borders with Austria and Slovakia are closed, a rail official said, limiting where the refugees can travel.

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[CNN] -- A tiny step in dealing with Europe's deadly and massive migrant crisis was attempted Wednesday as Italy, Germany and France sought a united response to the worsening plight of millions of refugees.

Foreign ministers Paolo Gentiloni of Italy, Frank-Walter Steinmeier of Germany and Laurent Fabius of France presented the European Union with a joint document calling for a revision of asylum rules and a fairer distribution of refugees, according to the Italian Foreign Ministry.

The effort comes as the photo of a toddler's lifeless body -- one of 12 people who drowned off Turkey and washed up on a beach -- has come to symbolize the gravity of the crisis.

The European Union foreign policy chief, Federica Mogherini, urged "united" action and said the issue will be part of the next EU foreign ministers meeting on Friday and Saturday. The EU <u>Commission</u> was meeting to prepare new proposals.

Another batch of refugees, meanwhile, arrives in Munich with almost every train that pulls into the station.

Tired, hungry, weak from the heat, they speak of a harrowing journey -- and the joy of finally making it to Germany.

But in Budapest, the scene is more desperate.

Refugees in the Hungarian capital held up scraps of paper: "Help Syrians," they read. "Babies are tired."

Still, almost anything -- even this -- is better than the chaos and killing from which they have fled: in Syria, where cities lie in rubble; in South Sudan, ravaged by <u>war</u> and poverty; in Libya, where warlords maraud and people suffer; in Iraq, where ISIS likes to videotape its slaughter of innocents.

These lands are no place for families to thrive. No place to raise one's children.

In Budapest, the migrants -- free at last of bombing and <u>war</u> -- lie listlessly, waiting to board trains for Western Europe.

"We hope you will save us," a Syrian refugee named Houriye told CNN. "I beg you to save us."

But the migrants are denied by authorities. Hundreds wait. Still, they have experienced much worse than this.

Mahmoud, a chemical engineer, said he was a successful businessman until he lost it all to Syria's <u>war</u>. The face of his 4-year-old son is scratched from a fall at a border crossing.

"It's too tough for me to see my family like this," he said.

Wildly varied response

The response of various European governments has varied wildly.

On Thursday, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban plans to meet with other members of the European Union to figure out how to cope with the emergency. His nation is a transit point for migrants trying to make their way north. Hungary has responded by erecting a fence along its border with Serbia.

In Germany, the interior minister will address Parliament, after a planned asylum center was burned down.

Germany's government has been more accepting of asylum seekers, but political leaders there have had to contend with xenophobic *protests*.

On Tuesday, police arrested a suspect in an attack earlier in the week on about 40 asylum seekers in a shelter in Brandenburg.

And in France, migrants shut down the Eurostar cross-channel service between England and France overnight as they poured onto the tracks near Calais, the French entry to the channel tunnel. Trains between London and Paris and London and Brussels were turned back.

Caught in the middle are the desperate men and women, with children in tow, who have fled <u>wars</u> in Syria and Iraq in overcrowded, sometimes deadly voyages by land or by sea.

In just the latest example, at least 12 people traveling on boats filled with refugees drowned off the coast of Turkey, Turkish officials said, according to the country's semiofficial news agency, Anadolu.

The incident took place after two boats left Bodrum and were trying to reach the Greek coast, Anadolu reported.

Passports and visas, please

At Keleti station in Budapest, tensions simmered.

Hundreds of people who had expected to board trains to Austria and Germany found Hungarian police officers barring their way.

They want to make their way to Western Europe, where they hope to claim asylum.

The journey for almost all of them has been arduous.

"We have been here five days. No food, no sleep -- no place to sleep, no anything," one Syrian refugee at Keleti station told CNN on Tuesday.

He and other travelers had train tickets but were not being allowed through, he said.

"The problem is the amount of migrants with the wrong papers," said Reka Hegedus, a spokeswoman for the train station. "Obviously, even if they have tickets, it is not enough."

Only those with proper documentation -- a valid passport, a ticket and any necessary visas -- were being allowed into the station, with police checking the papers of those seeking to enter.

"European regulations require that a person wishing to go on to Austria or Germany, for example, has the necessary documents," a government <u>statement</u> said. "People at Budapest's Keleti railway station <u>demanding</u> to be allowed free passage are <u>demanding</u> something which is not possible under European legislation."

A Hungarian government representative, János Lázár, requested that the German embassy provide information to migrants at Keleti rail station.

Italian authorities have temporarily reinstated border controls at the Italian-Austrian line in the region of Alto <u>Adige</u> in northern Italy, after being requested to do so by Bavarian authorities in Germany who say they are "overwhelmed" by the influx of migrants, according to a <u>statement</u> released by Italy's Bolzano prefecture.

Bavaria has had a great number of refugees arriving mainly from the Balkan route and the situation is getting difficult to handle, the Italian <u>statement</u> said.

"Work is in process to find new shelters for the continuously growing number of refugees," the statement said.

The governor of Italy's South Tyrol, Arno Kompatscher, has asked the Italian government for permission to help Bavaria, as part of "a strategy of European openness that allows to travel beyond regional and national limits," the **statement** said.

The measures mean that those wanting to cross the border will need to provide the appropriate paperwork or identification. In the meantime, the region of Alto <u>Adige</u> will host 300 to 400 migrants or refugees with shelter and food.

Flashpoint: Hungary

Hungary has come under increasing pressure from Western European countries to change its approach to the migrant crisis.

It has been erecting a barbed wire fence along its more than 100-mile border with Serbia in a bid to prevent migrants crossing illegally as they make their way north.

Government spokesman Zoltan Kovacs told CNN's "The World Right Now" the lack of documentation was a key issue for authorities.

"That's one major problem we have to face: that these people, at least to the Hungarian border, came without papers, or got rid of papers, and at the end of the day it's basically impossible to determine whether they are telling the truth that they are coming from Syria or other <u>war</u> zones," he said.

In an earlier <u>statement</u>, Kovacs called on Germany to clarify its position on allowing Syrian refugees into Germany from Hungary, "calling for order and legality to be restored at the borders of the European Union."

Refugees flood into Germany

Even with the bottleneck in Hungary, migrants were still making their way to Germany, just not many by train.

Germany's government said last month it expected up to 800,000 asylum seekers to come this year -- four times more than in 2014.

At Munich's main station, though, the arrival of refugees slowed to a trickle because of the restrictions in Budapest.

"It was so hard for us. It took a very long time," said a woman from Afghanistan. "Especially in Hungary, it was very difficult to get through Hungary. We had almost no food and water."

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Monday that her country -- where some are opposed to taking in asylum seekers -- must show "flexibility" when it comes to dealing with the crisis.

European Union member states <u>agreed</u> in July to take in more than 32,000 migrants to ease the burden on Italy and Greece, where the largest numbers have arrived. Another 8,000 should be allocated by the end of the year, said the European Union's commissioner for migration.

Varying sentiments

For the most part, the German public supports Merkel.

Local football clubs hoisted welcome banners over the weekend. Villages held "refugee welcome" parties for the newcomers. And a recent news poll estimated that 60% back Merkel's warm welcome.

Some other countries are just as welcoming.

In Reykjavik, Icelanders called on the government to accept more refugees from Syria.

Others are reluctant.

One of them is Slovakia, which said last month that it only wanted to take in Christians because it has only a tiny Muslim community and it would be hard for new Muslim arrivals to integrate.

Czech authorities said they have started to remove migrants from trains.

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IRISH **PROTESTERS** NAILED BY **WATER** CANNONS

Northern Ireland police used <u>water</u> cannons to fend off brick-hurling <u>protesters</u> in Belfast Saturday as violent demonstrations over flying the British flag stretched into a third straight day.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland said it was investigating reports that a number of shots were fired at police lines.

A 38-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder, police said.

More than 1,000 demonstrators marched on Belfast's city hall earlier Saturday afternoon amid a heavy police presence. While the rally passed largely without incident, police then came under attack from a mob of more than 100 people hurling bricks and fireworks.

Two men were arrested, police said.

<u>Protesters</u> have been out in <u>force</u> - with sometimes violent results - since a Dec. 3 decision by Belfast city council to stop flying the British flag year-round.

Such issues of symbolism frequently inflame sectarian passions in Northern Ireland, where <u>Protestants</u> mainly want to stay in the United Kingdom and Catholics want to unite with the Republic of Ireland.

Many <u>Protestants</u> want the council to reverse its decision about the flag, and dozens of police have been injured in ensuing demonstrations.

IRAN AIMS TO CONTROL SOCIAL-NETWORKING SITES

TEHRAN - Iran's police chief says the Islamic Republic is developing new software to control social networking sites.

Gen. Esmail Ahmadi Moghadam was quoted in Iranian newspapers Saturday as saying the new software will prevent Iranians from being exposed to malicious content online while allowing users to enjoy the benefits of the Internet.

He did not say when the software would be introduced.

Moghadam also did not specify which social networking sites would be affected, but both Facebook and Twitter are popular in Iran.

Iranians currently have access to most of the Internet, although authorities block some sites affiliated with the opposition, as well as those that are seen as promoting dissent or considered morally corrupt.

Iran created a government agency last year to oversee Internet usage in the country.

MAN ALLEGEDLY KILLS GRANDMA OVER SHOW **DISPUTE**

KINGS PARK, N.Y. - Police say a New York man has killed his grandmother after they argued over what TV show to watch.

They say Clarence Newcomb was arrested Friday at the home he shared with 82-year-old Kathleen Newcomb in Kings Park, on New York's Long Island.

Suffolk County police say a man called them at 4: 35 a.m. to report the woman was lying on the floor. Officers say they found her dead.

Medical officials haven't determined how she died. No weapons have been recovered.

Police say the 25-year-old told them he and his grandmother had argued over what to watch on TV.

SIX RUSSIANS KILLED IN SNOWMOBILE MISHAP IN ITALY

ROME - Six Russians were killed and two seriously injured when the snowmobile and sled they were riding veered off an Italian Alpine ski slope Friday night, slammed into a barrier and flew through the air into a ravine.

When rescuers arrived at the scene, six of the victims were found dead on the slope of Mount Cermis in the Trentino-Alto *Adige* region of northeast Italy, said Roberto Marchi of the Cavalese Fire Department.

"It is clear that the fundamental cause is recklessness and imprudence," Marchi told Sky TG24 TV on the slope Saturday.

It's unknown whether the driver was intoxicated.

CONTRABAND-CARRYING CAT NABBED AT PRISON

SAO PAULO - Guards thought there was something suspicious about a little white cat slipping through a prison gate in northeastern Brazil. A prison official says that when they caught the animal, they found a cellphone, drills, small saws and other contraband taped to its body. Alagoas state prison spokeswoman Cinthya Moreno says that the cat was caught New Year's Eve at the medium-security prison in the city of Arapiraca.

Graphic

Getty Images; Police in riot gear march behind loyalist <u>protesters</u> after a demonstration outside city hall in Belfast on Saturday. More than 1,000 demonstrators took to city streets amid a heavy police presence there.; The Associated Press; A guard at a Brazilian jail holds a cat that was seized with items such as a cellphone, drills and saws taped to its body.;

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<u>UNESCO'S ARCHIVES, A TESTIMONY OF THE RESTORATION AND</u> PRESERVATION OF VENICE AND ITS LAGOON

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The following information was released by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO):

Venice and its surrounding lagoon is a unique and very special UNESCO World Heritage Site. On 4 November 1966, its sacred fa ade as a beautiful romantic city was shattered when torrential rain combined with high tides and severe winds *flooded* the city. The conditions never seen before devastated the north of Italy and historically important cities in addition to Venice, causing enormous damage. The destruction was compounded by a cruel toll on human life and physical damage to thousands of works of art. In the aftermath of this disaster and in response to the disastrous state of Venice's heritage, a request for assistance by the Italian Government was sent to UNESCO. Rene Maheu, the then Director-General of UNESCO launched an *Appeal* for International Solidarity, to which initiatives from all over the world arose to promptly provide aid. This resulted in an International Campaign, which for 50 years led to outstanding *cooperation* and worldwide support for the inventorying and restoration of major monuments within the city of Venice.

Over the years, International Private Committees have promoted and financed the restoration of more than 100 monuments and 1,000 works of art, provided laboratory equipment and scientific expertise, sponsored research and publications and awarded innumerable grants for craftsmen, restorers and conservators to attend specialist courses in Venice. The "International Campaign for the Safeguarding of Venice" (1966-1992) and the follow-up "Joint UNESCO-International Private Committees Programme for the Safeguarding of Venice" (1993-2015), financed the renewal of structural works and allowed the restoration of famous artistic works and monuments, such as the Madonna di Negroponte in San Francesco della Vigna and the fa ade of the Church of San Zaccaria. Many other works have been the subject of historical and stratigraphic investigations, sampling, interventions, compensation, cleanings and photographic campaigns, contributing to the restoration of Venice's splendour.

UNESCO's action catalysed the development of scientific, technical and cultural resources, which focus on Venice's situation and its challenging relationship with the environment. The constant **threat** of natural disasters, led to numerous scientific investigations on the action of the lagoon's ecosystem. These investigations culminated in a comprehensive plan to safeguard the historic centre and the lagoon, and provided information and support to National Authorities in the drafting and implementation of the 1973 Special Law for Venice. This Special Law aims to guarantee the protection of the landscape, historical, archaeological and artistic heritage, ensuring Venice's socio-economic livelihood.

UNESCO'S ARCHIVES, A TESTIMONY OF THE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF VENICE AND ITS LAGOON

The commitment and work carried out within the UNESCO International Campaign for the Safeguarding of Venice and the UNESCO - International Private Committees Programme for the Safeguarding of Venice, undertaken first in direct <u>cooperation</u> with the International Private Committees and then through the Association, are attested within the many documents in the UNESCO Archives.

The Archives, housed at Palazzo Zorzi, the UNESCO premises of the Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe, contain extensive documentation of the 655 restoration and conservation projects of the Venetian historical-cultural heritage. More specifically, the documents consist of administrative and technical files, but also of papers, pictures and audio-visual material documenting the work's state and restoration. The documents are collected in 25 sections, each corresponding to one of the 25 main International Committees which have supported the restoration projects of important Venetian heritage, under the coordination and administration of UNESCO.

At the conclusion of the Joint Programme with the completion of the last remaining projects in 2017, the documentation was in need of ordering, cataloguing and preserving. UNESCO identified a high level national expert in archiving so as to guide the preparation of the documentation, in a manner to ensure its conservation, accessibility and safety (about 250 folders).

Erilde Terenzoni, former Archival Superintendent for Veneto and Trentino Alto <u>Adige</u> at the Italian Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities. Terenzoni ensured the coordination and scientific direction of the archive's reorganization assignment, digital cataloguing and digitisation of the documentation. The work has been conducted in accordance with international archival standards, and confirmed by Chief Archivist at UNESCO, Adama Pam, and archives colleagues, in the two missions undertaken to Venice, including discussion with the new Archival Superintendent.

UNESCO Erilde Terenzoni, former Archival Superintendent for Veneto and Trentino Alto <u>Adige</u> with Emilie Fiorucci and Laura Bortolutti

In addition to analysing and reorganising the documentation, the objective was to make the material accessible to a wider audience, through a digitisation process, which will constitute the second phase of the project, funding availability as applicable; the work is fundamental in light of document conservation, since over time the material used, especially the paper, has significantly deteriorated.

Among the material preserved in the Archives, documentation relating to the restoration of numerous works and monuments is extremely significant to the history of Venice and its cultural heritage. Examples include facades of churches and basilicas, such as that of Santa Maria del Giglio, but also a huge diversity of paintings, drawings and prints kept in Museums across all Venice, from the Gallerie dell'Accademia to Museo Correr and Ca' d'Oro, as well as ancient archives of patrician families and important buildings like the Imperial Apartments in St Mark's Square.

Private and international committees have contributed to the restoration of these works, showing a situation of cultural patronage ante litteram, with the mobilisation of private individuals to save public assets, which constitute a common world heritage.

UNESCO's Archives will be the subject of a round table discussion to be held at Palazzo Zorzi, premises of the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe on next 30 November from 10am-1pm.

Decades after Rene Maheu's moving <u>appeal</u> for international solidarity, UNESCO's archives today bear witness to this worldwide drive for the history of art and culture. It is this exceptional heritage that the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe in Venice wishes to make available to researchers throughout the world through digitisation.

Ana Luiza M. Thompson-Flores, Director UNESCO Regional Bureau

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UNESCO'S ARCHIVES, A TESTIMONY OF THE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF VENICE AND ITS LAGOON



Leaping back into action; For Les Grands Ballets, artistic director Cavallari channels Dante as well as Shakespeare in a new version of Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet

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Sergei Prokofiev is still routinely described as a Russian composer, so it seems like a good time to remind ourselves that the man behind the ballet Romeo and Juliet was actually Ukrainian. Whatever you think about reports of cultural institutions pulling Russian content, it's good to know this particular show - being staged by Les Grands Ballets from March 23 to 27 at Place des Arts - is safe on that score. (Though the fact that Prokofiev was born in the <u>disputed</u> Donetsk region will, for some, add another wrinkle to the question of who "owns" his magnificent artistic legacy.)

Asked whether current events would affect the way he will present the story of two households locked in an ancient grudge, Les Grands Ballets artistic director Ivan Cavallari tells the Montreal Gazette that he will be sticking with his original vision of setting it against the backdrop of a titanic 13th-century struggle between the pope and the Holy Roman Empire.

True to his penchant for neoclassical ballet (less gauzy, less formal than its Romantic predecessor), Cavallari will also be dispensing with sumptuous settings and fussily ornate objects. He says there won't even be a balcony.

Instead, he's taking a more abstract approach, including an evocation of the <u>Adige</u> River, which cuts Verona in two. Cavallari mentions that he grew up two hours from Verona and used to play in that very river.

As Cavallari points out, Dante was the first known author to mention Romeo and Juliet's families, and the production's setting of a huge semicircular amphitheatre will reflect the Inferno's architecture.

Romeo and Juliet will be the first major Grands Ballets production since October's The Four Seasons. The company has had its share of cancellations throughout the pandemic, including the Christmas presentation of The Nutcracker, Andrew Skeels's much anticipated Requiem, and a guest production of Romeo and Juliet from the National Ballet of Georgia, which Cavallari's version is now replacing.

A more traditional kind of setback struck Cavallari's production when Raphaël Bouchard had to withdraw from the role of Romeo to undergo shoulder surgery. Such is the precision-tooled rehearsal process that his Juliet, Tatiana Lerebours, also had to withdraw.

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Taking over the roles are Hamilton Nieh and Kiara DeNae Felder, both of whom are originally from the States.

Nieh has a particularly timely quote on his bio page on the Grands Ballets website: "If everyone <u>fought</u> for their own convictions, there would be no **war**." The source? Tolstoy's **War** and **Peace**.

"I selected it when I came to Les Grands Ballets five years ago," says Nieh. "It really spoke to me at the time, but it seems like a very important moment for that quote right now."

Speaking of Cavallari's neoclassicist approach, Felder <u>agrees</u> it's particularly attuned to the exalted yet unruly passions of the famously star-cross'd lovers.

"I think there's a very human element in the way the story is told this time," she says, joining Nieh on the phone. "We perform as if it's really coming from a real place, not from an ultra-classical, embellished place. There's also a whimsical, fantastic tone, but it's still rooted in real life."

"It's really this idea that it's about the highest form of love that all people have potential for," adds Nieh, "and it's born between these two young lovers in really unfortunate circumstances. But it can also be seen in a hopeful way."

In other words: Make love, not <u>war</u>. AT A GLANCE Romeo and Juliet is presented from March 23 to 27 at Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier of Place des Arts. Times: March 23 to 25 at 8 p.m., March 26 at 2 and 8 p.m., March 27 at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$50 to \$149. Call 514-842-2112 or visit placedesarts.com.

Danse Danse is back next month with the latest offering of its winter/spring season: a trilogy from São Paulo Companhia de Dança, from April 6 to 9 at Théâtre Maisonneuve of Place des Arts.

Édouard Lock, founder of legendary Montreal company La La La Human Steps, presents his Trick Cell Play, described as a ballet noir and using the kind of chiaroscuro cinematic esthetic that informed his Echo, which played as part of Les Grands Ballets'Four Seasons bill in October.

Also playing is Marco Goecke's L'Oiseau de feu, which he created in 2010 to mark the centenary of Stravinsky's Firebird; and Agora, a feverish pas de deux choreographed by Cassi Abranches against a backdrop of Afro-Brazilian percussion, rock music and contemporary vocals. Call 514-842-2112 or visit placedesarts.com.

Meanwhile, Anne Plamondon's Seulement toi, a show originally postponed from Danse Danse's 2020 season, is being presented March 31 at Usine C, 1345 Lalonde Ave. Call 514-521-4493 or visit usine-c.com.

Agora de la Danse is back in business at the Wilder Building, 1435 Bleury St., with a season that includes La disparition des choses (March 30 to April 2), Amélie Rajotte's depiction of a desperate dance in a world without nature; and Cabaret Noir (April 13 to 16) from Mélanie Demers, who won the Grand Prix de la Danse de Montréal last year. In this cabaret of contrasting sketches, Demers draws on Black presences in the arts - from Othello to Spike Lee films, and on to the words of Dany Laferrière. For both shows, call 514-525-1500 or visit agoradanse.com.

Over at La Chapelle, 3700 St-Dominique St., director and designer Cédric Delorme-Bouchard has created Les employés, a dance version of Olga Ravn's sci-fi novel about a bloody clash between humans and androids during a deep space exploration. Presented April 7, 8, 11 and 12. Call 514-843-7738 or visit lachapelle.org.

At the MAI Centre, 3680 Jeanne-Mance St., there's Off Centre (March 24 to 26), Sujit Vaidya's exploration of Queer identity within traditional dance form; Kismet (March 30 to April 2), in which Sashar Zarif draws on Sufi and shamanic rituals to create a river of dance and sound; and Hotter Than a Pan (April 13 to 16), in which the artist known as Marikiscrycrycry blends dance and English text in an "articulation of Black and Queer ontologies." Call 514-982-1812 or visit m-a-i.qc.ca.

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The Festival du Monde Arabe de Montréal presents a short program of dance events called Alchimies, Créations et Cultures, March 24 to 26 at Salle Claude-Léveillée of Place des Arts. For more information, call 514-842-2112 or visit placedesarts.com.

And finally, the dazzling extravaganza Shen Yun plays at Théâtre Maisonneuve of Place des Arts from April 13 to 17. Covering five millenniums of Chinese history, the show has become something of a global phenomenon. If you're looking for an escape from politics and *conflict*, however, you should be warned that it has been accused by, among others, the Chinese government (not the most objective of critics, admittedly) of being thinly veiled Falun Gong propaganda. Call 514-842-2112 or visit placedesarts.com. !@COPYRIGHT=© 2022 Postmedia Network Inc. All rights reserved.

Graphic

/ "I think there's a very human element in the way the story is told this time," says Kiara DeNae Felder, playing Juliet opposite Hamilton Nieh's Romeo. "We perform as if it's really coming from a real place."; PHOTOS: JOHN MAHONEY; Les Grands Ballets dancers have a dress rehearsal of Romeo and Juliet on Tuesday. True to his penchant for neoclassical ballet, artistic director Ivan Cavallari will be dispensing with sumptuous settings and fussily ornate objects in Ukrainian composer Sergei Prokofiev's ballet. The show runs from March 23 to 27 at Place des Arts.:

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Italian bubblies deserving of spotlight

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May 5—Italy has a broad wine pallet, with nearly every category of wine produced somewhere in the <u>diverse</u> country. Fortunately, the country's sparkling wine tradition gained attention in the last two decades thanks to the easy-drinking delights of inoffensive Prosecco, which garnered attention in the recession of the late 2000s when Champagne looked like a real splurge.

Prosecco may overshadow other sparkling wine traditions of Italy. Italian bubblies hail from the country's cooler north. Grapes used in sparkling wine don't require full ripening but do require more prominent acidity, so grapes from cooler regions work better for sparkling wines.

Unrelated to the fancy car, despite past joint marketing, Ferrari stands tall among Italian sparkling wines. About a century ago, Giulio Ferrari brought chardonnay vines (a pillar of French Champagne production) to Alto-<u>Adige</u> with the <u>intention</u> of introducing sparkling wines made using the same techniques as in Champagne, which is called out on the label as "metodo classico."

Ferrari Non-Vintage Trentodoc Methodo Classico starts with scents of flowers, peach and a touch of pastry. The wine shows a medium texture and flavors of apple and lemon with a touch of honey and an off-dry finish. You can find some gift-box packaged bottles at the Clarks Summit store for \$22. HHHH 1/2

The other source of metodo classico wines in Italy, but somewhat harder to find, is Franciacorta. Most sparkling wine produced in Italy undergoes the secondary fermentation in a tank, called the Charmat Method or even the Italian Method. Tank fermentation produces bubbly less expensively, which is why iterations such as Prosecco and Lambrusco can be such a value.

Locally, Lambrusco remains a fixture in some restaurants and event spaces, a legacy of the Riuniti craze of the 1970s. Some may not realize Lambrusco is a region and a style all its own. Lambrusco is a family of grapes but also lends its name to several recognized wine regions in the Emilia-Romagna region.

The red sparkling wine is marked by berry fruitiness and spiciness and can run from dry to sweet. Look for "secco" (dry) or "dulce" (sweet) on the label as an indicator. Lambrusco pairs great with most pizza and charcuterie.

Fiorini Becco Rosso 2016 Lambrusco Grasparossa shows the strength of this subregion known for muscular Lambrusco, offering a sparkling wine that looks and tastes very much like a red wine. You'll find big berry flavors with tart currant and wild berry plus a rich texture and a tight, acidic finish. \$16. HHH 1/2

Italian bubblies deserving of spotlight

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DAVID FALCHEK, executive director of the american Wine Society, reviews wines each week.

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Is Liberalism a Dying Faith?

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Oct 20, 2017(AmmoLand.com: http://www.ammoland.com/ Delivered by Newstex) By Pat Buchanan Protestors Patrick J .Buchanan USA --(Ammoland.com)-[1] Asked to name the defining attributes of the America we wish to become, many liberals would answer that we must realize our manifest destiny since 1776, by becoming more equal, more diverse and more democratic — and the model for mankind's future. Equality, diversity, democracy — this is the holy trinity of the post-Christian secular state at whose altars Liberal Man worships. But the congregation worshiping these gods is shrinking. And even Europe seems to be rejecting what America has on offer. In a retreat from diversity, Catalonia just voted to separate from Spain. The Basque and Galician peoples of Spain are following the Catalan secession crisis with great interest. The right-wing People's Party and far-right Freedom Party just swept 60 percent of Austria's vote, delivering the nation to 31-year-old Sebastian Kurz, whose anti-immigrant platform was plagiarized from the Freedom Party. Summarized it is: Austria for the Austrians!

Lombardy, whose capital is Milan, and Veneto will vote Sunday for greater autonomy from Rome. South Tyrol (Alto Adige), severed from Austria and ceded to Italy at Versailles, written off by Hitler to appease Mussolini after his Anschluss, is astir anew with secessionism. Even the Sicilians are talking about separation. By Sunday, the Czech Republic may have a new leader, billionaire Andrej Babis. Writes The Washington Post, Babis 'makes a sport of attacking the European Union and says NATO's mission is outdated.'Platform Promise: Keep the Muslim masses out of the motherland. To ethnonationalists, their countrymen are not equal to all others but superior in rights. Many may nod at Thomas Jefferson's line that 'All men are created equal,' but they no more practice that in their own nations than did Jefferson in his.On Oct. 7, scores of thousands of Poles lined up along the country's entire 2,000mile border — to pray the rosary. It was the centennial of the Virgin Mary's last apparition at Fatima in Portugal in 1917, and the day in 1571 the Holy League sank the Muslim fleet at Lepanto to save Europe. G. K. Chesterton's poem, 'Lepanto,' was once required reading in Catholic schools. Each of these traditionalist-nationalist movements is unique, but all have a common cause. In the hearts of Europe's indigenous peoples is embedded an ancient fear: loss of the homeland to Islamic invaders. Europe is rejecting, resisting, recoiling from 'diversity,' the multiracial, multicultural, multiethnic and multilingual future that, say U.S. elites, is America's preordained mission to bring about for all mankind. Indeed, increasingly, the indigenous peoples of Europe seem to view as the death of their nations and continent, what U.S. liberal elites see as the Brave New World to come. To traditionalist Europeans, our heaven looks like their hell. ISIS Flag Among Refugees in Germany Fighting the Police Thus Poles fall on their knees to pray to the Virgin Mary to spare them from threats of an Islamic future, as their ancestors prayed at the time of Lepanto, and of Vienna in 1683, when the Polish King John Sobieski marched to halt the last Muslim drive into the heart of Europe. European peoples and parties are today using democratic means to achieve 'illiberal' ends. And it is hard to see what halts the drift away from liberal democracy toward the restrictive right. For in virtually every nation, there is a major party in opposition, or a party in power, that holds deeply nationalist views. European elites may denounce these new parties as 'illiberal' or fascist, but it is becoming apparent that it may be liberalism

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itself that belongs to yesterday. An increasing number of Europeans see the invasion of their continent along the routes whence the invaders came centuries ago, not as a manageable problem but an existential crisis. To many Europeans, it portends an irreversible alteration in the character of the countries their grandchildren will inherit, and possibly an end to their civilization. And they are not going to be deterred from voting their fears by being called names that long ago lost their toxicity from overuse. And as Europeans decline to celebrate the racial, ethnic, creedal and cultural diversity extolled by American elites, they also seem to reject the idea that foreigners should be treated equally in nations created for their own kind. Europeans seem to admire more, and model their nations more, along the lines of the less diverse America of the Eisenhower era, than on the polyglot America of 2017. And Europe seems to be moving toward immigration policies more like the McCarran-Walter Act of 1950 than the open borders bill that Sen. Edward Kennedy shepherded through the Senate in 1965. Kennedy promised that the racial and ethnic composition of the America of the 1960s would not be overturned, and he questioned the morality and motives of any who implied that it would. So, why is liberalism dying? Because it is proving to be what James Burnham called it in his 1964 'Suicide of the West' — the ideology of Western suicide. What we see in Europe today is people who, belatedly recognizing this, have begun to 'rage, rage, against dying of the light.' Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of the new book 'The Greatest Comeback: How Richard Nixon Rose From Defeat to Create the New Majority.[2] This post Is Liberalism a Dying Faith?[3] appeared first on AmmoLand.com Shooting Sports News[4]. [1]: https://www.ammoland.com/ [2]: http://amolnd.us/eb [3]:

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More green and less blue water in the Alps during warmer summers

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Main

Although relatively small, the European Alps (hereafter 'Alps') contribute a disproportionally large amount of <u>water</u>, especially during summer, to four major European <u>rivers</u>, in the basins of which reside more than 170 million people. For this reason, they are referred to as 'the <u>water</u> towers of Europe'. At the same time, <u>water</u> scarcity and <u>droughts</u> in central Europe are becoming more frequent. The summer <u>droughts</u> of 2003, 2010, 2015 and 2018 have raised concerns about the vulnerability of the European <u>water</u> budget to climate change, as these events have affected more than 17% of the European population with an annual economic impact exceeding €6.2 billion between 2001 and 2006. Temperature in the Alps is increasing at a fast pace, relative humidity is generally decreasing, evapotranspiration (ET) is increasing, Alpine glaciers are shrinking and the distribution of snow is shifting to higher elevation, while climatic extremes are becoming more frequent. The complex topography, the interactions between <u>water</u> and vegetation and the multiple processes shaping the <u>water</u> cycle in mountainous areas hinder the quantification of the different <u>water</u> budget components in traditional large-scale climate change impact assessment studies. For example, climate change can shift the partitioning of <u>water</u> fluxes in the hydrosphere and biosphere, moving blue <u>water</u> (runoff and streamflow) into green <u>water</u> (ET),. Quantifying how these fluxes change with elevation, with the seasons and from year to year is an important and challenging scientific question.

Large uncertainties are associated with the vegetation response to water stress,. Studies in different parts of the Alps have found contrasting impacts of droughts on vegetation, spanning from increased mortality in dry inner-Alpine valleys to enhanced productivity in wet pre-Alpine hills. These discrepancies emphasize that extrapolating results of case-specific studies to the entire Alpine domain or downscaling results of coarse *resolution* modelling studies is problematic. The largest component of land ET is plant transpiration, which is poorly quantified due to the large variability in plant water-use strategies and stomata sensitivity to water stress,. Land-surface models often represent the links between soil moisture and transpiration in a simplistic way, without mechanistic representation of the soil–plant–atmosphere continuum,,. Most importantly, they do not resolve land-surface energy and water fluxes at sufficient spatial *resolution* to capture local topographic and microclimatic effects, and they often ignore lateral flows of water,–.

Here, to overcome these limitations, we combined a new pan-Alpine database with hyper-<u>resolution</u> ecohydrological simulations to test the 'drought paradox' hypothesis, that is, that during droughts ET may increase at high elevations in a large part of the Alps, thus amplifying the runoff deficit. Plot-scale observations provided evidence of the drought paradox occurrence,, but the extent and implications of ET changes during heatwaves at

the pan-Alpine scale remain unexplored. We compiled a new dataset comprising meteorological, discharge and snow-depth measurements at 1,212 stations and combined it with distributed hydrometeorological data products to generate high-resolution forcing (precipitation, air temperature, solar radiation, wind speed and relative humidity:) to drive and validate the ecohydrological model Tethys-Chloris (T&C). The model resolves the water, carbon and energy budgets at the hourly timescale in a physically based and spatially explicit manner, accounting for lateral water transfer and topographic effects on radiation. The model has been extensively validated in many regions worldwide,,, including Alpine ecosystems. To account for the high spatial heterogeneity of the region, we performed massively parallel simulations (6.1 x 105 CPU hours) at an unprecedented high resolution (250 m grid) for the entire Alpine arch (257,045 km2, 4.12 million pixels, Supplementary Fig.). The simulation period consists of three hydrological years (2001-2003, Fig. and Supplementary Tables -), including a very wet and a very dry year (2001 and 2003, respectively, Supplementary Fig.). We used these simulations for partitioning the pan-Alpine water budget into blue and green water fluxes, and we quantified the sensitivity of each component to changes in precipitation and temperature. We validated the model output with daily discharge and snow-depth measurements, as well as with CO2, water and energy fluxes observed by eddy covariance flux towers located in the Alps or nearby (and Supplementary Table). This validation yielded very satisfactory results, considering that model parameterization was based only on literature values and calibration with previous plot-scale model applications in the Alpine region (, Extended Data Figs. and and Supplementary Figs. 5). We further compared the simulated distributions of ET and gross primary production (GPP) over the entire domain with other products (TRENDY, FLUXCOM and ERA-Interim). Averaged in space, these products provide estimates comparable with the T&C simulations (Extended Data Fig., Supplementary Fig. and). However, due to their coarse resolution compared with our analysis, they largely underestimate the spatial variability of ET and GPP, and they provide spatial patterns that are poorly resolved. This reinforces the need for hyper-resolution simulations in complex terrain.

Simulation results highlight the spatial heterogeneity in latent heat (ET in energy units).

a, The spatial extent of the European Alps. b, November 2000–October 2003 average latent heat flux for the entire 257,045 km2 domain simulated with Tethys-Chloris. c,d, Zoom on the Bernese highlands, Switzerland, and illustration of the small-scale spatial heterogeneity captured with the hyper-<u>resolution</u> simulation (250 m x 250 m pixels).

Dissecting the water towers of Europe

Simulation results indicate that latent heat (total ET expressed in units of equivalent energy) reaches its maximum values in wetter areas (for example, in the north in Fig. , where annual precipitation exceeds 2,000 mm), especially on south-facing slopes (Fig.), confirming that energy is the dominant driver of ET in this area. In drier regions, such as in the southeast valley in Fig. (upper Rhone valley), latent heat is overall lower because precipitation (~500 mm yr-1) becomes the critical constraint for annual ET. High-elevation areas are clearly distinguishable because rocks, snow and ice emit low latent heat (Fig.).

Analysing the 3 yr average water fluxes across the entire elevation range, we found that the areas between 200 and 300 m above sea level (a.s.l.) contribute proportionally the largest fraction to total ET. At higher elevations, the contribution to ET declines faster than the fractional area despite the slightly increasing contribution of precipitation (Fig.). The elevational distribution of ET varies considerably between different catchments due to climatic and vegetation heterogeneity and the interplay between water and energy limitations (Supplementary Fig.). We used 3 yr average precipitation – ET (P – ET) as a proxy for runoff (Extended Data Fig.) since changes in soil and snow water storage over three hydrological years could be considered small, and ice melt only marginally contributed to the total water budget (less than 3%) at the annual scale at a rate of roughly 4 km3 yr–1 (Extended Data Fig.). Runoff production, P – ET, peaks at around 800 m a.s.l. (Fig.). However, more than 50% of the blue water originates from the areas between 1,300 and 3,000 m a.s.l., which correspond to only 35% of the total Alpine domain. This can be explained by the sharp decrease of ET with elevation due to temperature constraints (Fig.). The runoff production shows a great spatial variability, and even neighbouring catchments, such as the upper Rhone and the Aare catchment in Switzerland, may exhibit distinct P – ET patterns (Fig.).

Relationship between elevation and blue- and green-water fluxes.

a, The percentage contribution of each elevation class (grouped in 100 m elevation bins) to P, ET and P – ET (the fluxes are averaged over the entire simulation period, 2001–2003), including the fractional area of each class for the entire domain. For the latter, the areas between 1,300 and 3,000 m a.s.l. (from which more than 50% of the total pan-Alpine runoff originates) are highlighted. b, P – ET. The dashed blue line and the shaded area represent the median P – ET (averaged over the entire simulation period) over the entire domain and the interquartile range, respectively. Coloured lines show the median P – ET elevational distributions for selected catchments to illustrate the spatial variability. A locator map is included. c, ET anomalies during the 2003 growing season and for the +3 °C scenario (solid lines; left y axis) and ET contribution to the runoff deficits compared with the precipitation deficit during the 2003 growing season (solid points; right y axis). The anomalies were computed on the basis of the 2001–2003 mean and the fluxes were averaged in space on the basis of the 100 m elevation bins. Each point represents one of the 334 catchments (out of the 381 in total) for which catchment-averaged precipitation in 2003 was lower than in the period 2001–2003 and runoff in 2003 was below the long-term average (the latter was computed using the entire available record for each station, as summarized in the Supplementary Table). For ET anomalies, the interquartile ranges are also shown (shaded cyan and magenta areas).

Blue versus green water during an exceptionally dry and warm summer

The Alpine water budget also displays high temporal variability (Fig.); P - ET in 2001 was 53% higher than in 2003 (Extended Data Fig.), which can be explained by both higher precipitation and lower ET. More specifically, the Alps received 225 mm more precipitation in 2001 compared with 2003 (1,363 and 1,138 mm, respectively, averaged over the entire domain) while ET was 30 mm lower on average (Fig.).

We used discharge measurements from 381 catchments across the entire domain to validate the simulations and assess the severity of the 2003 drought. We focused on analysing runoff deficits; thus, we excluded 47 locations in which observed 2003 runoff was higher than the long-term average and/or catchment precipitation in 2003 was higher than the 2001–2003 mean. For the remaining 334 catchments, we computed how much ET contributed to amplifying the effect of precipitation deficit on runoff during the 2003 growing season (here defined as the May–September period to isolate the period with active vegetation, when green-water feedback can be pronounced; Supplementary Fig.). We found that in 75% of the catchments, ET amplified the drought impact on runoff. The remaining 25% of the catchments—mostly located in the southwest and northeast of the pan-Alpine domain—experienced dry conditions with water-stressed vegetation and reduced ET. Considering the entire domain, ET increased during the drought in an area covering more than 144,000 km2 (Supplementary Fig.). Overall, the increase in green-water flux amplified the precipitation-driven deficit by roughly 22% (Fig. and Supplementary Fig.). In the areas between 1,300 and 3,000 m a.s.l., enhanced ET created an additional water loss of almost 4 km3 during the 2003 growing season compared with the 2001–2003 growing season average, amplifying the runoff decrease due to precipitation by 32% (mean weighted by the area of each catchment).

To quantify the sensitivity of ET to warming only and remove the effect of reduced precipitation (2003 was not only the warmest summer but also exceptionally dry; Supplementary Fig.), we performed a scenario analysis exploiting the correlation between the spatial distribution of simulated mean annual ET and mean annual temperature (space-for-time substitution;). This procedure was necessary because multiple simulations with T&C at such a high spatial **resolution** are computationally too expensive. We found that with a 3 °C increase in air temperature, annual ET would increase on average by 6% (evaporation will increase by 9%, and transpiration will increase by 5%) while P - ET would decrease by roughly 5% under the assumption of constant precipitation (Fig.). A similar effect on runoff is expected if annual precipitation is reduced by only 3% (change in P - ET for unchanged ET), which is likely to happen by the end of the century. The sensitivity of annual ET to temperature shifts from positive to negative below 700 m a.s.l., which implies that in a warmer climate ET will probably decrease at low elevations (Fig. , Extended Data Fig. and Supplementary Fig.) because of higher water stress and earlier senescence of grass and leaf shedding in deciduous forests. A recent study found similar patterns with a generally positive ET sensitivity to temperature increases in the Sierra Nevada in California.

During the growing season, precipitation is still the main source of blue water (81% on average), snow melt comes second (16%), and ice melt accounts for the remaining 3% (Extended Data Fig.). Below 500 m a.s.l., the contribution of soil water stored during winter and early spring and depleted during the growing season is

substantial (99 mm, compared with 464 mm of ET; Extended Data Fig.). The simulated growing season ET for the +3 °C scenario is generally higher than the simulated ET during 2003 (when the growing season temperature anomaly was roughly +3 °C) because precipitation during 2003 was very low (Supplementary Fig.), but overall the two patterns **agree** well (Extended Data Fig.). This reinforces our confidence in the space-for-time approach employed.

Blue- and green-water fluxes averaged over the entire domain show that ET sporadically exceeded precipitation during the growing season of 2001 and 2002. For 2003, however, ET was already higher than precipitation (which was 32% lower than the long-term average) before the beginning of the growing season (Supplementary Fig.). The earlier snowmelt, which peaked before the start of the growing season and plummeted afterwards, amplified this precipitation deficit. Early snow melt is becoming more frequent with rising temperature, and in 2003 it was only partly compensated by increased ice melt. The simulated ice melt during August 2003 was 38% of the total Alpine runoff in August, corresponding to about 2 km3 of water.

Considering all 381 discharge stations, the observed runoff in May-September 2003 was on average 50% lower than the long-term mean at each station in the period May-September (Fig. and Supplementary Fig.). Higherthan-average runoff occurred at a few locations, mostly in highly glacierized catchments (Fig.). During this period, precipitation over the Alps was the lowest recorded between 1992 and 2008, and mean temperature was a recordbreaking high (Supplementary Fig.). The detailed vegetation scheme in T&C allows an analysis of different vegetation responses to the 2003 drought (Fig.). Most evergreen forests strongly benefited from the increased radiation and temperature, and did more so as the drought intensified during the summer months, mostly at high elevations, where ET increased. Grasslands and deciduous forests were water stressed below 1,000 m a.s.l. but benefited from the drought above 2,000 m a.s.l., especially at the beginning of the growing season when monthly ET increased by up to 60 mm (Fig.). In most areas of the Northern Alps, the simulated ET anomaly was positive throughout the summer, in agreement with local measurements. In all dry inner Alpine valleys (such as Valle d'Aosta and Val d'**Adige** in Italy, Valais in Switzerland and Murtal in Austria), lateral subsurface water redistribution leads to higher soil moisture and ET only in proximity of the streams (Extended Data Fig.), but it cannot outweigh the low precipitation over the entire valley. These conditions render irrigation necessary to sustain vegetation productivity during summer in these areas. This became even clearer during the 2003 drought, when very low soil moisture (Extended Data Fig.) led to increased water stress and reduced ET for all vegetation types in the valleys. However, the fractional area occupied by valleys is disproportionally smaller than the area with increased ET at high elevation (Fig.), which implies that the role of these valleys for the overall Alpine water budget is minimal (Fig.). We remark that due to poor knowledge of subsurface conditions, we assumed 1 m uniform soil depth over the entire domain (except rocky areas and lakes), which leads to a simplified simulation of subsurface unsaturated and saturated dynamics and likely de-emphasizes the role of deep-storage and groundwater flow,. This could explain the excessive drying during summer in certain locations. This simplification together with the use of invariable rooting depths for the various vegetation types across space are potentially important limitations, but the relatively good performance of T&C for discharge, even during the most extreme low-flow conditions of August 2003 (Extended Data Fig.), suggests that our inferences about ET are also robust, despite some discrepancy in the ET anomaly with other distributed products (Extended Data Fig.).

Analysis of anomalies in blue- and green-water fluxes during the 2003 drought.

a, Histogram of observed May–September 2003 total runoff anomalies (mm) for 381 locations. b, Histogram of observed May–September 2003 runoff anomalies (%) for the same locations coloured according to the magnitude of the anomaly (Less Than–75%: yellow, –50 to –75%: cyan, –25 to –50%: red and Greater Than–25%: black); growing season 2003 is compared with the mean of each station for the period 2001–2003. c, Spatial distribution of the simulated ET anomaly (mm) during the 2003 growing season (May–September; the reference period for ET is also 2001–2003). The dots represent the 381 locations with hydrological measurements and are coloured as described in b. The three insets in the lower right panel show the box plots of simulated ET anomaly in May–September 2003 for three vegetation types in three elevation classes. The box length provides the interquartile range (IQR), the bottom of the box is the 25th percentile (first quartile, q1), the top of the box is the 75th percentile (third quartile, q3) and the horizontal line within the box is the median. The lower whisker corresponds to q1 – 1.5IQR, and the upper whisker corresponds to q3 + 1.5IQR.

Conceptual representation of the drought paradox in the Alps.

a, Elevation profile and P-ET fluxes for average (in light blue) and dry and warm (in yellow) growing seasons across contrasting subregions of the Alps (1, plains and hills; 2, dry valleys; 3, forested mountains; 4, rocks and ice). b, Blue- (P and P-ET) and green- (ET) water fluxes in average (filled bars) and warm and dry (empty bars) growing seasons in contrasting Alpine subregions (as explained in a and shown in the map in c). c, Map of the four distinct areas and the contribution of each area to runoff production; the circle size is proportional to the water volume. Contribution to runoff production was computed as P-ET + snow melt + ice melt – ΔS , where ΔS denotes the difference in soil water storage from the beginning to the end of the growing season. The filled circles show the water volumes for average growing seasons and the empty circles show the water volumes for warm and dry growing seasons for the four subregions.

Discussion

Our results—derived from a single mechanistic model—indicate that ET considerably contributed to reduce water yield during the 2003 growing season because vegetation benefited from the unusually warm and sunny conditions in a large part of the Alpine region at higher elevations. At the annual timescale, however, the temperature-driven ET feedbacks on runoff are less important than the direct effect of changes in precipitation; a 3% reduction in annual precipitation would affect runoff production over the entire pan-Alpine domain similarly to a hypothetical increase in mean annual air temperature of 3 °C. Note, however, that the scenario of a +3 °C change in air temperature is simply based on a space-for-time analysis. Thus, it could overestimate the response because other meteorological variables covary with elevation. It further does not account for non-climatic factors (for example, plant acclimation) that might lead to different vegetation responses. Similarly to our results, previous research in California's Sierra Nevada showed that the 2012–2015 drought in that region caused severe runoff deficits, while ET was less influenced. However, for unchanged precipitation, increases in temperature are projected to mostly enhance ET, which implies a negative feedback on runoff. Annual precipitation in the Alps has shown no long-term trends so far, but summer precipitation in central Europe has decreased and could further do so in the future due to changes in atmospheric circulation patterns leading to more intense summer droughts. Combined with the expected decrease in ice melt and earlier snow melt, our results demonstrate that blue water could be considerably reduced in the European Alps during warmer summers, but green water will continue to increase, leading to the oxymoron 'lush vegetation-drier rivers' (Fig.). In the near future, events like the 2003 drought may be no longer classified as extreme, but the combined effects of spatially variable changes in the timing and magnitude of precipitation will probably be more complicated, which could lead to different ET changes and potentially affect plant water stress patterns. Alternatively, the expected increase in plant water use efficiency with higher levels of CO2 concentration than present as well as large-scale disturbances (for example, forest mortality), species changes and plant acclimation, which are not considered here, may partially offset this ET feedback during warmer summers in the long term, but they will probably not have a major role in the near future. Furthermore, in certain regions of the Alps, vegetation management is intense, and past disturbances such as wildfires or forest logging may have influenced vegetation composition and function in ways that are not accounted for in the model initialization.

While the presented concepts are general, the extension of the results to other mountain regions strongly depends on the relative magnitude of precipitation and ET at the annual scale and during summer (Fig.). Important factors are also the elevation at which P-ET shifts from positive to negative during warm and dry summers and the areal extent covered by different elevation bands and vegetation types (Fig.). Nevertheless, results from the Sierra Nevada, largely *agree* with our findings.

Understanding the partitioning of green- and blue-water fluxes and their spatial distribution from a few square kilometres to the entire Alps is essential to manage the European water resources under current and future climatic conditions,. This partition has implications for ecosystem functioning, energy production and water supply. We showed that ecohydrological simulations driven by high-<u>resolution</u> hydrometeorological <u>forcing</u> improve the quantification and understanding of the water budget in mountainous areas and its vulnerability to climate, providing insights into processes that coarser-scale approaches fail to reproduce,,. The need for more realistic, high-<u>resolution</u> quantifications of water availability is urgent. Our study demonstrates that recent advances in ecohydrological modelling, combined with large-scale datasets and new computational capabilities, offer the

possibility to address this urgent need, thus helping to define strategies to counteract or adapt to climate change impacts on water resources.

Methods

The T&C model

We performed simulations with the distributed ecohydrological model T&C that simulates the coupled dynamics of energy, water and vegetation and has been successfully applied to a large spectrum of ecosystems and environmental conditions as summarized elsewhere...-.

The model simulates the energy, water and carbon exchanges between the land surface and the atmospheric surface layer accounting for aerodynamic, undercanopy and leaf boundary layer resistances, as well as for stomatal and soil resistances. In each simulated grid cell, vegetation can occupy two vertical layers to mimic the coexistence of trees and bushes/grasses. Horizontal composition of vegetation is also possible since each element can account for multiple species or plant functional types,. Dynamics of water content in the soil profile are solved using a quasi three-dimensional approach: the one-dimensional Richards equation is used for vertical flow, and the kinematic wave equation is used for lateral subsurface flow. Saturated and unsaturated parts of the soil column are explicitly identified. Surface overland flow and channel flow are also solved by the kinematic wave equation. Snowpack dynamics are computed using the energy balance: snow can be intercepted by the vegetation or fall to the ground, where it accumulates and successively melts. Runoff generation occurs via saturation excess and infiltration excess mechanisms and depends on lateral moisture fluxes in the unsaturated and saturated zones as well as on overland flow. Soil water-content changes, infiltration and runoff production are estimated with an adaptive time step based on the stability of Richards equation solution with the method of lines. Overland and channel flow routing are computed with an adaptive time step that satisfies the Courant-Friedrichs-Lewy condition (seconds to 5 min). The version of T&C used in this study does not include soil freezing and thawing processes, and the water present in soil pores is always considered to be in a liquid state. The soil biogeochemistry module is not activated; thus, there is no modelling of soil carbon, and ground evaporation does not occur from litter but only from soil.

Photosynthesis is simulated using the Farguhar biochemical model, adapted with subsequent modifications and temperature dependence of biochemical parameters. The model follows the two big leaves scheme, where sunlit and shaded leaves are treated separately for estimating net assimilation and stomatal resistance. Leaf maintenance respiration is assumed equal to the leaf dark respiration, and acclimation effects are not accounted for. For upscaling photosynthesis from leaf to plant scale, photosynthetic capacity is assumed to decay exponentially with canopy depth. The stomatal conductance parameterization accounts for net assimilation rate, leaf internal CO2 concentration and vapour pressure deficit following the Leuning model. The dynamics of seven carbon pools are explicitly simulated in the model and include leaves, living sapwood, fine roots, carbohydrate reserve (non-structural carbohydrates), reproductive tissues (fruits and flowers), standing dead leaves and heartwood/dead sapwood. The carbon assimilated through photosynthetic activity is used for maintenance and growth respiration; otherwise, it is allocated to one of the first five pools. The different pools are undergoing tissue turnover in function of tissue longevity and environmental stresses, that is, drought and low temperatures. Carbon allocation is a dynamic process that accounts for resource availability (light and water) and allometric constraints, for example, a minimum ratio of fine root to foliage carbon and an upper limit for the storage of carbohydrate reserves. Carbon allocated to reserves can be subsequently translocated to favour leaf and fine root expansion at the onset of the growing season or after severe disturbances. Phenology for extratropical species is simulated considering four states: dormant, maximum growth, normal growth and senescence. Patterns of plant allocation are influenced by the phenological phase. Transition between phenological phases is prognostic in the model and controlled by soil temperature, soil moisture and photoperiod. The model assumes that vegetation is in a mature phase and in equilibrium with its nutritional environment. Further details of model computational set-up, structure and description of process parameterizations are presented elsewhere. Vegetation dynamics are solved at the daily timescale, energy fluxes at the hourly timescale.

Domain setup

The land surface for the simulations was defined on the basis of the 90 m <u>resolution</u> STRM digital elevation model (DEM) following the definition of the Alpine Region of the European Soil Data Centre (project name: Ecopedological Map for the Alpine Territory, https://esdac.jrc.ec.europa.eu/projects/Alpsis/Ecalp_data.html). This includes the entire alpine arch from the French coast in the southwest to the Austrian lowlands in the northeast and from the Swiss plateau on the northwest to the Slovenian coast in the southeast. This DEM was resampled to the final <u>resolution</u> of the simulations (250 m). The flow matrix used by T&C was calculated on the basis of the D-infinity method. To compute the stream network, we set the threshold of upslope area above which a pixel is considered to belong to the channel network to 40 km2. Therefore, small streams are not explicitly resolved.

Soil texture data were derived from the SoilGrids product at 250 m <u>resolution</u>. We obtained sand, silt, clay and organic content for six depths (at the ground surface and at 0.05, 0.15, 0.30, 0.60 and 1 m below the ground surface). Average soil properties were then computed for each grid cell considering the vertical discretization of the soil and assuming linearity. A uniform soil depth equal to 1 m was used for the entire area. This is a simplification of the real system since variability in soil depth can affect runoff generation mechanisms, but our choice is considered reasonable for large parts of the pan-Alpine domain in the absence of consistent information about soil depth. We used land-cover data from Corine, using seven classes to summarize the information provided in the dataset. The classification we used is shown in the Supplementary Table . Glaciers were initialized with a 50 m thickness. Lake depth was not explicitly simulated. In other words, we assured that there was always water available for evaporation for every lake pixel (by starting with a very large lake depth), but the rivers flowing into the lakes did not interact with this 'lake' water.

For reasons of computational efficiency, the domain was divided into eight subdomains, roughly equal in size, following the divides (Supplementary Fig.); these subdomains were run independently of each other. No lateral exchange between the eight domains is expected because of the kinematic wave assumption (this is indeed a simplification because groundwater rarely follows the surface topography). Further, each domain was run in parallel with 24-36 cores on the Euler cluster at ETH (https://scicomp.ethz.ch/wiki/Euler). For this parallelization, each subdomain was automatically split into smaller subdomains according to the number of cores. The vegetation and hydrology modules of T&C were run independently for each of these small subdomains. Lateral exchanges were then performed serially by a master process (for example, flow routing, avalanches) at each time step. Each completed job on the cluster automatically saved a report where the CPU time was stated. The total computational demand for the 3 yr simulation for each of these subregions was roughly 76,000 CPU hours (information about the cores available can be found at the following link: https://scicomp.ethz.ch/wiki/Euler#: Euler III and IV). We initialized the carbon pools in the model using values for the different vegetation types corresponding to midsummer conditions (for example, leaf biomass for evergreen forests was set to 270 gC m-2) derived from decadal simulations at the plot-scale run for each vegetation type. Furthermore, we started from a relatively dry domain and we ran the distributed model twice with observed meteorological forcing for the period September-October 2000. The final values of all state variables (for example, soil moisture, channel water storage, surface temperature, snow water equivalent, carbon pools) were considered the initial conditions for the numerical experiment presented here, which started on 1 November 2000.

Meteorological input

Obtaining hourly meteorological fields at the desired 250 m <u>resolution</u> for an area spanning 257,000 km2 and seven countries (Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Lichtenstein, Slovenia and Switzerland) required the combination of distributed products and station data as described in the following.

Precipitation

We used the daily Alpine precipitation grid dataset, which has a grid spacing of 5 km and daily time <u>resolution</u>. To obtain the required model input at hourly temporal <u>resolution</u> and 250 m spatial <u>resolution</u> we used ground observations from 111 stations in Austria, France, Italy, Liechtenstein and Switzerland (Supplementary Table). The computation of hourly precipitation was performed as the simulation was running because of the impracticability of saving hourly precipitation fields for the entire period. Before the simulation, Thiessen polygons were defined on the basis of the 111 stations so that each pixel of the simulated domain was assigned to a single station. Each pixel

More green and less blue water in the Alps during warmer summers

was also assigned to the corresponding grid of the Alpine precipitation. Then, during the simulation, in hour 1:00 of each day, the daily sum of the distributed product was disaggregated to hourly precipitation proportionally to the hourly measurements of the corresponding station but preserving the amount of precipitation on the basis of the gridded daily product. If the corresponding station recorded no precipitation in a day in which the gridded product did record some, the daily gridded sum was assigned uniformly to the hours 18:00–22:00. These cases were, however, rare and mostly occurred at low rainfall intensities.

Air temperature

For air temperature, we used the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts ERA-Interim product using times 00:00:00 and 12:00:00 and step 3/6/9/12. This corresponds to the forecasts that are issued twice a day for the next 12 h with a 3-hourly time step. Thus, we obtained 3-hourly data. We compared this with the product that includes analyses of four times a day and only 3-hourly forecasts and the difference was minimal. We used the finest <u>resolution</u> available (0.125°, data downloaded from https://apps.ecmwf.int/datasets/data/interim-full-daily/levtype=sfc/ on 23/2/2018). We first assigned the ERA-Interim temperature to all the T&C cells within the corresponding ERA-Interim grid and then readjusted the temperature for each T&C grid cell to account for the elevation variability within each grid cell of the ERA-Interim. For this readjustment, we used a single, temporally dynamic lapse rate over each subdomain. The lapse rate was computed every 3 h by using all the ERA-Interim grid cells within the subdomain. The two hours between the three-hourly ERA-Interim data were computed using linear interpolation.

Wind speed

For wind speed, we used the corresponding variable of ERA-Interim, as described for temperature in the preceding. A constant lapse rate was used for downscaling from ERA-Interim cells to T&C grid cells throughout the entire simulation on the basis of observations in Switzerland (0.48 m s-1 per 100 m). A lower limit to wind speed was also imposed to avoid numerical instabilities in the computation of turbulent fluxes at the surface (0.01 m s-1).

Atmospheric pressure

For surface pressure, we used the corresponding ERA-Interim variable, as described for temperature and wind speed in the preceding. Between the 3-hourly data, we performed linear interpolation and applied a specific exponential correction to account for the variations of atmospheric pressure with elevation within each ERA-Interim grid cell.

Relative humidity

To compute the relative humidity, which is an additional necessary model input, we used dew temperature data from the ERA-Interim product and extrapolated it in space and time as described in the preceding for air temperature. Then, we combined hourly air temperature and dew-point temperature to compute the hourly values of relative humidity for each cell in the T&C domain.

Solar radiation

For computing distributed hourly radiation components for each pixel, we used measurements from 90 stations across the entire domain (stations with an asterisk (*) in Supplementary Table). We used the inverse distance weight to compute radiation in each T&C grid cell from the meteorological stations, which means that more than one station was considered for each T&C grid cell. Only direct radiation was corrected on the basis of constant lapse rates that varied according to the radiation wavelength (lapse rate 0.0015 W m-2 m-1 for direct shortwave radiation between 0.29 and 0.70 µm, 0.0027 W m-2 m-1 for 0.70–4.0 µm and 0.0014 W m-2 m-1 for direct photosynthetically active radiation). Diffuse shortwave radiation was not rescaled with elevation. Subsequently, T&C modified the incoming radiation to account for local and remote topographic effects (that is, shading and backscatter from nearby terrain, slope and aspects of the grid cell). Sky-view factor and terrain configuration factor scaling between 0 and 1 were used for this purpose.

Longwave radiation

To compute the incoming longwave radiation, we followed an empirical formula for the clear sky emissivity based on air temperature, vapour pressure (computed from relative humidity) and cloud cover. The latter was estimated for each of the stations with solar radiation measurements by comparing observed radiation and clear-sky radiation, simulated by a weather generator.

Space-for-time substitution

We estimated ET for a +3 °C change in mean annual temperature using a space-for-time substitution. For each vegetation type (grassland, evergreen, deciduous and mixed forest), we fit linear (for evaporation) and nonlinear (for transpiration) models to describe the current spatial relationship between mean annual ET and mean annual temperature. We performed separate regressions for evaporation and transpiration against temperature for each subdomain (Supplementary Fig.). Once the new reference values of ET were computed for each cell at the higher temperature, we also added the residuals of the regressions to preserve the spatial variability and the non-temperature-driven effects.

Model validation

We validated the model against remote sensing MODIS snow-cover estimates (https://nsidc.org/data/mod10a2). Using the distributed dataset with temporal resolution of 8 days, we computed the time fraction with snow cover over the entire domain and compared it with the simulation results (Supplementary Fig.). The model tends to underestimate snow cover at lower elevations and especially on the north-facing slopes of the inner Alpine valleys. It also overestimates snow cover in the very wet pre-Alpine mountains, which might be partly an artefact of the model spin-up (precipitation in October 2000 was very high). Overall, results are satisfactory considering that the model was run with parameters derived from previous plot-scale studies, and MODIS may tend to overestimate snow cover at low elevations because it assigns to all eight days the largest snow cover recorded in that period. In fact, comparison of simulated snow cover with station observations (Extended Data Fig.) suggests that the bias in snow cover duration only sporadically exceeds 30 days (Supplementary Fig.), and much larger values are likely to be a remote sensing artefact.

We further validated our analysis by comparing T&C output with GPP and latent heat observations in 10 FLUXNET sites in the Alps or in the nearby areas (Supplementary Figs. and and Supplementary Tables and). Since the periods with available data vary among these sites and most often do not cover the 2001–2003 period, we performed an independent plot-scale simulation with T&C with hourly time step for each site. For these simulations, we used local meteorological *forcing* (downloaded from the FLUXNET database; Supplementary Tables and); these data were gap-filled whenever needed with linear regression when data gaps lasted less than a few hours or using the mean of the corresponding hour and day of the year over the entire period with available data. For all the sites, we applied the same parameterization (according to the vegetation type) of the pan-Alpine setup.

We further compared the model with ET and GPP estimates from three distributed products: FLUXCOM for ET (0.0833° spatial *resolution*) and GPP (0.5° spatial *resolution*), TRENDY, for GPP (spatial *resolution* 1°, simulations S2: CO2 and climate (time-invariant present-day land use mask, models used: CLM4CN, HYLAND, LPJ_GUESS, LPJ, OCN, ORCHIDEE, SDGVM, TRIFFID VEGAS-2.1) and ERA-Interim for ET (derived from monthly estimates of latent heat at 0.125° spatial *resolution*; Extended Data Fig. and Supplementary Fig.). The comparison shows that all products provide estimates close to the T&C average, but they all underestimate spatial variability due to their coarse spatial *resolution*. For example, a single grid cell corresponding to the spatial *resolution* of TRENDY multimodel ensemble includes areas with annual precipitation ranging from less than 700 mm to more than 3,300 mm, while the entire domain is represented by only 52 grid cells. All of these distributed products cannot represent the complex topography of the Alps, which implies that other methods are needed for a robust quantification of green- and blue-water fluxes in mountainous regions as shown here.

We validated the model against daily runoff measurements in 381 stations (Supplementary Table) and daily snow-depth measurements in 720 stations in Switzerland, Austria and Italy (Supplementary Table). The results of the validation against station measurements are summarized in Extended Data Fig. . Since T&C simulates only natural

flows (it does not account for human regulation, which is important in the Alps), we removed heavily regulated catchments. To do so, in the absence of a pan-Alpine database indicating which station is affected by regulation, dams or water withdrawals, we visually inspected all the observed hydrographs to flag each station as regulated or natural. We found that the model shows a considerably higher performance when excluding the regulated catchments (Extended Data Fig.). The correlation between simulated and observed runoff time series is higher for the natural catchments compared with the regulated ones (R2 equals 0.69 and 0.47, respectively). Mean bias is less than 0.01 mm hr $^-1$ for both groups of catchments, but the sign is opposite. As expected, T&C tends to overestimate runoff in heavily regulated catchments due to water abstractions, which were not simulated. Since in our analysis we used P $^-$ ET as a proxy for runoff, the inset of Extended Data Fig. compares area-averaged P $^-$ ET with measured runoff and shows that this assumption is largely valid, especially for the natural and non-glacierized catchments. For glacierized catchments, ice melt should be added to P $^-$ ET to obtain a more accurate estimate of runoff.

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The missing town Curon began to resurface

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> View of the submerged town Curon, Italy in the Regia Pass, 2009 The bizarre sight of a lonely church tower rising from the middle of the cave <u>lake</u> became popular with tourists looking to create quirky Instagram posts and even spawned Marco Balzanos 2018 novel Resto Qui (Im Staying Here), as well as Curon Netflix thriller (2020).

The famous 14th-century bell tower was the only visible remnant of the village, which was once home to about 900 people. Curon was part of Austria until 1919. The villagers, many of whom could not speak Italian, were ill-equipped to <u>fight</u> the plan to combine Lakes Resia and Curon two of the three natural basins in the Resia Pass in the Southern Alps thereby flooding their homes to generate hydropower.

The construction of the dike was delayed by five years due to World <u>War</u> II. However, despite the efforts of local residents, Kuron was eventually flooded in 1950. The village of Curon Ventosa, which overlooks the flooded city and today has about 2,500 inhabitants, was formed after the original was lost.

In April, the missing city began to surface when workers drained the lake to repair a hydroelectric power plant. However, the exposed stone steps, walls, and vaulted lost draw cellars have gone largely unnoticed as tourist destinations have been closed to visitors due to the global pandemic.

There are only a couple of weeks left before the Italian village Curon floods again, as the energy company that owns the dam slowly refills the lake.

The former town, known as Lake Rezia or Reschensee in German, lies close to the borders of Austria and Switzerland. Photos and videos of an abandoned village appear on social media. They show the ruins in a picturesque setting among the hills of South Tyrol.

Winter will create another tourist attraction. Legend has it that one can climb the tower on a frozen lake and still hear the ringing of church bells, although they were removed in 1950.

The missing town Curon began to resurface

Curon Netflix Filming Locations If you want to spend your weekend with a good dose of horror, then Curon Netflix is for you. Based on the Italian streaming service list, the show follows the story of a pair of twins, Mauro and Daria, who return to their mothers hometown only to lose her within days of arriving.

They were trying to find out what happened to their mom. And meanwhile, they had to learn the history of the city. Startling revelations await them, and things take a terrible turn as the search for their mother intensifies.

They find out the reason why she was so adamant about returning to Curon. But most importantly, they find out why she was so eager to leave him at all. The Italian village Curon becomes the third protagonist of the story and often becomes so hostile towards the twins that he almost feels like an antagonist.

It is a place steeped in history and beautiful locations that are as exciting as they are dangerous. Where is this place in real life? Where was Curon filmed?

Curon, Italy While most supernatural shows tend to take their stories into imaginary small towns that give them the freedom to create their own myths and legends, Curon is heavily dependent on an already established reputation for being a real place in Italy.

The story was written specifically for the Italian village Curon, which is evident from how important local places and local legends are to the history of the Netflix show. Most of the locations we see on the show are real, including the infamous bell tower.

Curon is a real place located in the north of Italy. Curon Netflix portrays it in a gothic light, a task made easier by the places inherent mystery. It is located in Trentino Alto <u>Adige</u>, very close to Cave Lake Resia, where the bell tower is located.

The tower, half-flooded in the lake, has its own legends that have gone down in the local history of this place. Another important place in the film is the caves, which create a claustrophobic atmosphere in the plot.

These scenes were filmed in the Gampen bunker in the Passo Palade. In addition to these locations, the film crew was also spotted filming in Trentino and Bolzano.

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As Sober Curious and Alcohol Free Trend Gains Popularity in the US, Buonafide 0.0 Alcohol Free Italian Wines Makes its US Debut

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SARASOTA, Florida, June 20 -- Buonafide Foods issued the following news release:

Europeans are celebrating a movement as alcohol-free beverages have become increasingly popular while in the United States the <u>demand</u> for more <u>diverse</u> alcoholic free beverages is increasing with the popularity of the "Sober Curious" movement and consumers seeking an alternative healthy option to alcohol.

Buonafide Foods announced today the introduction of a new product line, Buonafide 0.0, Totally Alcohol Free Italian Wines, catering to the *demand* by consumers who are seeking a totally alcohol free wine.

CEO, Michael Yourison states, "Buonafide 0.0 Alcohol Free Italian Wines are produced in traditional wine making methods with the exception that the alcohol is removed through a reverse osmosis process. The wines maintain their organoleptic healthy benefits while offering over 50% less calories than regular wine and significantly less sugar than competing non-alcoholic wines. The wines are not sweet and are described by Italy's Top Sommelier from 2016 Maurizio Dante Filippi, as fresh and clean. Wines are exceptional as an aperitif or paired with food. In addition, the increasing <u>demand</u> for alcohol free beverages in the US continues to gain momentum and Buonafide 0.0 Alcohol Free Italian Wines provides those who cannot or have chosen not to consume alcohol a healthy alternative."

Buonafide 0.0 Alcohol Free Italian Wines are produced and imported direct from the Italian Alps region of Alto **Adige** and are available direct to consumers from US Importer, Buonafide Foods at: <u>www.buonafidefoods.com</u> as well as selected retailers and distributors in the US.

About Buonafide Foods

Buonafide Foods celebrates 10th Year Anniversary this year continuing the company's commitment to support small farmers and producers committed to sustainable agriculture through the import of Healthy Italian Foods and Alcohol Free Wine Beverages. Buonafide Foods personally meets with producers touring and discussing all facets of production process, verifying <u>statements</u> and lab analysis ensuring customers an authentic verifiable Italian experience from farm to table. For more information visit: <u>www.buonafidefoods.com</u> or follow on Instagram and Facebook.

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public consciousness there are far grander because we think of a formal staged post photographs, we do not get the photographs until late tomorrow. That adds that there to read, as if it was a large, grand event. Jason Bell, a portrait photographer, is taking the photographs inside that in size after the christening. We will get us tomorrow.

I think that does give it the feel that it is a big staged event when it is not. It is probably grander than a normal christening. For a start, we have Prince George wearing a lease going which although it is a replica is absolutely identical to the original gown made by Queen Victoria for her daughter in 1841. The lily font, also *commissioned* by Queen Victoria for her daughter's christening. There is that grandeur and the holy water. What do you make of the list of godparents? A lot of people talking about the fact that they have chosen people they were at school was, people beware of university with. To what extent is that a break from tradition? I think christenings were dynastic in the old days. Prince Charles's godparents reflected that he was the two the throne. Of course, we very much hope that Prince George will be king one day and I am surprised that there will not be European royalty and there. They have the same friends. It is not his friend that her friends but the same friends. I think it is really nice that they have a mutual group of good friends rather than European royals. I still think it would have been nice to have had one. That is maybe an unusual twist. How much do we know about how close Prince William was, has been, to his own godparents? What sort of relationship, whether it was a helpful relationship for him? One of Prince William's godparents was King Constantine of Greece. He was very close to William. He is very charming and amusing that I know he used to give cowboy and Indian birthday lattes for William. He was around when Charles and Diana's marriage was at a difficult stage and I think he was very supportive. -- parties for William. You touched on the man chosen to take that order. Again, all desperate to see it. It will be released tomorrow night. Would you expect to see something different? I keep coming back to this idea to things being different because we reflected on this so much when Prince George was born and the way that the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge want to do things differently, put a more modern stamp on the monarchy if they can. Would you expect something different in the photography and way things are stage? Speak it would be nice if perhaps we had a picture of Prince William holding Prince

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George up with that beautiful lace christening gown falling down. Maybe they will have a couple of pictures that are not so old-fashioned lead stage. -- old-fashioned and staged. It would be very nice of the dead. Just to explain, the shots we are seeing **Adige** and Duchess are arriving on the other side of where we're standing with their threemonth-old son. For people who do not know the area, and I'm sure you know the area better than I do, it is just a little that bind us but they will walk through the central core binders. The court is right pane of Andy coming from the mall. -- the central court behind us. They walk across the courtyard to this beautiful Tudor chapel. What would you expect in the coming years? I appreciate this is very much a crystal ball question but you're talking about the godparents, the Roland relationship. We talked about Prince William and the relationship that he had with his own Godfather. -- role and relationship. We keep coming back to the fact that Kate Middleton, from a regular middleclass family, she will want her children to grow up as much as one can, when he veered to the throne, any normal environment. How important are all of these relationships going to be? To what extent is she going to be allowed to protect her son from his inevitable future? I think that Royal godparents are more important, they can help. There is nothing normal about being royal. There is going to be nothing normal about his upbringing. They desperately want him to be normal. Generations of royals have wanted their children to be brought up normally. They can't be but they will try. With the help of godparents guiding them, maybe taking them away on holidays were nobody else will know about it. They will be *fighting* for privacy which in this age is extremely difficult. I'll remember Prince William being pushed in his pram in Kensington Gardens. I can't imagine that happening to Prince George because it would only take one person with a mobile camera and you could suddenly have 300 people around the child. Times are very different. I think it is very challenging for them.

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Raiffeisen Banks Installs 150 Steelhead Appliances

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To manage this dispersed architecture, Raiffeisen has outsourced its IT services to RUN. "The main challenge was to consolidate data from 190 local offices to just 40 head offices and a centralized data center. This would provide a more robust architecture, and would allow users to have constant and up-to-date access to files," explained Dr. Peter Werth, director of RUN. "However, we wanted to find a solution that would not involve an increase in bandwidth costs."

Working with Zycko UK, Werth investigated the WAN optimization solutions available from Riverbed and Cisco. "Riverbed was way ahead of the competition and the clear leader," said Werth. "The Riverbed Steelhead appliances were just easier to implement and deploy. They're more transparent and technologically advanced."

Following the installation of the 150 Steelhead appliances, Raiffeisen has successfully removed 150 servers from local branches and centralized the IT infrastructure to its data center. The bank has experienced other benefits, including simpler software upgrades and reallocating IT staff from backing up data to other IT projects.

Raiffeisen Banks Installs 150 Steelhead Appliances

"The results have been great. Bandwidth utilization has been reduced by over 87 percent, CIFS traffic has been reduced by 90 percent and HTTP traffic reduced by over 75 percent," said Werth. "With the Riverbed CMC we also have a real-time view of our data and global visibility of Raiffeisen operations."

The bank intends to remove servers from all 190 locations and plans to install the remaining 40 Steelhead appliances in the following months. It is also testing Steelhead Mobile for its consultants and mobile employees.

Steelhead Products

Riverbed WDS solutions enable organizations of all sizes to overcome a host of severe problems, including poor application performance and insufficient bandwidth at remote sites. By speeding the performance of applications between data centers, remote offices and mobile workers by five to 50 times and in some cases up to 100 times, the Riverbed award-winning Steelhead WDS products enable companies to consolidate IT, improve backup and replication processes to ensure data integrity, and improve staff productivity and *collaboration*. Steelhead products have been deployed in organizations ranging from the world's largest corporations with offices around the globe to small companies with a couple of sites that are just miles apart. To learn more, view Riverbed's demo: http://www.riverbed.com/pr/jack(http://www.riverbed.com/pr/jack).

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About Riverbed

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Raiffeisen Banks Installs 150 Steelhead Appliances; Riverbed Ensures Data Integrity for Banking System

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Raiffeisen Banks had previously pursued a strategy to install servers in each branch location. However, for 190 offices throughout the Northern Italian region, this strategy had become unmanageable. Data between sites was not always consistent and on occasion was not updated. Backups were performed locally, resulting in high costs; maintaining the servers was also time-consuming and costly. For mobile employees the problem was even more widespread, with users losing valuable time trying to download emails and files.

To manage this dispersed architecture, Raiffeisen has outsourced its IT services to RUN. "The main challenge was to consolidate data from 190 local offices to just 40 head offices and a centralized data center. This would provide a more robust architecture, and would allow users to have constant and up-to-date access to files," explained Dr. Peter Werth, director of RUN. "However, we wanted to find a solution that would not involve an increase in bandwidth costs."

Working with Zycko UK, Werth investigated the WAN optimization solutions available from Riverbed and Cisco. "Riverbed was way ahead of the competition and the clear leader," said Werth. "The Riverbed Steelhead appliances were just easier to implement and deploy. They're more transparent and technologically advanced."

Following the installation of the 150 Steelhead appliances, Raiffeisen has successfully removed 150 servers from local branches and centralized the IT infrastructure to its data center. The bank has experienced other benefits, including simpler software upgrades and reallocating IT staff from backing up data to other IT projects.

Raiffeisen Banks Installs 150 Steelhead Appliances; Riverbed Ensures Data Integrity for Banking System

"The results have been great. Bandwidth utilization has been reduced by over 87 percent, CIFS traffic has been reduced by 90 percent and HTTP traffic reduced by over 75 percent," said Werth. "With the Riverbed CMC we also have a real-time view of our data and global visibility of Raiffeisen operations."

The bank intends to remove servers from all 190 locations and plans to install the remaining 40 Steelhead appliances in the following months. It is also testing Steelhead Mobile for its consultants and mobile employees.

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Don't live a fake, commercial Xmas says pope (5)

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(ANSA) - DEC 10 - Pope Francis on Friday urged the faithful not to "live a fake and commercial Christmas". Receiving a Peruvian Andean community who donated this year's St Peter's crib and the Alto <u>Adige</u> community that donated the Christmas Tree, the pope said "Christmas is this, let's not <u>pollute</u> it with consumerism and indifference". He said "its symbols, especially the nativity scene and the decorated tree, bring us back to the certainty that fills our hearts with <u>peace</u>, joy for the Incarnation, to God who becomes familiar: He lives with us, fills our days with hope. "The tree and the presepe lead us into that atmosphere typical of Christmas which is part of the heritage of our communities: a climate rich in tenderness, sharing and family intimacy. "Let's not live a fake, commercial Christmas!".

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Berlusconi is back, this time, as the & "grandfather &" of Italy

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Silvio Berlusconi checked how cushioned the seat cushion was when he <u>settled</u> down for a nice interview more on another of the Italian television <u>channels</u> he owns. In the final seconds of silence before the cameras started recording, a mischievous twinkle crossed his eyes when he used a pun in Italian to remember that, in his old days on television, people used to have sex in the studio floor.

That's right, Berlusconi, at 81, is back. Again, Her smile is brighter, she has cheeks the color of those of the dolls and they are tense, she has a thin figure and her hair has regenerated into a Ken doll helmet. However, despite his appearance as a wax museum, his preweinsteinian fondness for phallic innuendo and prolonged criminal trials, Berlusconi, former prime minister of Italy, is no longer the mockery of European politics.

Instead, political analysts <u>agree</u> that the only sure bet in the upcoming and critical elections to be held on March 4 is that Berlusconi will return as a great <u>force</u> in Italian politics, and perhaps in Europe. Although he will not be prime minister immediately (he is banned until next year after a conviction for fraud), it is most likely a power in the shadows.

His resurrection is as extraordinary as fully expected, if one considers that for decades Berlusconi has conditioned and desensitized the electorate that chose him three times to be prime minister, despite ... everything.

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He has been under investigation for allegations of links with the Mafia. He entered politics partly to protect his vast business interests and later, as the owner of most commercial television stations in Italy, he used his extensive media empire to remain in power. He received underage women in what he called "elegant dinners", although everyone knew that they were sexual bacchanalia "bunga bunga". It was a habit for him to embarrass Italy worldwide.

However, as a sign of the unpredictability that has become world politics, things have improved for the embodiment in the flesh of *conflicts* of interest, excessive appetite and the politics of victimization and the demonization of the press the era "pretrumpiana". In the days of President Donald Trump - with whom Berlusconi can not bear to be compared - the Italian magnate has successfully reinvented himself as the grandfather, or "nonno", of the nation.

Italian elections, frequent and close, are often belittled because they are perceived as opera offerings from a country that never changes. This year is not the case. After France and Germany gave a breathing space to the traditional European system to beat the movements of the far right, what worries them is the unpredictable and angry Five Star Movement. In contrast, Berlusconi suddenly does not look so bad. And the master of sales, as cunning as he is, is always attentive to interpreting the role of sensible and moderate statesman.

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"He thinks he can reinvent himself to infinity, as his face shows," said Sofia Ventura, a political scientist at the University of Bologna. Berlusconi, an experienced communicator, according to Ventura, is presented as a consensus maker while his targets are the elderly who watch their television channels.

In times of uncertainty, Italians could choose the devil they know. "It transmits tranquility," explained Ventura.

However, people close to Berlusconi say that a deep stream of revenge flows beneath their new stiff surface. Wantsleave the game as the winner and get even of all those who enjoyed their fall prematurely.

In 2011, a devastating global debt crisis <u>forced</u> the resignation of Berlusconi. At that time he was distracted by the accusations of having paid a minor woman named Karima el-Mahroug -always Ruby, steals hearts-, to have sex in wild parties filled with budding cabarets (later, a court annulled the condemnation of payment for sex, although he is still awaiting trial for accusations related to the bribery of witnesses, including the pianist of one of the parties).

Then, in 2013, an Italian court convicted him of tax fraud related to inflated invoices from his Mediaset television empire. Due to their age, they changed their criminal sentence to community service in a nursing home. That same year, but some time later, the Italian legislators expelled him from parliament and prohibited him from holding public office until 2019.

The setbacks toppled him to the lowest point of politics. When he complained that he was the victim of a political attack (he finally **appealed**, until now in vain, before the European Court of Human Rights),

members of his party defected and, in 2015, Matteo Renzi, the bold new prime minister of the Democratic Party, whom Berlusconi had admired as his heir, thwarted his dreams of return with Machiavellian efficiency. In 2016, Berlusconi underwent a delicate heart surgery.

However, it seems that all that happened a long time ago.

With the help of swimming, gymnastics and visits to a beauty farm in Trentino-Alto <u>Adige</u>, Berlusconi regained his health. He has re-emerged as the friendly grandfather of Italy, albeit with a 32-year-old girlfriend, unlimited media and a television empire that served to recapture the fundamental old voters. The "bunga bunga" spot seems to have disappeared.

"This country has paid a little attention to love," said Emilio Fede, who from his privileged place as a presenter on one of the television channels owned by Berlusconi has been the magnate's spokesman for more than a quarter of a century (his detractors they call it "lapdog").

Although he is still accused in a case related to the bunga bunga parties, Fede insisted that the Italians have started saying: "How boring these bunga bunga stories are. And then they say that Ruby is a minor? My God".

Fede mentioned that, although all the attention of Italian politicians is concentrated on social networks, Berlusconi believed in the power of television. Berlusconi himself has not <u>agreed</u> to give an interview, despite having been asked for months.

His advisers acknowledge that he has been very astute in nurturing a constituency of elderly animal lovers - and potential voters - appearing frequently on a program in one of his chains in which he caresses his fluffy white dogs and lambs that Feeds with bottles.

Meanwhile, it seems that the politics of Italy and the world have returned to their hands.

Berlusconi took revenge on Renzi by campaigning against a referendum that the prime minister was defending; the failure of the suffrage obliged him to resign. The anxiety about mediocre economic growth and illegal immigration directly served the game of Berlusconi, who was already well prepared when it came time to co-opt the anti-immigrant right.

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Once again, Berlusconi, who never prepared a successor, had the burden of being the centrist glue for the antiimmigrant and post-fascist **forces** motivated by racism.

However, Berlusconi's party has only 17 percent support in the polls and has yet to faceto mutinous and eurosceptic partners. In contrast, Berlusconi seems a mitigating *force*.

In the remote case of an absolute electoral victory, Berlusconi has mentioned that he would act as a film director who guides a "super-candidate" chosen by hand or perhaps himself, for when he is allowed to participate politically in 2019. At this moment, anything is possible, including a grand coalition with Renzi that chooses a prime minister as a result of consensus.

However, for now, Berlusconi is ahead. This summer, his coalition won by far in the municipal elections. Recently, a judge ruled that he should no longer pay 1.4 million euros a month of spousal support to his ex-wife, Veronica Lario, who once called him "shameless trash" after Berlusconi attended the birthday party. an 18 year old woman

There have been other relationships that have worked better. At the beginning of this year, Berlusconi gave a birthday present to his good friend, the president of Russia, Vladimir Putin: a duvet cover with the image of the two friends while shaking hands.

Berlusconi's confidants claim that the Italian is seen as a potential bridge between Putin, who is increasingly popular in Italy, and Trump, the opposite. Berlusconi has been very reluctant to discuss Trump.

(Read also: Controversy by Italian candidate who defends "the white race")

Alan Friedman, the author of "My Way," an authoritative biography of Berlusconi, said he had brought up the issue of incessant comparisons with Trump. "I'm more moderate than Trump," Berlusconi said gruffly, according to Friedman.

However, there are important points in which there are similarities, and not only in their background in real estate, television and hair care. As Friedman emphasizes, the dehumanization of women and the rude language of Berlusconi "over time steadily downgraded the Italian culture."

Also, like Trump, in essence Berlusconi handled the insane of the political opposition during the total of his nine years in power.

On Thursday, while Berlusconi was leaving the studio, Rita Monaco, a member of the audience and 59, said that although Berlusconi could "not have done" the vulgar joke in the studio, he found it "positive and optimistic, despite of everything". He had won his vote.

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Beloved unloved lake; In Upper Vinschgau, holiday properties are much cheaper than in the rest of South Tyrol. The reason is Mussolini's reservoir. But the interest of investors is rising

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In the north, the peaks of the Geisler Group, which are more than 3000 metres high, rise. To the south extends the Seiser Alm, the largest mountain pasture area in Europe with 56 square kilometres. In the east the 3181 meter high Langkofel is enthroned. Ortisei in the Val Gardena lies in the middle of one of the most beautiful landscapes of the Alps, with large ski resorts, crossed by hundreds of kilometres of mountain, hiking and mountain bike trails - and is therefore one of the most expensive places for holiday property buyers in northern Italy. "Condominiums achieve top prices of up to 11,000 euros per square metre here," says Elfi Untergassmair, licensed partner of the Hamburg brokerage firm Engel & Völkers in South Tyrol. "Houses can reach purchase prices of up to five million euros, but a few kilometres uphill towards Austria is also cheaper. The region around the Reschensee is currently reflecting on its roots.

For more than six decades South Tyrol has been one of the most popular holiday regions for mountain-addicted Germans in Europe's highest mountains. After the First World <u>War</u>, the previously Austrian region was occupied by Italy. When Isetta and VW Käfer mobilized the West Germans in the economic miracle era of the 1950s, their small cars puffed over the Brenner and Reschen passes to enjoy Italian Dolce Vita in the only Italian province where German is spoken, directly behind them, on the south side of the main Alpine ridge.

Ortisei is one of the early places in the history of Alpine tourism. As early as 1850, tourism began in the market town, where the future mountaineer, actor, director and writer Luis Trenker was born on 4 October 1892. Its presence on the cinema screen and later on the television screen attracts masses of holidaymakers to the town and finally gives Ortisei the reputation of being one of the hippest holiday destinations in the Alps.

"Customers from Germany form the largest international group of holiday property buyers here, followed by Austrians," says Untergassmair. Their strong <u>demand</u> has driven the prices of secondary residences there to a level that even exceeds that of the famous spa town of Merano. "The maximum prices for condominiums there are 4700 euros per square metre," says Untergassmair. Like the Val Gardena valley with Ortisei, the Upper Vinschgau was one of the pioneers of Alpine tourism in the 19th century. In the region directly below the Reschen Pass, the first hotels with electric lighting opened in the 1890s. Reschen, at 1500 metres above sea level the highest place in

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the valley, enjoys the reputation of being the "St. Moritz of Austria". The crowds of holidaymakers are so great that entrepreneurs come together to found a joint stock company and use it to create the 60 kilometre Vinschgau Railway from Merano to Mals. On 1 July 1906, the first train along the *Adige* snakes its way up the valley.

What was once could soon become again. "A generation change is currently taking place in the tourism businesses in Upper Vinschgau", says Christoph Koch, managing partner of the Bozner consulting company rcm solutions. "Hotels and guesthouses are modernised and extended, and many new holiday apartments and restaurants are opened.

The two ski resorts Schöneben and Haider Alm were merged last year by a new connecting railway. The 6.77 square kilometre Reschensee is the venue for international sailing regattas and kite surf competitions in summer. And in winter, athletes from Europe, North America and Asia compete for the titles on frozen water at the Snowkite World Championships. The athletes, who are dragged across the ice by stunt kites on snowboards, impress the spectators with spectacular trick jumps.

This not only attracts more and more holidaymakers - but also buyers of holiday properties. Especially from southern Germany. In recent years, a number of Bavarians and Baden-Württemberg residents have acquired condominiums as secondary residences in towns such as Reschen, Mals and Prad. At prices that are currently still significantly lower than in Val Gardena. "Newly built two-room apartments are already being offered in Upper Vinschgau for less than 200,000 euros," says Carmen Ladurner of the brokerage firm Wellenzohn-Immobilien in Schlanders. 48 square meter large, new apartments with 16 square meter measuring terrace and 23 square meter garden property are currently available for 185,000 euros. 15 year old apartments in the portfolio are offered by various brokerage firms at square meter prices upwards of 2600 euros.

What makes the region interesting for holiday property buyers is that, unlike other parts of South Tyrol, foreign buyers can buy properties in almost any location. "Only in St. Valentin and the small mountain town of Stilfs is the sale of second homes currently prohibited," says Ladurner. In all other municipalities, the 60-40 rule applies: 60 percent of apartments in newly built or up to 20-year-old apartment buildings must be sold or rented to local South Tyroleans. The remaining 40 percent can be used by buyers or tenants from other Italian provinces or abroad as a second home. In the case of single-family houses, too, the proportion that foreign buyers may acquire is limited - although the rate varies from municipality to municipality. This regulation is intended to prevent non-South Tyroleans from acquiring the majority of condominiums and owner-occupied homes, thereby driving prices so high that families in the villages can no longer afford property at all.

Domestic interested parties are also preferred for VAT. "Who acquires a primary residence, pays on the purchase price only four per cent value added tax, says Ladurner. In contrast, the figure for the acquisition of a second home is ten percent. In addition, buyers who want to use a newly built condominium as a holiday home have to pay a construction fee of between 7,000 and 10,000 euros. The exact height depends on the size of the apartment. "On the other hand, holiday homes in existing properties are often up to 20 percent more expensive than comparable condominiums that can only be used as primary residences," says Ladurner. "The <u>demand</u> for second homes usually outstrips supply."

The fact that the Upper Vinschgau is only now beginning to become a tourist destination is due to the waters that the young local entrepreneurs and most holidaymakers regard as the region's greatest asset: Lake Reschen. It was planned in 1937 by the fascist government under Benito Mussolini to generate electricity and was finally built directly after the Second World <u>War</u> from 1947 to 1949. The 32.5 metre high and 415 metre long dam for power generation dams the <u>Adige</u> river and its upper tributaries, which originates in Reschen. With the flooding of the lake in 1950, the original villages of Graun and Reschen almost completely disappeared. "Dozens of families have lost their livelihoods as a result of the lake dam because the fertile arable land has been flooded," says the 73-year-old former chairman of the Vinschgau merchant association, Kurt Ziernhöld, who experienced the flooding as a small child. About half of the 150 farming families affected migrated from Graun and Reschen. Those who stayed received simply built replacement houses above the new shoreline for compensation. Those who left received a small amount of money that was far below the value of the lost land.

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"For the members of the older generations in Upper Vinschgau, Lake Reschensee is a disgrace," says management consultant Koch. Despite his close friendship with Hitler and the military alliance in World <u>War</u> II, Mussolini had regarded the South Tyroleans as people of inferior value, forbidden them to use the German language and tried to <u>force</u> them to Italianize. "The lake painfully reminds the people who lived through this time of the dark years of dictatorship," says Koch. The Reschensee was therefore not used for tourism for decades. This has now changed, as the numerous sporting events on the water show. "The younger generation of entrepreneurs sees the lake unagitatedly as a valuable attraction for the holiday business and uses it accordingly," says Koch. Nowhere is this more evident than in the new logo of the Reschenpass holiday region tourism association: it shows the church tower of the flooded old village of Graun rising out of the lake.

Second homes in Reschen with a view of the lake and the Ortler towering in the distance behind it, which at 3905 metres is the highest mountain in South Tyrol, are particularly popular with buyers. However, the largest offer is in the towns below the lake: in Mals and Prad, which each have several thousand inhabitants. "There are considerably more apartments to choose from," says Koch.

Until the 1990s, the Upper Vinschgau was above all a destination for mountain hikers and climbers. This has moved into the background in recent years with the focus on the tourist use of Lake Reschen. For years, paths and paths were only sparsely newly marked. This, too, is now changing.

In 2018 numerous hiking routes in the Langtauferer valley were repaired. Gerald Burger, since last year new managing director of the holidays region Reschenpass, wants to bring this summer season still numerous further ways again into shot. "We have 30 peaks in Upper Vinschgau that are more than 3000 metres high and around 400 kilometres of mountain hiking trails and mountain bike trails," says Burger. "That's a pound you can use to compete with other holiday destinations in the Alps."

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The Constitution of India, adopted on January 26 in 1950, established a federal structure of governance for a country that had just come out of colonial rule. It helped <u>diverse</u> regions come together without losing their autonomy. Ahead of the 74th Republic Day on Thursday, Metrolife asked experts in Bengaluru how our federalism was faring. 'Majoritarianism is...



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(ANSA) - November 13 - Venice was in a state of crisis on Wednesday due to huge **flooding** after the high-water mark reached 187cm late on Tuesday, the highest level since the record 1966 **flood**.

"Venice is on its knees," Venice Mayor Luigi Brugnaro said via Twitter.

"St Mark's Basilica has suffered serious damage, like the whole city and the islands... We need everyone's help to get through the next few days that are putting us to the test.".

A 78-year-old man was electrocuted due a short circuit, apparently linked to the flooding, at his home on the island of Pellestrina.

Another person also died during the flooding on the lagoon island, although in his case it may have been natural causes.

There is massive damage.

Brugnaro estimated that the cost ran into several hundred million euros.

Three barges sank, while gondolas and other boats were stripped from their moorings and five vaporetti were crumpled on the Schiavoni bank like toys.

A fire broke our at the Ca' Pesaro museum because of an electrical malfunction.

Brugnaro said the council was asking central government to declare the city to be in a state of emergency and told local people and businesses to collect photographic and video evidence of the damage suffered for compensation claims.

"We are faced with total, apocalyptic devastation," Veneto Governor Luca Zaia told Mediaset television.

"I'm not exaggerating; 80% of the city is under water, the damage is unimaginable".

Premier Giuseppe Conte travelled to the city to assess the situation on Wednesday and Zaia said he would stay the night.

Conte said "there is a dramatic situation, a bad-weather situation that concerns us and makes the community suffer".

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Infrastructure Paola De Micheli is heading to Venice too.

President Sergio Mattarella called Brugnaro and Raffaello De Ruggieri, the mayor of 2019 European Culture Capital Matera, which was badly hit by flooding on Tuesday.

Venice's La Fenice opera house has been temporarily put out of action too.

Although the theatre itself is not flooded, water has entered an auxiliary area affecting the electrical and fire-prevention systems.

This led it to cancel concerts Wednesday and Thursday.

Budget airline EasyJet meanwhile said passengers could move flights in and out of Venice free for the next 48 hours.

Pierpaolo Campostrini, a member of St. Mark's management board, said things could have been even worse for the cathedral.

"We came within a whisker of the apocalypse," he said.

"The water got into the basilica, it flooded the floor, broke windows and entered the crypt.

"It is dangerous, not so much because of what is contained in there, but because the water could have caused problems for the columns that hold up the basilica".

The crypt has been filled with 120 centimetres of water, St Mark's first procurator Carlo Alberto Tesserin said.

"It's the first time since the great flood of 1966," he said, and it has been a bitter surprise.

"This time the water didn't come in from the pavement but through the windows.

"There has been damage to the tombs of the patriarchs too".

Culture Minister Dario Franceschini said ministry experts were working with art cops and fire <u>fighters</u> to ease the "emergency".

The devastation has led to controversy about the fact that the MOSE flood barrier system, which has been hit by delays and a corruption scandal, is still not operative.

Environment Minister Sergio Costa linked the situation to the climate crisis.

The acqua alta came down to around 144cm on Wednesday after Tuesday's peak.

Autumn marks the beginning of the high-tide season, when water routinely spills over the city's banks, flooding its streets and squares.

The causes are both natural and man-made.

Decades of pumping groundwater caused significant damage to the delicate foundation before the practice was called off.

Weather experts say the high-water **threat** has been increasing in recent years as heavier rains have hit northern Italy.

Other possible explanations for the phenomenon include the sea floor rising as a result of incoming silt and gas extraction in the sea off Venice undermining the islands.

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According to a recent study, plate tectonics are also to blame as the Adriatic plate is sliding beneath the Apennine Mountains, causing the area to drop in elevation.

Levels of 100-120 cm above sea level are fairly common in the lagoon city and Venice is well-equipped to cope, with its rafts of pontoon walkways.

But anything much above 120cm risks swamping much of the city.

The latest wave of bad weather has brought many other parts of Italy to a standstill too.

A tornado in Porto Cesareo, in Salento, severely damaged the local port and completely destroyed a 60-meter-long pier.

About 100 boats docked at the port were also damaged.

In the Dolomites, snowstorms blocked roads and railway lines.

In Alto <u>Adige</u>, where 40 centimeters of snow fell in the night between Tuesday and Wednesday, several roads were blocked by fallen trees, along with the rail line in Val Pusteria.

Due to heavy snowfalls, 15,000 were also left without electricity in Alto Adige, local officials said.

Firefighters were involved in 280 operations in the area, they said.

Many cellars were flooded in the city of Bolzano due to rainstorms although the highest number of problems were registered in the Val d'Ega, Val Gardena and Val Pusteria.

Meanwhile the Aeolian islands off Sicily have been isolated for three days.

Ferries have been docked in ports since Monday afternoon due to rough seas (wind force 6-7).

Commuters with the mainland (including teachers, doctors and clerks) have been stranded in Milazzo, Sicily, for days.

Trucks full of food are also blocked in Sicily and some products and medicines are starting to run out, local authorities said.

Schools on the islands are currently open part time.

Rainstorms also battered the southern port city of Naples, causing a huge sinkhole to form overnight in Via Masoni, where construction work was underway.

Several families were *forced* to temporarily leave their homes.

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<u>Don't live a fake, commercial Xmas says pope (6); Audience for donors of</u> crib and tree in St Peter's Square

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(ANSA) - DEC 10 - Pope Francis on Friday urged the faithful not to "live a fake and commercial Christmas". Receiving a Peruvian Andean community who donated this year's St Peter's crib and the Alto <u>Adige</u> community that donated the Christmas Tree, the pope said "Christmas is this, let's not <u>pollute</u> it with consumerism and indifference". He said "its symbols, especially the nativity scene and the decorated tree, bring us back to the certainty that fills our hearts with <u>peace</u>, joy for the Incarnation, to God who becomes familiar: He lives with us, fills our days with hope. "The tree and the presepe lead us into that atmosphere typical of Christmas which is part of the heritage of our communities: a climate rich in tenderness, sharing and family intimacy. "Let's not live a fake, commercial Christmas!". The nativity scene from Peru's Huancavelica region and the fir tree from Andalo in Trentino-Alto **Adige** will be inaugurated Friday afternoon in the square in front of St Peter's Basilica.

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From wheat to vineyards: French and Italian farmers estimate storm, hail and drought damages

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PARIS/ROME, Jun 6 (Reuters) - Farms in France were hit by heavy hail and fierce storms over the weekend, the National Federation of Farmers' Unions (FNSEA) said on Monday, while producers in Italy warned of the <u>drought</u>'s impact on crop yields.

Hail, strong winds and torrential rains caused damage in about 65 departments in France, affecting wheat as well as fruit crops and vineyards, the FNSEA said in a *statement*.

"The damage is very significant, with some farms seeing 100% of their crop affected," the <u>statement</u> said. The wheat harvest period is approaching in France, the world's fourth largest exporter of the cereal.

Northern Italian regions such as Piedmont, Valle d'Aosta and Trentino Alto <u>Adige</u> have also been hit by storms, but the main concern in Italy is drought, with another week of high temperatures forecast across much of the country. Italy has received only half of the usual rainfall levels so far in 2022, according to agricultural group Coldiretti, which estimates the cost of lost production at about 1 billion euros (\$1.1 billion) and said the Po Valley was the hardest hit.

"The most affected crops have been rice, with a fall of 10,000 hectares, and all other cereals, from wheat to maize, with a forecast reduction in yields," Coldiretti said in a **statement** to Reuters.

The damage to the wheat crop in Western Europe could add to pressure on already strained global supplies due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which has sent prices soaring because both countries are major producers of essential grains.

Fruit crops and vineyards were also badly damaged by the French storms, and Agriculture Minister Marc Fesneau will visit wine growers in the Gironde and Gers regions on Monday.

(1 dollar = 0.9324 euros) (Report by Layli Foroudi and Keith Weir. Edited in English by Marion Giraldo)

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<u>Italian bodybuilder, 30, admits killing both his parents because they asked</u> him to take the family dog for a walk

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- Benno Neumair, 30, killed his parents and dumped their bodies in a Bolzano river
- His mother's body was later recovered bearing signs of strangulation
- His father's body never surfaced but his blood were found on a nearby bridge
- The bodybuilder was arrested on January 29 and has confessed to murder

A man has confessed to killing his parents because they asked him to walk the dog.

The alleged murder took place in the city of Bolzano in the northern Italian province of South Tyrol when teachers Peter Neumair and Laura Perselli went missing earlier this year.

Laura's dead body was later found in <u>Adige</u> river with signs of strangulation while her husband's body never surfaced, although traces of his blood were found on a nearby bridge.

The victims' son, the bodybuilder Benno Neumair, 30, was taken into custody on January 29.

He has now confessed to the killing saying that he killed his father after a brief <u>fight</u> and then murdered his mother without a word of explanation when she walked in on them.

The argument that led to the murder started when the father asked his son to get out of bed and take the family dog out for a walk.

When he refused an argument developed. Benno said: "Dad accused me of being a failure. I just wanted silence. So I shut him up."

He said he had gone to his room to escape being scolded by his dad.

He objected to the fact that his father had followed him inside the room when he had gone to bed and fallen asleep after playing on his computer.

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He complained that his dad had woken up and continued to complain that he was not doing his share of the household chores.

He decided to strangle him to stop nagging.

He said: "I took the first climbing rope I found from the plastic tray of my tools. We were in the hallway and we fell together on the ground. I just remember that I squeezed very tightly."

Benno said that his mum returned home soon after and he strangled her with the same rope.

He said: "I did it without even saying goodbye."

The son said that he then threw their bodies off a bridge into the river.

The young man is now in prison in Bolzano on charges of murder and body concealment as the investigation continues.

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Terra Incognita: Western policy makers, stop being obsessed with 'solutions' in the Middle East

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The key is to accept that some things are not "solvable" and hybrid structures and new paradigms are a good thing.

The last major speech John Kerry gave before leaving office was focused on "preserving the two-state solution." He used the term "two-state solution" 23 times in his speech. "*Resolution*" was used 40 times. "Resolve" got an honorable six mentions.

Kerry's terminology and outlook isn't an aberration. It comes from a long line of US and Western <u>diplomats</u> who want to "work the problem." There are always "plans" on how to get things done. Plan Alpha. The Rogers Plan. The <u>Peace</u> Process. The Road Map. There are Oslo Accords and Oslo II and Wye <u>River</u>. The theme is always the same: you make <u>peace</u> like you make a sausage. Things go in one end and something else comes out the other and it's all wrapped up in an oddly-shaped sack. Europeans have been doing it since the days when colonialism ended.

Not since colonialism began, mind you.

When colonialism began in the 15th century, the Conquistadors just hacked their way through jungles and took things over. Borders were blurry and fluid, because no one needed real borders. But comes the <u>Peace</u> of Westphalia, the nation state system, and then you get "solutions" and "accords" and lines on a map. You can tell when Europeans drew lines on a map, because they tend to be straight; it wasn't their countries they were carving up. Obviously when they carved up the Low Countries or had to deal with the Alto-<u>Adige</u> or Northern Ireland, then things were complicated. But when dealing with the rest of the world, why not just a straight line.

Fast-forward to the present. The Middle East in many ways is a product of the colonial era, but it is not the era's greatest victim. Colonialism drew borders in the Middle East (find the straight lines), but most of the states were only colonized for a short period. Algeria and Egypt were among those colonized longest, from the 19th to mid-20th century. Jordan, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Mandate Palestine were among the shorter colonial rules, just several decades after the First World <u>War</u>. Other places had varying degrees of colonial rule and influence, such as Yemen, the Gulf and Iran. Saudi Arabia and Turkey remained mostly independent.

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What did the colonial era beget? First it left the region, including North Africa, with monarchies, several of which were done away with by young officers in coups. Off went Faisal II of Iraq, Farouk of Egypt and Idris of Libya. Kingdoms Jordan, Saudi Arabia, the Gulf and Morocco remained. Arab nationalists rose to power. They borrowed heavily from the West, not just technology and modes of dress, but their ideas, mainly socialism and fascism, melded together. Since the 1980s the region has been gifted with a return to what some puritans say is its triumphant past: Islamist revolution. Black banners and mullahs. Nasser, Saddam, the Shah and others also spoke of past glories, but they saw a pre-Islamic past.

If we pause here and add this all up, what do we get? Colonial borders, but weak colonial structures. Kingdoms, fascism and socialism. Islamism. Add into that ethnic rivalry, Zionism and religious sectarianism and you can neatly put the Middle East and North Africa into some little boxes.

For Western policy-makers the view of the region sometimes looks like Thomas Barnett's 2004 Pentagon's New Map with its stable "core" countries and "non-integrated gap." The gap is mostly the Middle East and North Africa. You could add to this book the 1995 Jihad vs. McWorld and Samuel Huntington's 1996 Clash of Civilizations. The late Zbigniew Brzezinski titled chapter three of his 2012 Strategic Vision "By 2025, not Chinese but Chaotic." Henry Kissinger called the Middle East, in his own chapter three, of World Order in 2015, "Islamism and the Middle East: A world disorder."

So we get it, the Middle East is "chaos" of "failed states" and "ungovernable territory." This "chaos" stretches from the Sahel and Sahara all the way to Afghanistan. When it was supposedly kept in check by fascist dictators it functioned well with the "core," but now it doesn't.

What it needs of course is more <u>agreements</u>, accords and plans. It needs a self-help book like Getting to Yes. We need to "work the problem" and that requires nice terminology, like "good actors," "bad actors," "militants" and "moderates."

The problem is that there is no evidence these "chaotic" areas are becoming less chaotic, despite all the "working" being done on them. Somalia began to fall apart in 1991 after rule by the dictator Mohamed Siad Barre. Somaliland and Puntland drifted away and the rest of the country is locked in <u>war</u> between Islamist extremists and the internationally recognized but barely functioning government. Libya began the same slide in 2011. Afghanistan has been in this shape since the 1980s. Iraq since the 1990s and truly since 2003. Syria since 2011. Yemen since the 1990s. Mali in the past decade.

To varying degrees we can add other states such as Chad and northern Nigeria as well as the Central African Republic and South Sudan and parts of Sudan. Then also let's add Gaza since 2006 and the West Bank to some extent. Lebanon isn't a chaos, it "solved" its 14-year civil <u>war</u> in 1989, but it's worried about sliding back. Pakistan has surrendered part of its country to Islamists. Central Asia could be on the brink. Other countries are trapped in frozen <u>conflicts</u>, such as in the Caucuses.

But in the John Kerry and Western worldview, we are "solving" these *conflicts*.

The main problem is that few people want to admit that perhaps they are not solvable. Perhaps Yemen is not trending toward "unity." Western policy-makers are devoted to unity. An independent Kurdistan in Iraq? Unthinkable. That would be "chaotic." Even though it is an anchor of stability in a region of chaos, for some reason it is the problem. Puntland and Somaliland? Why would we invest in them? They aren't part of our "core." No, no. They are bad actors because they don't believe in the god of "unity" in Somalia. Unify with a failed central government and Islamists. Don't seek stability in your own little state. Anyone who seeks such things is accused of "partitioning" countries that European bureaucrats created in 1920 or 1960.

After all, the first thing Nigeria did when it became independent is <u>fight</u> is vicious <u>war</u> in which millions starved and died in Biafra. The wages of "independence" were <u>war</u>. Kurds too had to live under Saddam's genocide, because that is part of Iraqi "stability" for some reason if you don't want to be genocided you are creating "instability" in world order. Instability means re-drawing state lines, whereas stability means chaos, but unchanging lines on a map. It's Orwellian, but then again that's the whole point.

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We are addicted to "solutions" in the Middle East. It's not because of Orientalism or Western racism, or because cultures "think differently." It may be due to different cultures of legalism and formality and bureaucracy. But the key is to accept that some things are not "solvable" and hybrid structures and new paradigms are a good thing. Instead of always seeking "world order," perhaps it would be better to accept a level of disorder in order to work with entities that do function, facts on the ground as it were. Maybe they won't be fascist 1970s dictators, the kind that for some reason are accepted at the UN and everyone likes to work with, but they might be a better hope than a swath of countries that are not improving, are likely going to live through 50 years of civil *conflict*, and perhaps should not be shoehorned back together again.

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Weekend wine picks

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Ferrari Brut Metodo Classico N/V, Trento, Trentino-Alto-<u>Adige</u>, Italy \$32.99 I 91/100 UPC: 8007355006017 Selected Chardonnay plots, all hand-picked across Trento's province, is the source of this tasty Brut - made for the last 118 years. Clean, fresh and leesy, with light oven-fresh brioche notes kicking off a stylish fizz that brings green apple, honey, and almonds to the nose and palate. The simplicity and complexity seal the deal here. Finally, the packaging is a master class in simplicity.

If you plan to celebrate something this month, consider doing it with this blanc de blancs par excellence. Famiglia Pasqua Passion e Sentimento Veneto Rosso 2017, Veneto, Italy \$15.99 I 88/100 UPC: 8007880140200 Passion e Sentimento is dedicated to Verona, the City of Love. The label tells the famous love story of Romeo and Juliet, which lives on today through the messages left daily at Juliet's house on Verona's Cappello Street. This rosso is a 40/30/30 blend of Merlot, Corvina, and Croatina, hand-harvested and dried for one month into wooden trays. The subsequent loss of <u>water</u> content concentrates the grape sugars. Add a high percentage of Merlot and dried grapes, and the wine has immediate curbside <u>appeal</u> and drinkability.

The style is fresh red cherry-berry with pleasantly spicy, soft tannins. A perfect red for spaghetti and meatballs - super value. Carmen Gran Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon 2018, Valle del Maipo, Region del Valle Central, Chile \$22 90/100 UPC: 00083300097512 If you haven't tried a Chilean Cabernet in some time, this label is a fine place to begin. Intense, dark, and full-bodied, it is stuffed full of boldo, the Chilean equivalent of garrigue. The attack is warm and round, the tannins slippery, the fruit a mix of blackberries and brambleberries with resiny, cedar, and tobacco flecks throughout. Ready to drink but will hold through 2027.

Think grilled beef or rich winter vegetable dishes. Clos du Soleil Célestiale 2019, British Columbia, Canada \$27.90 I 92/100 UPC: 857088000794 They like Bordeaux blends at Clos du Soleil, but this wine is miles beyond any \$28 Bordeaux red in the market. It is an all-Similkameen red blending 71/11/9/7/2 Merlot/Malbec/Cabernet Sauvignon/Cabernet Franc/Petit Verdot. With a majority of Merlot leading the mix, it is all about elegance and texture that draws you back to the wine, glass after glass. It smells like a raspberry/blackberry pie and tastes as you might expect, with fresh red fruit backed up by dark chocolate black fruit that melts in your mouth.

The finish is savoury with a touch of sagebrush and wild Similkameen notes that only add to its <u>appeal</u>. Post ferment, all done in concrete, it's aged in French oak barrels for 15 months. It was bottled under a screwcap after a final cull of the best barrels. Unfortunately, the winery is already sold out, so you will have to look to private wine shops and restaurants to taste this one.

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Frescobaldi Castello di Nipozzano Mormoreto 2016, Tuscany, Italy \$63.99 I 94/100 UPC: 8007425151708 Mormoreto is the flagship label at Castello di Nipozzano is grown on the 25-hectare Mormoreto Vineyard rich in sand and well-drained with a heavy presence of limestone and clay planted in 1976. The blend is an 84/6/5/5 Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Merlot grapes, harvested by hand. The colour is ruby red with a darkish edge. The nose is expressive with blueberries, black cherries, black olives, tea and balsamic notes flecked with mint and spice. The palate is silky smooth with dense, sweet tannins and a long persistent, classy finish. It is a terrific vintage and a wine that will age effortlessly for 10 to 15 years and beyond. !@COPYRIGHT=© 2022 Postmedia Network Inc. All rights reserved.

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The drive stupendous; Italy

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Michael Gebicki shares his secret route through the mighty Dolomites.

The Dolomites is a gaspingly gorgeous mountainous region north of Venice, and among its catalogue of splendours is a lacework of superb roads. There are many who maintain that the finest drive through these mountains is the Great Dolomites Road, and they're wrong. I know this because I've done the Great Dolomites Road, and yes, while there were moments that made the heart sing, I was constantly thinking to myself, "But I know a better route, more stupendous in every way".

This drive - which I have modestly titled the Greater Dolomites Road - joins the same two cities, Cortina d'Ampezzo and Bolzano, at the eastern and western ends of the Dolomites respectively. This is a summer drive. As late as June and as early as September unseasonal snow can close the passes, but as a general rule the route is feasible any time between May and October. Time behind the wheel is about three hours, but there are enough <u>diversions</u> along the way to flesh it out into a full day.

The drive begins at the luscious resort town of Cortina d'Ampezzo, set within a colosseum of stone walls, with style to burn and boutiques galore. Leave Cortina following the signs to Venice then take the SR48, which scoots upward like a homesick angel and has lovely views of Cortina in its valley, with Mount Cristallo on one side and Mount Faloria on the other.

Past the village of Pocol, the road weaves into forests. For the next 20 kilometres you're circling the southern rump of the Tofana Group, with the 3225-metre peak of Tofana di Rozes less than a kilometre away to your right.

This is the Lagazuoi Valley, which also goes by the name of the Falzarego. Flowing through its trough is the river of the same name and if your window is down, you'll hear its music alongside.

Where the road climbs again as it approaches the Falzarego Pass, I stop for a Kodak moment, and there's a 20-metre waterfall with a picnic table close by. At the pass, turn right onto the SR24, marked Valparola. You're now above the treeline and for the next couple of kilometres, the road crosses the lunar landscape of the pass before it comes to Rifugio Valparola. Rifugi are one of the supreme delights of the Dolomites. Ranging from simple mountain huts to flowery chalets, they are commonly found along the region's hiking trails dispensing sausage soups, dumplings and hearty pasta dishes to hikers, and providing beds to overnight guests.

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A stop is obligatory here, both for the view down into the San Cassiano Valley and for the rifugio's truly outstanding strudel, which is one of the best you'll ever taste - and do go for the honey version. There is also some potent-looking home-brew grappa, but the road ahead is probably stimulation enough.

You might also take advantage of this short break to purchase Rock brand Marmot Salve, the original and still the best.

The marmot is a furry, buck-toothed ground squirrel, and the salve, made from its winter fat, is particularly rich in vitamin D and fortified with dwarf pine extract to improve circulation and restore vigour to tired limbs. While the marmot is not endangered, you might have difficulty convincing Australian Customs and Quarantine.

Across the road, a cable car hoists you to the heights of Lagazuoi and another rifugio, but the real reason to make the trip is the mountain's tunnel network. During World <u>War</u> I, this was the scene of fierce <u>fighting</u> between Austrian and Italian <u>troops</u>, who were trying to wrest control of this part of South Tyrol. For years they slugged it out in freezing conditions with mortars and high explosives, trying to bring the mountainsides down on one another in a high-altitude version of trench warfare, often firing their rifles with one arm while holding onto a rope with the other.

From the pass, the SR24 sprints athletically to the trough of the valley as it heads towards San Cassiano. About halfway down, you cross from the province of Belluno into Alto <u>Adige</u>. The Italians won the <u>fight</u> and what was once Austria is now Italy, yet Alto <u>Adige</u> clings tenaciously to its roots. By temperament, language and cuisine as well as architecture it remains Austrian, and mostly refers to itself as Sudtirol.

About a kilometre past San Cassiano, take a right to go along the SS244, which runs through the crease of the Badia Valley. Where a bridge crosses the Gadera River, turn left onto the SP29, which climbs briskly up the hill to the village of San Martino in Badia, also known as St Martin in Thurn.

Above the town the road takes a sharp turn at the Ladin Museum, which makes no bones about its former role as a fortress. The Ladin are the original inhabitants of the Dolomites, and this region was their stronghold. Today, there are about 30,000 Ladin people, who maintain a language and culture distinct from the surrounding Italians and Germans. In words, pictures, artefacts and animated presentations, the Ladin Museum charts the history of these tough and resourceful mountain people.

Above the Ladin Museum, look for the llamas before the road darts into forest, emerging for a splendid view of the village of Artemoia clinging to its hillside surrounded by green pastures. Part of the charm of the Dolomites derives from the lack of fences. Those that exist are mostly timber post-and-rail, fuzzy with moss. How electrical appliances and telephones work is a mystery, because transmission poles are scarce. This is a part of the world that harks back to pre-industrial agriculture. The countryside is dotted with hay houses made from fieldstone and timber squared off with an adze, and it is not uncommon to see a farmer working with a scythe. By such diligent attention to detail, the farmers of these high valleys display an aesthetic sensitivity that sets them apart in the agrarian world.

Most of the tourists in the region are German, perfectly at home with the dumplings and the language. Outside the big towns, at least half the cars have German number plates. English is barely spoken. In three visits to the Dolomites, I've yet to hear an Aussie accent. Even Americans are non-existent and Britons rare.

Beyond Artemoia, the road climbs again into forests, where a red deer darts across the road in front of me to be swallowed up in greenery. The road tops out at the Erbe Pass, close to the mighty peak of Peitlerkofel.

Stop here and take a short hike along the trail opposite the big rifugio to see the incredible gully just over the brow of the hill. If you feel like stretching your legs, continue for another 20 minutes to the rifugio at the base of the mountain, a fine spot for lunch. From here, the trail lassoes the mountain with an optional summit climb, but it's at least four hours.

Beyond the pass, the road turns anorexic. This next section winds through wilderness for the most part and <u>demands</u> real care, especially because these sinuous roads are much favoured by German motorcyclists who do not necessarily keep to their side of the road on blind corners. After a slightly hair-raising passage, the road

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emerges on the heights above the serenely lovely Funes Valley before it lopes down the hillside, with views across meadows populated by cows with tonking bells.

At the bottom is the lovely little town of Villnoess, where a break might be required.

Where you finally meet the main valley road, take a left and drive for about two kilometres uphill to the wondrous little church of St Johann, a perfect picture sitting serenely in its meadows against a backdrop of forests and the steel grey teeth of the Odle mountain group.

The Funes Valley marks a change in architecture. This is one of the area's prettiest valleys. Slender church spires rise from the villages in its velvet depths and the hillsides are dotted with double-storey farmhouses that have window boxes spilling geraniums from upper-storey balconies.

It's about 20 kilometres from here to the end of the valley, and the final run to Bolzano. Take the SS242. Bolzano deserves a day, at least. It's beautiful, of course, a synthesis of Teutonic order and Italian brio, but in this part of the world, you would expect nothing less.

The writer flew to Europe courtesy of Singapore Airlines.

Trip notes

Getting there

Cortina d'Ampezzo is 160 kilometres and about a 2\xC2½-hour drive from Venice. The closest airport is Treviso, 135 kilometres away, but Venice's Marco Polo Airport has better connections. From Bolzano, the distance to Verona is 160 kilometres, less than two hours via the A22 Autostrada.

Staying there

Hotel Bellaria is a family-operated, traditional Tyrolean-style guesthouse in quiet surrounds within walking distance of Cortina d'Ampezzo. Double rooms start from EUR50 (\$63). +39 436 2505, hbellaria.it.

Drei Birken is a friendly, family-operated guesthouse overlooking Bolzano from Wolfsgruben, about a 15-minute drive outside the city. The food is outstanding and most guests opt for dinner, bed and breakfast. Limited English spoken. From EUR35 (\$44) a person for a double room. (+39)471 345 175, dreibirken.it.

More information

dolomiti.org, sudtirol.info.

Three other things to do

- 1 The main summer visitor activity in the Dolomites is hiking, and the alpine trails here are many and varied.
- 2 The essential guide for walkers is Shorter Walks in the Dolomites by Gillian Price, published by Cicerone and available from Amazon.
- 3 Cable cars are another feature of this mountainous region, and an ideal way to explore the heights.

Graphic

FOUR PHOTOS: More stupendous ... clockwise from main, the Funes Valley; views at Faloria; Bolzano; folk figures at Peitlerkofel. Photos: Getty Images; Michael Gebicki MAP: The Dolomites, Italy

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French and Italian farmers count cost of storms

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A celebratory last-night dinner is called for. Many of Chioggia's posher restaurants have Venice-like prices, but the casual Bacareto da Morgan is more reasonable. Sitting canalside, I order cicchetti (Venetian small plates, from â'¬1.20) with a Chioggiotto twist of radicchio meatballs, marinated sardines and three buttery scallops. Around me are families and couples on seemingly successful dates; a fisherman bobs past, shouting fondly to his friend.

Before bed, I loiter on the lagoon edge and gaze north. Venice is out there somewhere, as magnificent and preposterous as ever. Yet I'm perfectly content here, in its almost forgotten predecessor.

Richard Mellor was a guest of the Lidi di Chioggia tourist board, Turismo Venezia and Hotel Grande Italia.

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Body

Silvio Berlusconi checked the puffiness of the pillow on his seat as he <u>settled</u> in for another comfortable interview on another of the Italian television <u>channels</u> he owns. In the final silent seconds before the cameras started rolling, a mischievous gleam crossed his eyes as he used an Italian double entendre to recall that, back in his old television days, people used to have sex on the studio floor.

Yes, Mr. Berlusconi, 81, is back. Again. His smile is brighter, his cheeks are Silly Putty-toned and tauter, his waistline is slimmed and his hair has regenerated into a Ken-Doll helmet. But despite his waxworks appearance, pre-Weinsteinian penchant for priapic innuendo and lingering criminal trials, Mr. Berlusconi, a former Italian prime minister, is no longer the joke of European politics.

Instead, political analysts <u>agree</u> that the only sure bet in Italy's coming and critical March 4 elections is that Mr. Berlusconi will return as a major <u>force</u> in Italian, and possibly European, politics. Even if he will not be prime minister immediately (he is barred until next year following a fraud conviction), he is likely to be the kingmaker.

His resurrection is both astonishing and entirely unsurprising when one considers that Mr. Berlusconi has over the decades conditioned and desensitized an electorate that has picked him as prime minister three times despite, well, everything.

He has been investigated over accusations of mob links. He entered politics in part to protect his vast business interests and then, as the owner of the majority of Italy's commercial television stations, used his sprawling media empire to stay in power. He hosted underage women at what he called "elegant dinners" but what the world knew as sex-fueled Bunga Bunga bacchanals. He made a habit of embarrassing Italy on the global stage.

And yet, in a measure of how unpredictable global politics have become, things have come back around for the pre-Trump era's leading personification of *conflicts* of interest, outsize appetites and the politics of victimization and press demonization. In the age of President Trump -- comparisons to whom Mr. Berlusconi cannot stand -- the Italian mogul has successfully recast himself as grandfather, or nonno, to the nation.

Italian elections, frequent and feuding, are often dismissed as opera buffa offerings from a country that never changes. Not this year. After France and Germany gave the European establishment a breather by beating back far-right wing insurgencies, it is Italy's unpredictable and angry Five Star Movement that worries them. In contrast, Mr. Berlusconi suddenly doesn't look so bad. And the master salesman, as crafty as they come, is obligingly playing the role of wise and moderate statesman.

"He believes that he can reinvent himself infinitely, like you can see in his face," said Sofia Ventura, a political scientist at the University of Bologna. Mr. Berlusconi, a master communicator, she said, was presenting himself as a consensus maker as he targeted older Italians who watched his television channels.

In uncertain times, Italians may be choosing the devil they knew. "He's reassuring," she said.

But people close to Mr. Berlusconi say that underneath his new, still surface runs a deep current of revenge. He wants to leave the game a winner and **settle** scores with all those who prematurely danced on his grave.

In 2011, a crushing global debt crisis <u>forced</u> Mr. Berlusconi's resignation. He was at the time distracted by accusations that he had paid an under-aged woman named Karima el-Mahroug, a.k.a. Ruby Heart-Stealer, for sex at wild parties packed with aspiring showgirls. (A court later overturned his conviction for paying for sex, though he is due to stand trial on accusations that he bribed witnesses, including a pianist at one of the parties.)

Then in 2013 an Italian court convicted him of tax fraud related to inflated invoices at his Mediaset television empire. His prison sentence was converted, because of his age, to community service at an old age home. Later that year, Italian lawmakers ousted him from Parliament and barred him from holding office until 2019.

The setbacks knocked him to a political nadir. As he griped about being the victim of a political coup (he ultimately <u>appealed</u>, so far in vain, to the European Court of Human Rights), members of his party defected, and in 2015 Matteo Renzi, the brash new prime minister from the Democratic Party whom Mr. Berlusconi had admired as an heir, dashed his comeback dreams with Machiavellian efficiency. In 2016, Mr. Berlusconi underwent major heart surgery.

But that all seems a long time ago.

With the help of swimming, gymnastics and visits to a beauty farm in Trentino Alto-*Adige*, Mr. Berlusconi's health has recovered. He re-emerged as Italy's kindly granddad, if one with a 32-year-old girlfriend, unlimited means and a television empire that helped him recharm politically important older voters. The stain of Bunga Bunga seemed to lift.

"This is a country that has dedicated a little bit of attention to love," said Emilio Fede, who for more than a quarter century from his perch as an anchor on a Berlusconi-owned television channel acted as Mr. Berlusconi's cheerleader (his detractors say lap dog).

Himself still a defendant in a Bunga Bunga-related case, he insisted Italians have begun saying: "What a bore these stories of Bunga Bunga. Then to speak of Ruby as a minor? For God's sake."

Mr. Fede said that despite all the focus in Italian politics on social media, Mr. Berlusconi believed in the power of television. Mr. Berlusconi himself would not sit for an interview, despite months of repeated requests.

His advisers acknowledge that he has cleverly nurtured a constituency of aging animal lovers -- and potential voters -- by frequently appearing on a show on one of his networks in which he pets his fluffy white dogs and bottle-feeds lambs.

In the meantime, the politics of Italy and the world, it seems, has swung back to him.

Mr. Berlusconi exacted revenge on Mr. Renzi by campaigning against a referendum championed by the prime minister; its defeat <u>forced</u> his resignation. Anxiety about lackluster economic growth and illegal immigration played directly into the hands of Mr. Berlusconi, who was way ahead of his time when it came to co-opting the anti-immigrant right.

It again fell to Mr. Berlusconi, who never groomed a successor, to act as the centrist glue for anti-immigrant, racially motivated and post-fascist *forces*.

The political environment that has aided his comeback has also benefited the Five Star Movement, now the country's leading party. But Italy's politics remain a system of ever-shifting coalitions, and the Five Star Movement, for now, has refused to sully itself with partners.

If the Five Star Movement has grown as digital media darling, Mr. Berlusconi is unapologetically old media. But that might just still work in a country where more than 20 percent of the population is 65 or older.

"You win an election on television," Mr. Fede said.

Almost nightly, Mr. Berlusconi is on air calmly excoriating members of the Five Star Movement as inexperienced know-nothings and the modern incarnation of Communists taking orders from a Milanese Politburo.

While "aesthetic treatments" physically turned Mr. Berlusconi into "another person," Mr. Fede said, "the thing that he hasn't lost, which is very important, is his voice." And television channels to speak on.

Mr. Berlusconi's party still has only about 17 percent support in polls, and must still contend with mutinous and euroskeptic partners. In contrast, Mr. Berlusconi appears a mitigating *force*.

In the event of an absolute electoral victory, a long shot, Mr. Berlusconi has said he would act as a movie director guiding a handpicked "super candidate" or maybe -- by the time the ban on his political participation is lifted in 2019 -- himself. At this stage, anything is possible, including a broad coalition with Mr. Renzi that chooses a consensus prime minister.

But for now, it is Mr. Berlusconi who is on a winning streak. His coalition scored big in last summer's municipal elections. A judge recently ruled that he no longer needs to pay 1.4 million euros a month in alimony to his ex-wife, Veronica Lario, who once called him "shameless trash" after he attended the birthday party of an 18-year-old woman.

Other relationships have held up better. Earlier this year, Mr. Berlusconi gave his good friend President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia a birthday present. It was a duvet cover featuring the two old pals shaking hands.

Mr. Berlusconi's confidants say the Italian sees himself as a potential bridge between Mr. Putin, who is increasingly popular in Italy, and Mr. Trump, who isn't. Mr. Berlusconi has been deeply reluctant to discuss Mr. Trump.

One person who spoke privately with the Berlusconi family about Mr. Trump said Mr. Berlusconi had a low opinion of the American president and disliked being compared to him, though the comparisons seem nearly inevitable.

"Surely Berlusconi doesn't love it," <u>agreed</u> Giovanni Toti, a close ally of Mr. Berlusconi and the president of Liguria. He argued that while Mr. Berlusconi pretended to be coarse during campaigns, he was really a sophisticate. "It's a mistake to compare Trump to one of the most experienced statesmen in Europe," he said.

Alan Friedman, the author of My Way, an authorized biography of Mr. Berlusconi, said he had brought up the incessant comparisons to Mr. Trump. "I'm more moderate than Trump," Mr. Berlusconi said grumpily, according to Mr. Friedman.

But in important ways, and not just their backgrounds in real estate, television and hair care travails, there are similarities between Mr. Trump and his Italian antecedent. As Mr. Friedman pointed out, Mr. Berlusconi's objectification of women and coarse language "steadily debased Italian culture over time."

And like Mr. Trump, Mr. Berlusconi essentially drove the political opposition bonkers during his collective nine years in office. All discussion focused on him rather than issues, and Mr. Berlusconi expertly played the victim and won the sympathy of moderates who tired of outrage over his personal life. He is poised to do so again.

On Thursday night, as Mr. Berlusconi left the television studio to broker a key deal with coalition partners in his Roman palace, Rita Monaco, a 59-year-old member of the studio audience, said that while Mr. Berlusconi could

have "done without" the dirty joke about sex in the studio, she found him "positive and optimistic, notwithstanding everything." He had won her vote.

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Graphic

PHOTOS: Silvio Berlusconi arriving to attend the broadcast of a TV show in Rome this month. Mr. Berlusconi, 81, has recast himself as grandfather to the nation. (PHOTOGRAPHS BY ANDREAS SOLARO/AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE -- GETTY IMAGES)

Karima el-Mahroug, the woman at the center of Mr. Berlusconi's sex-for-hire trial, arriving at court in Milan in 2013. (PHOTOGRAPH BY LUCA BRUNO/ASSOCIATED PRESS)

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Need to know

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<u>Italian election results MAPPED: Who won the election as latest results flood</u> <u>in</u>

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ITALY is headed for a hung parliament today as the latest election results start to <u>flood</u> in from around the country. Here are the latest Italian election 2018 results mapped.

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italian election 2018 results map who won Italy election latest

The Italian election 2018 proved to very much be a hard-<u>fought</u> battle between two players, with the Five Star Movement and the centre-right bloc dominating the ballots.

This fight is evident in the latest election result maps, where the vote between the two clearly split Italy in half.

The M5S is now in firm control of the South, having scored a single party majority of 32.14 percent, according to the Italian Ministry of the Interior's preliminary results at 9.02am GMT.

Dominating 13 of Italy's 28 constituencies, including Sardinia, Sicily and Puglia, the M5S is now the single biggest party to enter the new Parliament.

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But the Centre-right with Silvo Berlusconi at its helm did equally well in the north of the county where only three regions seceded to Matte Renzi's Centre-left.

The Centre-right bloc, spearheaded by the League and Mr Berlusconi's Italy First, scored 37.05 in the ballots.

Meanwhile the left appears to have been obliterated in the polls, barely peaking over at 23.20 percent at 9.15am GMT.

According to La Repubblica, the five party Centre-left led by the Democratic Party only managed to hold its ground in Emilia Romagna, Tuscany Trentino-Alto <u>Adige</u>, signifying an end to its 5-years in office.

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Nathalie Tocci of the Instituto Affari Internationali Director, said the initial results already strongly indicate the "europhiles are definitely on the big retreat".

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Though the full results are yet to be announced sometime around 2pm, the preliminary votes indicate a hung Parliament.

Under Italy's new electoral rules, this means that a grand coalition Government is now on the table.

It will be up to President Sergio Mattarella to choose the victorious party or coalition and present his choice to Parliament for a vote of confidence. This will still take several weeks to decide.

The new Parliament is scheduled for its first session on March 23 to vote in new speakers of the Lower House and the Senate.

The three most likely options now available to the President are a M5S Government propped by the Centre-right, an M5S coalition with the Centre-left or a partnership between the M5S and the League.

In order to form a majority Government, the M5S only needs to secure 40 percent of the vote.

But regardless of the outcome, analysts have heralded the results as a victory for the antiestablishment - a fist in the face of the status quo.

Italian columnist Ferdinando Giugliano argued: "These calculations should not distract us from the main political message of Italy Election 2018 - this was an anti-establishment triumph, of the same league as the Brexit or the Trump upsets, in the eurozone's 3rd largest country.

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"More than half of the voters have backed the Five Star Movement and the League.

"These parties have been very cautious on the Euro, critical of Italy's migration policy, and open to 'no vax' ideas."

The PD have already accepted loss, with party Vice-Secretary, Maurizio Martina telling a press conference the "results are clear".

Mr Martina said: "It is a clear and obvious defeat for us"

"For us, it is a very clear and obvious defeat. A number below expectations."

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ABSTRACT

A master of reinvention, the three-time former prime minister is poised to come out a winner in Italy's election. Just spare him the Trump comparisons.

FULL TEXT

ROME - Silvio Berlusconi checked the puffiness of the pillow on his seat as he <u>settled</u> in for another comfortable interview on another of the Italian television <u>channels</u> he owns. In the final silent seconds before the cameras started rolling, a mischievous gleam crossed his eyes as he used an Italian double entendre to recall that, back in his old television days, people used to have sex on the studio floor.

Yes, Mr. Berlusconi, 81, is back. Again. His smile is brighter, his cheeks are Silly Putty-toned and tauter, his waistline is slimmed and his hair has regenerated into a Ken-Doll helmet. But despite his waxworks appearance, pre-Weinsteinian penchant for priapic innuendo and lingering criminal trials, Mr. Berlusconi, a former Italian prime minister, is no longer the joke of European politics.

Instead, political analysts <u>agree</u> that the only sure bet in Italy's coming and critical March 4 elections is that Mr. Berlusconi will return as a major <u>force</u> in Italian, and possibly European, politics. Even if he will not be prime minister immediately (he is barred until next year following a fraud conviction), he is likely to be the kingmaker.

His resurrection is both astonishing and entirely unsurprising when one considers that Mr. Berlusconi has over the decades conditioned and desensitized an electorate that has picked him as prime minister three times despite, well, everything.

He has been investigated over accusations of mob links. He entered politics in part to protect his vast business interests and then, as the owner of the majority of Italy's commercial television stations, used his sprawling media empire to stay in power. He hosted underage women at what he called "elegant dinners" but what the world knew as sex-fueled Bunga Bunga bacchanals. He made a habit of embarrassing Italy on the global stage.

And yet, in a measure of how unpredictable global politics have become, things have come back around for the pre-Trump era's leading personification of *conflicts* of interest, outsize appetites and the politics of victimization and press demonization. In the age of President Trump - comparisons to whom Mr. Berlusconi cannot stand - the Italian mogul has successfully recast himself as grandfather, or nonno, to the nation.

Italian elections, frequent and feuding, are often dismissed as opera buffa offerings from a country that never changes. Not this year. After France and Germany gave the European establishment a breather by beating back far-right wing insurgencies, it is Italy's unpredictable and angry Five Star Movement that worries them. In contrast, Mr. Berlusconi suddenly doesn't look so bad. And the master salesman, as crafty as they come, is obligingly playing the role of wise and moderate statesman.

"He believes that he can reinvent himself infinitely, like you can see in his face," said Sofia Ventura, a political scientist at the University of Bologna. Mr. Berlusconi, a master communicator, she said, was presenting himself as a consensus maker as he targeted older Italians who watched his television channels.

In uncertain times, Italians may be choosing the devil they knew. "He's reassuring," she said.

But people close to Mr. Berlusconi say that underneath his new, still surface runs a deep current of revenge. He wants to leave the game a winner and **settle** scores with all those who prematurely danced on his grave.

In 2011, a crushing global debt crisis <u>forced</u> Mr. Berlusconi's resignation. He was at the time distracted by accusations that he had paid an under-aged woman named Karima el-Mahroug, a.k.a. Ruby Heart-Stealer, for sex at wild parties packed with aspiring showgirls. (A court later overturned his conviction for paying for sex, though he is due to stand trial on accusations that he bribed witnesses, including a pianist at one of the parties.)

Then in 2013 an Italian court convicted him of tax fraud related to inflated invoices at his Mediaset television empire. His prison sentence was converted, because of his age, to community service at an old age home. Later that year, Italian lawmakers ousted him from Parliament and barred him from holding office until 2019.

The setbacks knocked him to a political nadir. As he griped about being the victim of a political coup (he ultimately <u>appealed</u>, so far in vain, to the European Court of Human Rights), members of his party defected, and in 2015 Matteo Renzi, the brash new prime minister from the Democratic Party whom Mr. Berlusconi had admired as an heir, dashed his comeback dreams with Machiavellian efficiency. In 2016, Mr. Berlusconi underwent major heart surgery.

But that all seems a long time ago.

With the help of swimming, gymnastics and visits to a beauty farm in Trentino Alto-<u>Adige</u>, Mr. Berlusconi's health has recovered. He re-emerged as Italy's kindly granddad, if one with a 32-year-old girlfriend, unlimited means and a television empire that helped him recharm politically important older voters. The stain of Bunga Bunga seemed to lift.

"This is a country that has dedicated a little bit of attention to love," said Emilio Fede, who for more than a quarter century from his perch as an anchor on a Berlusconi-owned television channel acted as Mr. Berlusconi's cheerleader (his detractors say lap dog).

Himself still a defendant in a Bunga Bunga-related case, he insisted Italians have begun saying: "What a bore these stories of Bunga Bunga. Then to speak of Ruby as a minor? For God's sake."

Mr. Fede said that despite all the focus in Italian politics on social media, Mr. Berlusconi believed in the power of television. Mr. Berlusconi himself would not sit for an interview, despite months of repeated requests.

His advisers acknowledge that he has cleverly nurtured a constituency of aging animal lovers - and potential voters - by frequently appearing on a show on one of his networks in which he pets his fluffy white dogs and bottle-feeds lambs.

In the meantime, the politics of Italy and the world, it seems, has swung back to him.

Mr. Berlusconi exacted revenge on Mr. Renzi by campaigning against a referendum championed by the prime minister; its defeat *forced* his resignation. Anxiety about lackluster economic growth and illegal immigration played directly into the hands of Mr. Berlusconi, who was way ahead of his time when it came to co-opting the anti-immigrant right.

It again fell to Mr. Berlusconi, who never groomed a successor, to act as the centrist glue for anti-immigrant, racially motivated and post-fascist *forces*.

The political environment that has aided his comeback has also benefited the Five Star Movement, now the country's leading party. But Italy's politics remain a system of ever-shifting coalitions, and the Five Star Movement, for now, has refused to sully itself with partners.

If the Five Star Movement has grown as digital media darling, Mr. Berlusconi is unapologetically old media. But that might just still work in a country where more than 20 percent of the population is 65 or older.

"You win an election on television," Mr. Fede said.

Almost nightly, Mr. Berlusconi is on air calmly excoriating members of the Five Star Movement as inexperienced know-nothings and the modern incarnation of Communists taking orders from a Milanese Politburo.

While "aesthetic treatments" physically turned Mr. Berlusconi into "another person," Mr. Fede said, "the thing that he hasn't lost, which is very important, is his voice." And television channels to speak on.

Mr. Berlusconi's party still has only about 17 percent support in polls, and must still contend with mutinous and euroskeptic partners. In contrast, Mr. Berlusconi appears a mitigating *force*.

In the event of an absolute electoral victory, a long shot, Mr. Berlusconi has said he would act as a movie director guiding a handpicked "super candidate" or maybe - by the time the ban on his political participation is lifted in 2019 - himself. At this stage, anything is possible, including a broad coalition with Mr. Renzi that chooses a consensus prime minister.

But for now, it is Mr. Berlusconi who is on a winning streak. His coalition scored big in last summer's municipal elections. A judge recently ruled that he no longer needs to pay 1.4 million euros a month in alimony to his ex-wife, Veronica Lario, who once called him "shameless trash" after he attended the birthday party of an 18-year-old woman.

Other relationships have held up better. Earlier this year, Mr. Berlusconi gave his good friend President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia a birthday present. It was a duvet cover featuring the two old pals shaking hands.

Mr. Berlusconi's confidants say the Italian sees himself as a potential bridge between Mr. Putin, who is increasingly popular in Italy, and Mr. Trump, who isn't. Mr. Berlusconi has been deeply reluctant to discuss Mr. Trump.

One person who spoke privately with the Berlusconi family about Mr. Trump said Mr. Berlusconi had a low opinion of the American president and disliked being compared to him, though the comparisons seem nearly inevitable.

"Surely Berlusconi doesn't love it," <u>agreed</u> Giovanni Toti, a close ally of Mr. Berlusconi and the president of Liguria. He argued that while Mr. Berlusconi pretended to be coarse during campaigns, he was really a sophisticate. "It's a mistake to compare Trump to one of the most experienced statesmen in Europe," he said.

Alan Friedman, the author of My Way, an authorized biography of Mr. Berlusconi, said he had brought up the incessant comparisons to Mr. Trump. "I'm more moderate than Trump," Mr. Berlusconi said grumpily, according to Mr. Friedman.

But in important ways, and not just their backgrounds in real estate, television and hair care travails, there are similarities between Mr. Trump and his Italian antecedent. As Mr. Friedman pointed out, Mr. Berlusconi's objectification of women and coarse language "steadily debased Italian culture over time."

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And like Mr. Trump, Mr. Berlusconi essentially drove the political opposition bonkers during his collective nine years in office. All discussion focused on him rather than issues, and Mr. Berlusconi expertly played the victim and won the sympathy of moderates who tired of outrage over his personal life. He is poised to do so again.

On Thursday night, as Mr. Berlusconi left the television studio to broker a key deal with coalition partners in his Roman palace, Rita Monaco, a 59-year-old member of the studio audience, said that while Mr. Berlusconi could have "done without" the dirty joke about sex in the studio, she found him "positive and optimistic, notwithstanding everything." He had won her vote.

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<u>'Imagine living with this crap': tempers in Venice boil over in tourist high season; As residents leave and visitor numbers soar, the city's quality of life is being eroded. This summer, irate locals have taken to the streets</u>

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Emotions run high in Venice, the Italian island city that fascinates visitors even as it exasperates the dwindling band of local inhabitants.

Venice is still known as La Serenissima, the most serene, and was once a place where the population rubbed gracefully along with visitors made up mostly of intellectuals, writers and artists. It is difficult now to imagine that happy coexistence, when you wander through the intricate maze of alleys and <u>waterways</u> and speak to local people. Depopulation and mass tourism have long been causes of local despair. But this summer it feels as if a tipping point may not be far away.

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Earlier this month an estimated 2,000 Venetians marched against a tourism industry they argue has eroded their quality of life, that is damaging the environment and driving residents away: Venice's population has fallen from about 175,000 in the post-second world <u>war</u> years to 55,000 today.

Carlo Beltrame, one of the event's organisers and a researcher in humanities at Venice's Ca' Foscari University, yearns for a time when taking a motorboat was not stressful or when a trip to his doctor in the Rialto Bridge area did not involve getting caught up in the slow-moving tourist throng.

"Around 2,000 people leave each year," he said. "If we go on this way, in a few years' time Venice will only be populated by tourists. This would be a social, anthropological and historical disaster."

Whether irritated by selfie sticks, noisy wheelie suitcases or people snacking on one of the 391 bridges, Venetians' contempt towards the 28 million visitors who flood the city each year has reached alarming levels.

On a July morning in Cannaregio - a neighbourhood tucked away from the congested Piazza San Marco area - you can still catch a glimpse of the authentic Venetian lifestyle. The scene plays out much as it does in other Italian

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cities: smartly dressed people chat animatedly as they shop at the butcher's and baker's or congregate at the bar. Children play freely on the streets.

The area remains mostly undisturbed by tourists, but Luciano Bortot, who was born here, is feeling anything but serene. "You're asking me what it's like to live with this crap?" he said. "It used to be wonderful, we had lots of artisans ... the problem now is the mass tourism, the people who come for just a few hours and see nothing - it's as much of a nightmare for them."

Like many of his neighbours, Bortot despises the behemoth cruise ships that chug through the Giudecca canal four or five times a day, emitting fumes before disgorging thousands of people - on some days as many as 44,000 - into the historic centre.

He also laments the surge in the number of B&Bs, which make it impossible for residents to find a home to rent on a long-term contract.

With its carnival, star-studded film festiva I and the Biennale art exhibition, Venice has a long history of cultivating tourism. It is an industry that brings millions to the coffers each year and provides thousands of jobs. The city cannot live with it or without it and, even among themselves, it seems that stressed Venetians are becoming increasingly fractious.

"Venetians of today are not so proud, not like our ancestors were," said Michelangelo Adamo, 23, a restaurant worker who is training to be a boat skipper so that he can escape to the quieter islands. "They don't really care about art or culture, they drive speedboats and eat junk food, it's more like Miami Beach."

Another resident of Cannaregio is Galliano di Marco, the CEO of VTP, the Venice passenger terminal that manages and provides services to the cruise liners and their passengers. Originally from the central Abruzzo region, he enjoys life in Venice, despite being a target for those involved in the No Big Ships activist group, which for years has battled against the cruise liners and in June held an unofficial referendum in which Venetians voted in favour of ousting the ships from the city's lagoon.

Venetians are quick to point the blame at cruise-ship passengers for the demise in their quality of life, arguing that they stay for only a few hours, spend little money and leave a trail of litter in their wake.

Di Marco <u>disputes</u> this, citing figures that paint a different picture: only 1.5 million of the 28 million visitors to Venice each year arrive on a cruise vessel, with the rest coming by bus, car, train or plane. With an average age of 65, they spend between (EURO)120 and (EURO)160 per head, bringing about (EURO)250m to the city each year. The passenger terminal also provides jobs for an estimated 5,000 people.

But the well-publicised controversy, which even prompted New York mayor Bill De Blasio to urge his Venice counterpart, Luigi Brugnaro, to ban the ships, has left VTP and the cruise industry in turbulent waters. With this in mind, since taking on the role in December Di Marco has striven to strike a compromise between the sector and the activists, devising a plan that would see the ships instead take a longer journey into the lagoon via the Vittorio Emanuele canal.

The proposal needs approval from the Italian government, but is backed by the cruise companies. "It will take 1.5 hours longer to enter and leave the lagoon, but the cruise companies accepted that because they want to keep Venice on their itineraries - it's one of the top three destinations in the world," he said.

"It's not our call, but we are doing whatever we can to take the big ships away from the Giudecca canal because really, enough is enough."

Di Marco is less conciliatory towards <u>demands</u> for the passenger terminal, a vast, well-structured area that also provides services to hydrofoils arriving from Croatia and Slovenia, to up sticks to Marghera, an unsightly industrial area on the mainland.

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"They're trying to build a ghetto for the cruise passengers and I will *fight* this as much as possible," he said. "At the moment passengers arrive in the living room of Venice; in Marghera it would be like welcoming them in the toilet."

The citizens who marched recently carried banners reading: "I'm not leaving". But despite their determination to stay, they are pessimistic about the future. Residents were hoping that Unesco would send a strong signal to the authorities by following through with a <u>threat</u> to place the world heritage site on its endangered list. Instead, the organisation recently granted the city another year to come up with measures to protect its monuments and preserve its fragile environment.

"It feels as if we're at a point of no return because it's already out of control," said Beltrame. He would like tourist numbers to be limited, while focusing on improving the quality and promoting the city as a hub for scientific and maritime research.

Luciano Bortot, meanwhile, looks with envy towards the neighbouring semi-autonomous region of Trentino-Alto *Adige*, which until the end of the first world *war* was part of Austria.

He believes the answer to Venice's woes lies in the Veneto region, among Italy's richest, obtaining greater, if not full, independence from Rome. A non-legally binding referendum will be held in October. "Venice would be better managed by Venetian heads, not Roman ones," he said. "If we had an official referendum, Veneto would definitely vote to break away.

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beaches surrounding the city's lagoon

Body

From the white-marble bridge I stand on, a <u>canal</u> stretches away from the Venetian lagoon. Colonnaded palazzi line one side, opposite wonky buildings in shades of vanilla, peach or beetroot. A church looms overhead, its belltower recurring in the placid green <u>water</u>. It's an exotic, enchanting scene. But this is not

Venice

It is, instead,

Chioggia

, at the far south of the Venetian lagoon. Look closely and despite its "piccola Venezia" nickname, you'll actually see many differences. Chioggia

is also formed from islands, but is much smaller, with just three canals.

It's thought to be older than Venice, but there are far fewer tourists and almost no selfie sticks. The air is saltier. You might see a car. Fishing boats have the monopoly, with gondolas entirely absent. And whereas Venetian waiters tend to have word-perfect English, few here - including in my favourite, Pizzeria Vigo, where a decent margherita costs just 6.50 (£5.50) - speak more than a smattering of "Inglese".

Another distinction is that you can cycle in Chioggia - which is why I'm here. The tourist board has put together

five itineraries for cyclists

, taking in lesser-visited spots around the lagoon from scented pine woods to ancient fishing villages such as Caorle.

The support for bicycle travel here connects to continuing efforts to ease Venice's overtourism. When pre-pandemic annual visitor numbers soared to 30 million, the city responded by

banning cruise ships from central canals

; a trial beginning next month will require day-trippers to book ahead and pay up to 10 to enter, while visitor caps are also being mooted. One way to help ease La Serenissima's burden is to travel further around the lagoon, beyond its headline act.

Staying in Chioggia puts three of the cycling itineraries in easy reach. It helps that my base, the longstanding and luxurious

Hotel Grande Italia

, rents out comfortable, single-speed bikes and is positioned exactly 10m from Chioggia's vaporetto dock on Piazzetta Vigo. (This location also ensures terrific lagoon views from its neat, neoclassical rooms.) Line 11 duly chugs me and my ride one island north to wisp-thin Pellestrina, southwest of the Lido, for an initial outing.

Though rarely more than 300m wide, Pellestrina is seven miles long and completely flat, making for an easy upand-down pedal. A main road hugs its eastern flank (there's a car every three minutes), bordering a driftwoodstrewn sandy beach and the Adriatic Sea. More interesting and sedate is the westerly lagoon side, which I follow via a combination of lanes and esplanades. In the hamlet of San Pietro in Volta, more pretty pastel-shade buildings fringe the glinting water.

Pellestrina is mostly quite plebeian: shipyards, empty arable lots and vegetable fields outnumber vivid houses and some handsome churches. Yet there's a joy in meandering through its four sleepy **settlements**, or watching islanders set the world to rights over espressos.

I pause for an alfresco octopus salad and beer at Al Gatto Rosso, just a thin pontoon between me and the water, before proceeding in wobblier fashion along the curving stone sea wall to Ca'Roman, a small nature reserve at Pellestrina's southern end. Wandering along its empty forest paths, I encounter more abandoned Nazi bunkers than fellow walkers.

The itinerary suggests also riding up the Lido island, further north, but since I'm only an out-of-shape, occasional cyclist I decide against that. Instead, with bum pained and energy drained, I leave the bike at the hotel and make the 90-minute journey to Venice on foot - via bus, ferry and vaporetti towards Venice's spires and silvery domes.

I roam Venice's quieter corners: the student-trawled periphery of stately Salute, grittier Castello's striking squares and glorified, wide towpaths in Cannaregio's northern reaches. The Rialto Bridge exerts an irresistible pull, offering undeniably idyllic views, but how horribly, overwhelmingly busy it feels to me after Chioggia and Pellestrina. Dozens of tourists elbow, inch or nudge their way into photo spots with no regard for personal space.

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The Lido is quieter, perhaps because today's clouds have undermined its star attraction: a long, lovely sandy Adriatic beach with hundreds of huts. There's no one in the leafy Jewish cemetery either, where orange and palm trees shade tombs. Once more, a dreamy **peace** reigns, interrupted only by snorts of distant Vespas or shrill birdsong.

The reliable 11 bus then speeds me south to where I might have cycled, past the grand

Hotel Excelsion

's red-brick fantasia, past stilted houses and an outdoor sculpture museum.

Posterior pains eased, I get back in the saddle a day later and follow a circular version of the tourist board's Chioggia cycling route, which soon deserts the lagoon altogether by heading further south. It takes me to the neighbouring, newer town of Sottomarina, which has a six-mile sandy shore famed for its iodine-rich air, beneficial to ailing lungs. I could have pedalled along the pier-like sea wall, but instead I continue through plain suburbs.

Just before I cross the Brenta River, something surprising appears. Can it be? Surely not. But there's no doubt: it's a hill. Admittedly only a slight, brief incline, but nonetheless the first ascent I've had to tackle all trip. Luckily, this being Italy, there's also a bar so I do the sensible thing and have an espresso first.

Post-Brenta, a slumberous lane takes me along the pleasant Canal di Valle before another shadows the wider **Adige** River. It is delightful: barely a car passes me as I watch jays, then pause to spot radicchio plantations, sugarcane fields and lonely

casoni

buildings inland. Farmers once lived in these dinky shelters; now they mostly function as tool sheds.

The languid rural splendour gives way to Isola Verde, a beach village with funkily coloured (if ugly) apartment blocks. A few country lanes and one more riverside stretch later, and I'm almost home, the 20-odd miles having proved a breeze. On my left I spot Chioggia's port. According to recent news reports, millions of euros are being allocated to create a docking point here for surplus Venice cruise ships - surely a *threat* to Chioggia and its character.

I get a full dose of that charm as I finish my ride on its main street, Corso del Popolo. Thursday is market day, but this Saturday still sees a fair number of stalls selling regional breads or cheeses. Some people are sipping wine outside aperitivo bars, others stroll and gossip, disappearing down narrow side streets. I slowly weave around them before stopping beneath Torre di Sant'Andrea, whose blue clock dates from at least 1386 and might well be the world's oldest working example.

Up by Piazzetta Vigo, opposite that white-marble Ponte di Vigo bridge, mollusc, scallop and sea-snail shells hang on twine outside a souvenir shop; breezes coming off the nearby lagoon make them tinkle like a foreboding Venetian remake of

The Wicker Man

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A celebratory last-night dinner is called for. Many of Chioggia's posher restaurants have Venice-like prices, but the casual Bacareto da Morgan is more reasonable. Sitting canalside, I order cicchetti (Venetian small plates, from 1.20) with a Chioggiotto twist: radicchio meatballs, marinated sardines, three buttery scallops. Around me are families and couples on seemingly successful dates; a fisherman bobs past, shouting fondly to his friend.

Before bed, I loiter on the lagoon edge and gaze north. Venice is out there somewhere, as magnificent and preposterous as ever. Yet I'm perfectly content here, in its almost forgotten predecessor.

Richard Mellor was a guest of the Lidi di Chioggia tourist board Lidi di Chioggia tourist board , Turismo Venezia Turismo Venezia and Hotel Grande Italia Hotel Grande Italia , which has B&B doubles from £103; bike hire from £8.50. Seven nights' B&B on a self-guided cycling trip from Lake Garda to Venice from £1,645pp, including bike hire (skedaddle.com skedaddle.com)

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Best view: T Fondaco dei Tedeschi

This 16th-century trading hall beside the Rialto bridge was turned into a posh department store in 2016. Head to the rooftop terrace for a peerless bird's-eye view of the Rialto and Grand Canal, past the domes of San Marco and campanili galore to the shimmering Dolomites in the distance. Book ahead online.

Details

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Best artisan shopping: Paolo Olbi and Paolo Pelosin

Don't buy anything at the Fondaco; put your money into local hands. Both Paolos work with paper: Pelosin in Campiello dei Meloni, on San Polo's main drag, marbles it before wrapping it around notebooks and boxes at his store, Il Pavone. Olbi, in his shop beside Ca' Foscari university, binds everything from diaries to bins with his block-printed Byzantine and Venetian motifs.

Details

olbi.atspace.com

; Il Pavone, Campiello dei Meloni 1478

Best cicchetti: Schiavi

Alessandra De Respinis is the undisputed queen of cicchetti, Venice's finger food. At her bar/wine shop Schiavi you'll find crostini with inventive toppings - tuna with horseradish and radicchio perhaps - dusted with ingredients such as pomegranate seeds, flowers or cocoa powder.

Details

Cicchetti from £1.30;

cantinaschiavi.com

Best seafood: Trattoria al Gatto Nero

Enjoyed your meal? Thank your neighbour, who is likely the one who caught it. Burano's Bovo family runs a truly inclusive joint where Cruise, Clooney et al dine with the island's fishermen. Try the sublime risotto alla buranella, made with lagoon goby fish.

Details

Mains from £15;

gattonero.com Best museum: Museo Fortuny

Closed after the November 2019 flood, the designer Mariano Fortuny's old home and atelier has finally reopened and it's as mind-blowing as ever: a 15th-century gothic palazzo lined from top to bottom with Fortuny's opulent textiles. Don't miss his signature Delphos dress, one of the many fashion pieces on display.

Details

£9.30;

fortuny.visitmuve.it

Best church: San Lazzaro dei Mendicanti

Tacked onto a hospital, this lovely, unassuming church is classic Venice. There's a gaudy Tintoretto (depicting St Ursula and her parade of virgins) and a moody crucifixion by Veronese, but even they are outshone by the swaggering 17th-century funerary monument of Alvise Mocenigo - a baroque, sculpted depiction of his victories on sea and land, with ships lurching drunkenly.

Details

Fondamenta dei Mendicanti 30122

Best budget meal: Orient Experience

Fast, cheap and delicious - there are few better budget places than this one in Cannaregio. It's owned and staffed by refugees, and all the recipes come from their homelands. Go for the five-course platter; the

aashak

(Afghan vegetable dumplings) and

dajaj

(chicken thighs with potato and lemon from Syria) are superb.

Details

Five courses £13;

orientexperience.it Best hotel: Casa Burano

You'll see a different side of the tourist-swarmed lagoon at Casa Burano, an

albergo diffuso

("scattered hotel"), where the rooms are dotted around five fishermen's houses on the island of Burano. The sunrise over the glassy water is unforgettable.

Details

B&B doubles from £120;

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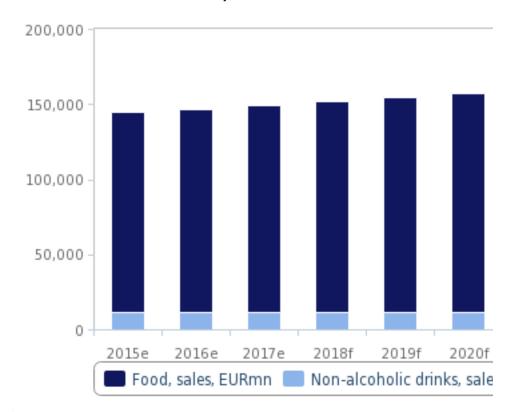
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Highlight: The Italian food and drink market shows promising potential as rising household spending levels translate into higher consumption patterns. This is a reflection of Italy's strong food culture, with Italians placing great importance on fresh and high-quality ingredients and home cooking. Consumer <u>demand</u> for more modern retail formats is seeing a number of new players entering the Italian MGR sector, particularly in the discount <u>channels</u>.

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BMI View: Italy's food and drinks market is gradually attracting greater investment as a more stable economic outlook in the country translates to rising household spending rates and higher food and drink consumption. **Demand** for modern and convenient retail formats is increasing and a number of new supermarkets are in development across the country, including the entry of new regional chains as confidence in the growth potential on offer in the market improves. The positive market outlook is predicated on Italy maintaining its economic recovery and any downturn would impact heavily on the somewhat tentative forecasts for growth.

Food and Drink Spending (2015-2022)



e/f = BMI estimate/forecast. Source: National Statistics, BMI

Latest Updates And Industry Developments There are positive signals coming from the Italian economy as the recovery strengthens, driven to a significant extent by the broader upswing across major trading partners. However, with structural reform momentum stalled and 2018 general elections unlikely to produce a reform-minded government, longer-term growth potential will remain subdued. Total food sales in Italy are forecast to increase by 1.5% in 2018 (in local currency terms) to reach a total of EUR140.4bn. Annual average growth rates will then slowly increase reaching 2% by the end of our forecast period in 2022. In 2018 the non-alcoholic drinks market in Italy is expected to be relatively stagnant rising by 0.9% in local currency terms. Through to 2022 the average annual growth rate will increase marginally. Soft drinks and carbonated drinks will outperform the market average through to 2022. Total alcohol consumption in Italy is expected to increase by 1.5% in 2018 standing at per capita consumption of 84.5 litres. Wine will continue to account for over half of total alcohol consumption. By 2022 per capita consumption will rise to 88.3 litres. German discounter Aldi Sud is to open its first ten stores in Italy at the beginning of March 2018 in the northern regions, Emilia-Romagna, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Lombardy, Trentino-Alto Adige and Veneto. These are then to be followed by at least another 35 before the end of 2018. In December 2017 Campari announced the acquisition of Cognac brand Bisquit Dubouche from Distell Group in South Africa for EUR52.5mn. The acquisition is a continuation of Campari's efforts to focus on its core spirits brands. In January 2018, Italian based confectionery manufacturer Ferrero announced a deal to acquire Nestle's confectionery business in the USA in a deal worth CHF2.8bn. The acquisition of the Nestle assets will make Ferrero the third largest confectionery company in the States. In February 2018 it was announced that Leader Price discount stores will open in Italy as the result of an agreement between French retailer Casino and local retailer Crai. Reportedly the first stores will open in the second quarter of the year in the north of the country

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Chaotic scenes erupted Thursday as trains packed with Syrian refugees were halted at a station outside the Hungarian capital, Budapest, in the latest setback for desperate families seeking to reach Western Europe.

Police gathered at the side of the track as the trains abruptly stopped at Bicske.

A CNN crew on one of the trains said the families -- who boarded hoping to travel to Austria or ultimately Germany - were refusing to get off despite suffocating heat and limited food and *water*.

Some youths and men were holding on to the handles of train cars in case police attempted to board and remove them forcibly. Meanwhile, parents fanned their crying children in an attempt to cool them down.

Tents and desks had been set up near the station in what the migrants feared was a relocation camp to transfer them to a nearby refugee center.

The trains had left Budapest, destination unknown, after the city's main Keleti station -- packed with weary migrants and refugees who've been waiting for days to travel onward to Western Europe -- reopened in the morning.

Only domestic trains are leaving the station, Hungarian government spokesman Zoltan Kovacs told CNN earlier.

U.N. official: European leaders have explaining to do

In recent days, Keleti station has become a focal point of the crisis engulfing parts of Europe as an unprecedented wave of people -- mostly refugees fleeing **conflict** in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan -- seek to reach Northern and Western Europe.

Most every European country has been affected in some way. And leaders and citizens around the continent, for the most part, have adopted positions that they hope will deal with the crisis.

Hungary is more a transit point than an end destination on a long journey north from Greece to wealthier nations such as Austria and Germany, where they hope to claim asylum. Still, it's been inundated. U.N. refugee agency spokesman Babar Baloch said there have been 140,000 asylum applications filed in Hungary since January, with about 2,000 new arrivals daily.

Previously, these migrants were allowed to move on, according to Baloch. But not anymore, with Kovacs saying these migrants are free to travel to holding camps in Hungary, but won't be able to board an international train service.

Why?

"We don't know," said Baloch, the U.N. spokesman. "That needs to be answered by European leaders."

Hungarian authorities have said that under EU legislation, they can't allow people to travel without the proper documentation -- a valid passport, a ticket and any necessary visas.

Hungarian railway operator MAV said Thursday it had decided not to run direct trains from Budapest toward Western Europe "for safety reasons." International tickets will be accepted on domestic trains, it said.

Migrants hesitant to head to camps

There was wide unease among the families on the train boarded by CNN's crew as it pulled away, but many said they just couldn't stay at the Keleti station any longer.

Few want to go to the migrant camps set up by authorities, however, fearing that once there they may not be able to continue on to other European Union states -- and that they won't be treated with respect there.

Hungarian authorities said the camps provide shelter, food and water to those in need. But a number of migrants have said they were traumatized by their treatment at camps on the country's border with Serbia.

Some recounted a shortage of water and said that when it was provided, bottles were thrown into the crowds of people, *forcing* them to scramble like animals to get some.

Members of one Syrian family on the train told CNN they had been on the road for two months, having fled <u>war</u> at home, and are hungry, dirty and running out of money.

The dramatic scenes in Hungary come a day after the photo of a toddler's lifeless body -- one of 12 people who drowned off Turkey and washed up on a beach -- dominated headlines around Europe.

The 3-year-old boy has been identified as Aylan Kurdi, a Syrian Kurd whose family was trying to find sanctuary in Canada. The boy's brother, Galip, and their mother, Rehen, also died, according to Fin Donnelly, a member of the Canadian Parliament.

Prime Minister: 'Don't criticize Hungary'

On Thursday, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban was meeting with other EU members to figure out how to cope with the emergency.

Speaking to reporters in Brussels, Belgium, alongside European Parliament President Martin Schulz, Orban said the situation was not of his country's making.

"The problem is not a European problem; the problem is a German problem," he said.

Germany's government said last month it expected up to 800,000 asylum seekers to come this year -- four times more than in 2014. But, Orban said, German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said that they must be registered before leaving Hungary.

"All of them would like to go to Germany; our job is only to register them," Orban said.

Without strict border controls, EU migrant quotas are "an invitation" for migrants to come, he said. "Turkey is a safe country, why don't you stay there?" he said, adding that migrants who reach Serbia should also stay put.

Hungary's right-wing government has faced criticism for erecting a barbed-wire fence along its more than 100-mile border with Serbia in a bid to prevent migrants' crossing illegally as they make their way north.

Strangers in their own country -- now in Serbia

But Orban said his country was just trying to enforce EU rules and that new measures would be in place shortly. "Don't criticize Hungary for what is being done. Let Hungary do the job as it is written in the European regulations," he said.

Schulz warned the EU must work together. "This is a crucial moment for the European Union," he said. "A deeper split of the union is a risk."

While European leaders struggle to come up with a coherent plan, the men, women and children caught up in the crisis continue to suffer.

On Wednesday, some refugees in Budapest held up scraps of paper: "Help Syrians," they read. "Babies are tired."

"We hope you will save us," a Syrian refugee named Houriye told CNN. "I beg you to save us."

Mahmoud, a chemical engineer, said he was a successful businessman until he lost it all to Syria's <u>war</u>. The face of his 4-year-old son is scratched from a fall at a border crossing.

"It's too tough for me to see my family like this," he said.

How you can help in the migrant crisis

EU foreign policy chief urges 'united' action

France and Germany are sending common proposals to the EU to organize the welcome and fair distribution of refugees in Europe, the French President said in a *statement*.

French President François Hollande and Germany's Merkel stressed the need to reinforce the European asylum system to ensure the return of migrants who are in an irregular situation to their country of origin and to support countries of origin and transit, the Élysée Palace said.

Speaking in Paris, Hollande said it was "time to act" to prevent more tragedies such as the death of Aylan Kurdi -- and that some countries not doing enough must step up and shoulder their share of the burden.

The EU's foreign policy chief, Federica Mogherini, urged "united" action Wednesday and said the issue would be part of the next EU foreign ministers' meeting on Friday and Saturday. The EU <u>Commission</u> was meeting to prepare new proposals.

EU Council President Donald Tusk warned of a divide between Eastern and Western European nations in the way they handle the situation.

"Some member states are thinking about containing the wave of migration, symbolized by the controversial Hungarian fence. Others expect greater solidarity in advocating ... a so-called obligatory basis for quotas," he said.

See the latest from CNN teams in the field

Joyful refugees reach Germany

Germany's government has been more accepting of asylum seekers than some, but political leaders there have had to contend with xenophobic *protests*.

The German Chancellor said Monday that her country must show "flexibility" when it comes to dealing with the crisis.

Caught in the middle of the confusion are the desperate men and women, with children in tow, who have fled <u>wars</u> in Syria and Iraq to embark on fraught, sometimes deadly voyages by land or across the Mediterranean Sea.

Tired, hungry, weak from the heat, those who arrived in Munich this week spoke of harrowing journeys -- and the joy of finally making it to Germany.

"It was so hard for us. It took a very long time," said a woman from Afghanistan. "Especially in Hungary, it was very difficult to get through Hungary. We had almost no food and water."

Many refugees welcome: Citizens of Germany, Iceland show the way

Border controls reinstated

EU rules usually allow people with proper documentation to travel through much of the EU without border checks -but the current influx of migrants has led to extraordinary measures in some places.

Italian authorities on Wednesday said they were temporarily reinstating border controls at the Italian-Austrian line in the Alto <u>Adige</u> region after Bavarian authorities in Germany requested them to do so because they are "overwhelmed" by the influx of migrants, according to a <u>statement</u> by Italy's Bolzano prefecture.

Bavaria has had a great number of refugees arriving mainly from the Balkan route, and the situation is getting difficult to handle, the Italian *statement* said.

Czech authorities, meanwhile, said they have started to remove migrants from trains.

In the United Kingdom, Prime Minister David Cameron has come under new pressure to offer shelter to more refugees from the Middle East after saying the best policy was to focus on bringing *peace* to the region.

The Council of Europe commissioner for human rights, Nils Muiznieks, said that Cameron's position "seriously concerned" him.

"The truth is that at the moment the UK is doing much less than other European countries, like Germany or Sweden, which give refuge to thousands of Syrians," Muiznieks said in a <u>statement</u>.

An online petition calling for the UK Parliament to accept more asylum seekers has passed the 100,000 mark required to ensure debate.

"We can't allow refugees who have risked their lives to escape horrendous **conflict** and violence to be left living in dire, unsafe and inhumane conditions in Europe. We must help," the petition states.

In Iceland, citizens have also called online for their government to take in more Syrian refugees.

Things to know about Europe's migrant crisis

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Arriving in Chioggia at the end of our fourth day, I was caught up in Norwegian celebrations. Most of the cyclists on this Italian route are couples from Oslo, who enliven meal times with hearty choruses of O Tannenbaum.

Having avoided falling into the picturesque <u>canals</u>, they stowed their bicycles and made for our boat's dining room to continue the celebrations.

It's a mystery to me why cyclists are so friendly. My companions come from Norway, Denmark, North America and New Zealand, but they have treated me like family just because I'm cycling from Mantua to Venice on an orange bike like theirs.

We're all sleeping and eating on board Ave Maria, a new purpose-built canal boat **commissioned** by Girolibero, the Italian company that leads cycling tours through the Veneto.

Over five days we've covered 230km. Every night we've been tucked up in 20 compact cabins with our cycles stored in special racks. It's a great way to see the birdlife of the Po delta and the Brenta and <u>Adige</u> rivers, as well as cities such as Chioggia, at the southern end of the Venetian lagoon, which I'd never visited.

I join our group for a walk around Chioggia, led by Martina, our tour guide. She takes us through the fish market and warns us about the locals.

"The people here are slightly eccentric. You must never say that Chioggia is like Venice. They don't like Venice. They were here first."

Say it or not, Chioggia is like Venice. It has canals and palazzi and rioterras and a cathedral designed by the man who built Santa Maria della Salute.

It even has a small Venetian lion on top of a column (known locally as "the cat" because the sculptor got the dimensions wrong).

Instead of gondolas, Chioggia has fishing boats that moor in the city centre. And unlike Venice, it has a few narrow streets of traffic.

Chioggia also has history. We're taken to meet Luciano Bellemo, a jovial historian who is custodian at the clock tower of Chiesa San Andrea.

Canal cycling worth a song

The church interior is unusual, with plaster hacked off to a height of 4m (the result of salt seeping up from its foundations), but its Torre dell'Orologio contains the oldest working clock in Europe, constructed in 1386.

Two floors up, Luciano shows us cupboards stuffed full of bundled vellum documents. He pushes it into the hands of a couple from Seattle.

"This dates from the mid-15th century," he announces, "before Columbus found America."

Other pieces of history are passed around. In most countries these manuscripts would be behind glass, but here they're just bundled into unlocked drawers.

We're led to the fifth floor to find the clock, which looks satisfyingly ancient. Luciano encourages one of the Norwegian women to set the mechanism going by raising one on its rope. It ticks away obligingly.

Back at Ave Maria it's time to island-hop to Pellestrina, one of the long spits of land that act as a barrier between the Venetian lagoon and the Adriatic.

She's a reliable, low watercraft, plodding along at 13km/h.

Captain Luciano drops us just south of the village of Pellestrina, where we offload our 20 orange bikes and set off behind Martina along the sea wall.

In a brightly painted village square, Martina calls a halt in case anyone wants ice cream. I take a look at the church of Ognissanti, which also has exposed brickwork, but has decorated its naked pillars with temporary tabards of red flocked wallpaper.

Heading north in our orange convoy, we pass fishermen working on their boats. Overnight, huge prow-mounted conveyor belts have scooped up clams from the lagoon and now they're being parcelled up in bags for market. The ragazzi find it hilarious when several women dismount to photograph them at work.

Further on lies the Venetian Fort of San Pietro in Volta, built to guard the lagoon from Genoese and Turkish attack. The going is easy: few cars and no gradients.

Finally, we reach the ferry for Lido Island and pile on board: 20 bikes, several cars, two buses and an ambulance for the 10 minute journey to the Lido village of Alberoni. Tonight we will get our first sight of Venice. I've been here by car, plane and train, but this time the travel will have been as much fun as the arrival. - The Independent

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Ex-Marine found not guilty in four killings

<u>RIVERSIDE</u>, Calif. - A former Marine accused of killing unarmed Iraqi detainees was acquitted of voluntary manslaughter Thursday in a first-of-its-kind federal trial.

The jury took six hours to find Jose Luis Nazario Jr. not guilty of charges that he killed or caused others to kill four unarmed detainees on Nov. 9, 2004, in Fallujah, Iraq, during some of the fiercest *fighting* of the *war*.

The verdict left the 28-year-old defendant in tears. He cried so loud that the judge smacked his gavel to call for order. Nazario's family and friends also sobbed in the courtroom.

Thursday's verdict marks the first time a civilian jury has determined whether the alleged actions of a former military service member in combat violated the law of *war*.

One of the jurors, Ingrid Wicken, hugged Nazario's sobbing mother.

Unusually honest ad attracts nanny anyway

NEW YORK - It was an unusually honest ad for a live-in nanny, a 1,000-word tome beginning, "My kids are a pain." But it worked, attracting a brave soul who's never been a nanny before.

"If you cannot multitask, or communicate without being passive aggressive, don't even bother replying," Rebecca Land Soodak, a mother of four on Manhattan's Upper East Side, wrote Aug. 19 in her advertisement on Craigslist.

"I can be a tad difficult to work for. I'm loud, pushy and while I used to think we paid well, I am no longer sure."

This being the age of instant communications, the ad took on a life of its own, making the rounds of parenting blogs and e-mail inboxes and inspiring an article in Thursday's New York Times.

Soodak, a 40-year-old painter whose husband owns a wine store, eventually hired Christina Wynn, a 25-year-old University of Virginia graduate, to take care of Rubin, 12; Ellis, 9; and Shay and Cassie, both 6.

"I made a commitment to stay in the job for at least a year," Wynn told the Times.

Despite outcry, crucified frog still on display

National Briefs

ROME - An art museum in northern Italy said Thursday it will continue displaying a sculpture portraying a green frog nailed to a cross that has angered Pope Benedict XVI and local officials.

The board of the foundation of the Museion in the city of Bolzano voted to keep the work by the late German artist Martin Kippenberger, the museum said in a <u>statement</u>.

Earlier in August the pope had written a letter to Franz Pahl, the president of the Trentino-Alto <u>Adige</u> region that includes Bolzano, denouncing the sculpture.

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Congress MLA KR Ramesh Kumar under fire for rape comment in assembly

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Former assembly speaker and Congress MLA KR Ramesh Kumar came under fire for making a controversial rape comment on the floor of the House on Thursday. The present Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri, however, laughed it away. The Speaker on Thursday said he was unable to bring the Assembly under control even as MLAs continued to speak one after another on the recent spate of *floods* and crop losses. "I have decided to give up on trying to control and streamline this situation...I'll just let them talk," Speaker Hegde said. In February 2019, when KR Ramesh Kumar was the assembly Speaker, he courted controversy by saying that he felt like a "rape victim". He had then stated that, "My situation is like that of a rape victim. The rape happened just once. If you had left it at that, it would have passed. When you complain that a rape has happened, the accused is put in jail. But his lawyers ask how did it happen? When did it happen and how many times? The rape happens once but you get raped 100 times in the court. This is my condition." Congress MLA Dr Anjali Nimbalkar took to social media *demanding* that the House should apologise to the entire womanhood, every mother, sister & daughter of this nation for such obnoxious & shameless behaviour.

The House shall apologise to entire womanhood, every mother, sister & daughter of this nation for such an obnoxious & shameless behaviour <u>@INCIndia @INCKarnataka @BJP4India @BJP4Karnataka @MahilaCongress @BJPMahilaMorcha pic.twitter.com/wPKbnxJlnp</u> - Dr. Anjali Nimbalkar (@DrAnjaliTai) <u>December 16, 2021</u>

Another Congress MLA Sowmya Reddy said this is "just NOT ok," adding that there "needs to be an apology".

This is just NOT ok. There needs to be an apology https://t.co/Wba0KnpOKZ - Sowmya | (@Sowmyareddyr) December 16, 2021

Activist Brinda <u>Adige</u> hit out at the Congress MLA saying, "How much more shameful can this kind of a talk be in the Assembly where women voters have sent these fellows, voting and paying our taxes? Don't they know that rape is the most heinous, brutal and violent crime against women? Wasn't KPCC president supposed to suspend the MLA and not give him a ticket so that he does not stand for election. This is not acceptable in a democracy."

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Paris ends Italian ski team's drought with win on home snow

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BORMIO, Italy - Dominik Paris dominated on home snow in a World Cup downhill Thursday to end the season-long podium *drought* for Italy's men's team.

Paris won by a slim 0.04-second margin ahead of Aksel Lund Svindal of Norway on the **demanding** Stelvio course, which was softer than usual due to heavy snowfall a day earlier.

Kjetil Jansrud of Norway finished third, 0.17 seconds behind.

It was the ninth career win and second in Bormio for Paris, a muscular skier who has also claimed the feared downhill in Kitzbuehel, Austria, twice.

Svindal and Jansrud had already completed their runs and were preparing to celebrate when Paris came down and got the crowd roaring by leading through the first two checkpoints. Paris trailed slightly at the last split but was able to carry his speed through the final zig-zag turns - when lactic acid was bursting through his muscles - and create a minimal advantage.

The Italian's speed topped out at 129.7 kph (80 mph).

At the finish, Paris pumped his fists and waved to the crowd as the circuit returned to Bormio after a three-year absence.

"The two Norwegians are always fast so you've got to pull out something extra to beat them," Paris said. "Today I was able to and now I hope I can do it in the next races, too."

The start of the race was delayed for 45 minutes while course workers finished clearing the 40 centimetres (16 inches) of snow that fell on the piste Wednesday.

"I'm always happy when it snows. In winter you need snow," said Paris, who comes from the Val d'Ultimo in Italy's German-speaking Alto *Adige* region.

Downhill world champion Beat Feuz of Switzerland finished fourth and Hannes Reichelt of Austria was fifth.

Paris also won this race in 2012, when he shared victory with Reichelt by 0.01 seconds ahead of Svindal in one of the tightest podiums in skiing history.

"Faster is faster," Paris said of the continually tight margins on the Stelvio.

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Svindal, who had won the previous two downhills, still leads the discipline standings.

With the sun moving in and out behind clouds and the course mostly in the shade to begin with, there were several ugly falls.

Dominik Schwaiger of Germany was airlifted off the course and brought to a local hospital with unspecified injuries after a high-speed crash. Guillermo Fayed and Matthieu of France were dealing with various bruises after similar falls and Travis Ganong of the United States was getting his knee checked at the U.S. team hotel.

An Alpine combined race is scheduled for the Stelvio on Friday.

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Venice flooding: Watch LIVE webcam of Italy tourist hotspot drowned by floods & heavy rain; THE Italian holiday hotspot of Venice is still affected by severe flooding after days of relentless rain caused tides to go up to almost record-breaking levels, forcing Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte to issue a state of emergency for the city.

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The northern Italian city of Venice as seen its worst **flooding** in more than 50 years, with two people reported to having died so far. More than 85 percent of Venice has been **flooded**, and a state of emergency was declared on Wednesday. City mayor Luigi Brugnaro described the **floods** as an "apocalyptic disaster". He said: "Venice has been tortured, but there are also other parts of the Veneto region besides Venice.

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The lagoon tide peaked at 6ft 2inches, the highest level recorded since 1966.

In 1966, the lagoon tide reached a record 194cm.

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In a <u>statement</u>, he wrote: "The disaster that hit Venice is a blow to the heart of our country. It hurts to see the city so damaged, its artistic heritage compromised, and its business activities so severely affected.

"I gave a clear signal to the authorities and local institutions I met this afternoon: the government is there for you. It is with Venice and Venetians.

"Tomorrow I will be in the city again, I will meet the local community and we will have another operational meeting in the Prefecture to see the real damage and to give the first solutions.

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"In the afternoon I will return to Rome for a Council of Ministers during which we will take charge of the request for a state of emergency.

"We are ready to allocate the first funds. I will also accelerate the structural solution to the problems, linked to the extraordinary maintenance of the barriers and the hydraulic systems.

"But it is not only Venice. In these hours many other regions are affected by this violent wave of bad weather.

"With the Head of Civil Protection, we are constantly monitoring the news from all over Italy.

"From the rest of the Veneto, as from Friuli Venezia Giulia, from Puglia to Trentino Alto <u>Adige</u>, from Naples to Matera and from other territories.

"On the Government's part, our attention is maximum."

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The city's famous Saint Mark's Square was flooded with more than a metre of water.

The Saint Mark's Basilica was also flooded, prompting fears for the priceless artwork inside.

Venice Archbishop Francesco Moraglia said: "The Basilica is suffering structural damage because the water has risen and so it's causing irreparable damage, especially when it dries out in the lower section of the mosaics and tiling."

"I have never seen anything like it. Venice is a wounded city, but it can't keep on being wounded every year in the same way."

The clear-up following the floods is expected to cost hundreds of millions of pounds.

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In the Alto <u>Adige</u> everyone is abroad - even the people who live there. The Alto <u>Adige</u> ("Upper <u>Adige</u>" after its most famous <u>river</u>) is the Italian name for the South Tyrol, where long, deep mountain valleys, dense forests, bubbling <u>rivers</u> and still, cold <u>lakes</u> spread across the landscape, guarded everywhere by the pink-grey walls of the Dolomites. It was Austrian but became part of Italy after the First World <u>War</u> when the two countries <u>fought</u> a bleak and merciless battle across its mountain terrain.

But becoming part of another country doesn't change the habits of centuries. This is Western Europe's melting heart where the cultures of Austria and Italy are inextricably mixed - plus a third element: the Ladin people who **settled** in its valleys long before nationalist aspirations claimed them, and whose language is still widely spoken.

As a result the towns and villages often have three names - German, Italian and Ladin. Reading the road signs can be a lengthy business. This is an area of Italy as different from the Neapolitan south as, say, Hamburg is from Nice - a corner of Europe that in summer the Brits rarely reach. It's a beautiful secret, as those who escape there know only too well.

Your spirits are set free here. There's nowhere that doesn't have a view and in summer you are overwhelmed by its **force** of nature. You can stand and admire, or better still, put on your hiking boots and march out to embrace it. That's what we did for 10 glorious August days.

We began in the Pustertal, close to the Austrian border in a town called Olang (if you're German) or Valdaora (if you're Italian). It may be Italy but 96 per cent of the population here speak German as their first language. Our hotel, the Hubertus, was packed with families from Rome and Naples who were escaping the suffocating August heat of the south by taking the mountain air. Gathering each morning after a hearty breakfast, they would set off into the countryside, their chattering voices fading as the Dolomite mountains enveloped them.

They were a striking contrast to their host, Herr Gasser, whose Tyrolean roots make him a very different sort of Italian national. Indeed, he frequently refers to his guests as "The Italians" - as if he weren't one himself.

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On Fridays, dressed in lederhosen and three-quarter socks, he drives up to the hotel's mountain hut. We and "The Italians" walked there - two hours up the steep mountainside - arriving to find him preparing our barbecue lunch. A glass of schnapps, a bottle of beer and three sausages later, Herr Gasser produced his accordion, encouraging his guests to accompany him in a selection of Tyrolean tunes by providing them with various pieces of equipment, including castanets and a motor horn. The sun shone, the local butcher turned up to watch with his magnificent Saint Bernard dog and we sat gazing out on a picture-book Alpine view, happily bewildered by the cultural stew being mixed before us.

To enjoy the Dolomites you have to walk. The best hikes take five or six hours and involve plenty of steep uphill climbs and a bit of rock scrambling once you get near the top. We set out one day, beyond the head of the nearby Antholz Lake, to walk up the Croda Rossa mountain - a long, steady, ever-ascending path that leads eventually to a pinnacle of red rock nearly 9,000ft high and a breathtaking 360-degree view of the mountain ranges beyond. Then the long downhill, gingerly at first to avoid slipping on loose shale and stone ("alvays walk down mit zee legs apart, knees bent", a German guide had instructed us), and then more confidently as the rock gave way to grass and our valley destination inched into view. Oh, the quiet relief of the moment when I spotted our car glinting patiently in the sun, just where we'd left it.

From the Pustertal we drove south for about an hour and a half into our next valley-home, Alta Badia. Our hotel there was an old friend, the Rosa Alpina in San Cassiano (Sankt Kassian, San Ciascian). The Italian influence in this area is stronger, although German and Ladin are still widely spoken.

The Rosa Alpina has been owned by the Pizzinini family since the late Thirties when Mariangel (Englebert in his early life when this was Austria) Pizzinini, convinced Mussolini's government, *intent* on a process of Italianisation in the region, that the fact he had 10 children would safeguard the hotel's future ownership. Hugo Pizzinini, his grandson and the present owner, is a passionate advocate of the quality of life in the Alto *Adige* - and the hotel's main restaurant, the Hubertus, which has two Michelin stars and a menu based on the traditional ingredients of the region.

Here, too, we went walking, this time advised by Hugo, himself a keen biker, hiker and general Dolomites-man-of-all-sports. The highlight was a five-hour excursion that took us on a winding trail up through a forest with constant glimpses of splendid mountains, on to a magnificent ridge walk that was one of the Alta Via Dolomiti, the high-level pathways that link the peaks and can take as long as a fortnight to complete in full. Three hours was enough for us before we paused at one of the mountain huts - a frequent feature in these parts. We lolled in the sun with a glass of weissbier and a plate of macaroni mixed with fresh woodland mushrooms before beginning the long descent home.

That night the village was en fête - as it is every two weeks during the summer - and at a stall, one of the hotel's chefs was cooking Kaiserschmarr'n, a light batter pudding served with plum compote, beloved of the Emperor Franz Joseph. We ate it of course - an Austrian delicacy that now belongs naturally to an Italian village. But the entertainments were not all bucolic. Next day we were invited to the Cortina Summer Party, where the jet set was out in *force*. As one local observed, never had so much Botox and silicone been gathered together in one Alpine field.

Leaving the mountains, we drove south again to round off our holiday near the foothills of the mountains, by the shores of Lake Iseo in Lombardy. This was Franciacorta, made famous in the last few decades by its production of Italy's answer to champagne - a wine that matches its surroundings: gentle, elegant and refined. Lake Iseo is not nearly as developed as its more famous neighbours, Lakes Garda and Maggiore, but has the largest lake island in Western Europe. Monte Isola rises 1,200ft out of the water and is home to nearly 2,000 people living in tiny villages dotted around it. The town of Iseo itself is a charming resort, slowly acquiring the trappings of greater refinement as people seek out an alternative to the overcrowded bigger lakes. There's even a rumour that George Clooney has had a nose around in the hope of finding something quieter than his present berth on Lake Como.

In the midst of all this was our hotel - L'Albereta - a lovely old villa in a wooded garden owned by the Moretti family, wealthy industrialists who have taken Franciacorta under their wing and now act as its committed protectors. They

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bought its finest winery - Bellavista - which these days produces more than a million bottles a year, stored in network of tunnels deep in the cool of the hillside, and persuaded the father of Italian cuisine, Gualtiero Marchesi, to open a restaurant at their hotel. Marchesi is 82 and has had more stars to his name than a planetarium. But he has given up all that. He always said he was a cuoco - a cook, not a chef - so now he simply prepares the food he loves in surroundings he enjoys, presiding each night over his discreet operation.

Daily activity here is at a rather slower pace than in the mountains. You can walk to the church at the top of Monte Isola, take a serene bike ride through the vineyards or play golf at the Franciacorta Golf Club (another Moretti institution). We were there towards the end of Northern Italy's hottest summer for years and were happy, after our exertions further north, to do very little. Franciacorta is good for that: it's a beautifully relaxing part of the world.

Italy, like the rest of Europe, grumbles a lot these days. Any conspicuous expenditure can lead to questions from the taxman about whether you've been honest about your income. But striding across a mountain ridge in the Dolomites or lounging on a terrace in the Franciacorta countryside transports you away from all that. Our economic woes are for now: the mountains, the rivers and the lakes are forever.

Essentials

Sue Lawley stayed at the Rosa Alpina, San Cassiano (0039 047 184 9500; rosalpina.it), doubles from (EURO)350 (£300) b & b per night; at L'Albereta, Franciacorta (030 776 0550; albereta.it) doubles from (EURO)260 (£225) per night; and at Hotel Hubertus, Olang (047 4592 104; hotel-hubertus.com), doubles from (EURO)260 (£225) per night half board. The nearest airport is Bergamo, served by Ryanair (ryanair.com).

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The following information was released by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International *Cooperation* of Italy:

Norway: in Troyer turbine supply contract for *hydroelectric* power generation

The Italian company Troyer, based in Alto-<u>Adige</u> region, has been awarded a contract worth around EUR 2 million for the supply of two turbines for hydroelectric power generation to the Norwegian client Nordkraft.

The turbines will serve the production needs of two hydro-electric power plants to be built in the municipality of Tysfjord in the northern county of Nordland, about 10 km away from the town of Kjopsvik, the largest centre in the area. The two power plants will be owned by Nordkraft, the company responsible for the entire project as "main contractor" and will carry out the civil works for the construction of the power stations where the two turbines will be installed. The two Ovre Russvik and Nedre Russvik power plants will have an annual production capacity of 10 and 6.5 GWh respectively for a total installed capacity of approximately 7 megawatts.

The main feature of the turbines will be the absence of environmental impact since much of the water used for power generation will be discharged into the sea; the installation of the pipelines necessary for the water supply of the turbines will mainly take place along existing routes, so construction work will be minimised. The energy produced will be fed into the regional electricity grid in Nordland.

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Sky: arriva in prima tv 'Lovely Boy' di Lettieri; Già fuori concorso alle Giornate degli Autori

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(ANSA) - 01 OTT - Lunedì 4 ottobre alle 21.15 arriva in prima tv assoluta su Sky Cinema Uno, in <u>streaming</u> su NOW e disponibile on <u>demand</u>, Lovely Boy, un film Sky Original prodotto da Indigo Film in coproduzione con Vision Distribution, con il sostegno di IDM Film Fund & <u>Commission</u> dell'Alto <u>Adige</u>. Presentato fuori voncorso alle Giornate degli Autori della 78ª Mostra di Venezia, è un film di Francesco Lettieri, scritto da Peppe Fiore e Francesco Lettieri, che racconta l'ascesa e il declino di una star della trap music, con protagonista Andrea Carpenzano nel ruolo di Nic, in arte Lovely Boy. Nel cast anche Daniele Del Plavignano, Ludovica Martino, Enrico Borello, Riccardo De Filippis, Pierluigi Pasino, Martino Perdisa, Federica Rosellini, Gennaro Basile, Davide Valle, Valerio Desirò, Rosella Tancredi.

Nic, in arte Lovely Boy, è l'astro nascente della scena musicale romana. Tatuaggi e talento puro, Nic forma insieme all'amico Borneo la XXG, un duo lanciato verso il successo. Risucchiato in una spirale di autodistruzione, Nic è perso e trascinato dagli eventi che lo porteranno fino a un punto di rottura: potrà fare i conti con sé stesso solo lontano da tutto quel rumore. In una comunità di recupero sulle Dolomiti che ora accoglie persone che come lui sono cadute nel baratro della droga, tenterà faticosamente di ritrovarsi condividendo quella grande solitudine che si porta dentro.

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Will Pinot Grigio Suffer The Fate Of Chardonnay?

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PINOT Grigio is the most widely-planted pink- skinned grape in the world. **<u>Demand</u>** for its wine is buoyant, but it comes in a bewildering range of styles.

The very light, slightly sharp, Pinot Grigio that <u>floods</u> out of the vast vineyards on the plains of the Veneto in northern Italy does nothing for me. It is picked too early, before flavour fully develops in the grapes, from vines that are <u>forced</u> to produce so great a yield that their grapes would still be tasteless whenever they were harvested.

Cheap Italian Pinot Grigio is the perfect choice for the surprisingly large number of people who don't want wine to taste of anything much and makes a refreshing spritzer.

Pinot Grigio has been gaining ground fast in New Zealand and Australia. There are also substantial new plantings in other leading southern hemisphere wine producing countries and in California.

Part of its <u>appeal</u> is that it isn't Chardonnay, but if it is well made, it can be attractive, in a light, melony, slightly smoky, rather understated way. Fetzer Valley Oaks' Pinot Grigio 2008 (£7.49 in Tesco) is a pretty good example from California. And there are an increasing number of others.

But I'm not sure that it will remain a favourite. Because so many of these wines lack character, I'm pretty sure that folk will eventually get bored and move on to something else.

It's quite on the cards that Chardonnay will take over again, especially the elegant new wines being made in cooler sites, like Chile's Límari Valley.

Over the past 12 months or so I've asked a number of leading wine producers from Australia and New Zealand whether they think the *demand* for Pinot Grigio will continue to grow or will tail off.

They all think that the Pinot Grigio bubble will burst, though one New Zealand grower added, somewhat ruefully, that this will probably happen just when his Pinot Grigio vines have aged long enough to produce much more interesting fruit.

For evidence he might well point to Alsace, the region in north eastern France where Pinot Grigio probably originates from.

Pinot Gris, as it is known there, makes up around 15% of Alsace's vineyard and has been slowly growing in popularity over the last 30 years.

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From old, low-yielding vines, and especially when it's harvested late, it can be a glorious drink: so rich and powerful for a white wine, that the locals used to suggest drinking it with red meat.

But cheaper wines, especially those made by one of Alsace's excellent co-operative cellars, also offer seriously interesting drinking.

For example, Tesco's Finest' Pinot Gris 2008, made by the Co-op at Turkheim, which has vineyards on some of the region's best sites.

It is rich, spicy and complex with a smoky apple taste.

It's also excellent value at £6.99. It's dry and balanced by fresh acidity, which is not always the case with Pinot Gris in Alsace: some wines seem almost sweet, even when they are bone dry, such is the effect of a combination of richly ripe fruit and low acidity.

The reason for this is that it is a mutation of Pinot Noir, and like Pinot Noir, it is much more prone to further mutation than other well-known grape varieties. In some places it has developed as a variety with naturally high acid levels, in others it has much lower acid - quite apart from the influence of when it is picked.

In Germany, where it is even more widely grown than in Alsace, it is known as Grauburgunder or Ruländer (though many wines destined for export are now labelled Pinot Grigio'), and it produces rich, spicy wines, relatively low in acid.

In Friuli in the far north east of Italy, as I discovered recently, it also makes unusually full-bodied dry whites, spicy, but with quite fresh acidity and often a distinct saltiness.

The variety was first planted there at least 150 years ago and has clearly developed its own local personality.

A similar situation exists in the Alpine foothill vineyards of the Alto <u>Adige</u>, where the local Pinot Grigio is particularly aromatic.

Another unusual and fascinating variation is made in the Central French vineyards of Reuilly.

Most of the wine made here is bracingly fresh, dry white Sauvignon Blanc, but Pinot Gris has long been prized as a delicate pink wine, made by long, slow, pressing of the blue-tinged berries to extract just enough colour to tint the wine.

This too is quite soft, usually so for rosé, and can develop an entrancing smell a bit like rhubarb and ginger. Very little is exported.

It's a world away from the Pinot Grigio Blush' being churned out in the Veneto. The last one of those that I tried (the label was covered so that I didn't know what it was) was sour, unripe and really rather grim.

It would be such a shame if wines like this are responsible for turning wine lovers away from the many better examples of Pinot Grigio in the way that over-oaked, over-alcoholic New World Chardonnays stained the reputation of that most noble of all white wine grapes.

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In the far south of France you have to go uphill to find cooler sites where the grapes ripen more slowly to produce more subtle, delicate wine.

Marquis de Pennautier, Terroirs d'Altitude, Chardonnay 2008 (£8.99 at Majestic) is just the kind of wine that should win Chardonnay new friends.

It has a lovely, complex aroma and taste of coconut, melon and peach, dusted with spice, freshened by lemon and orange acidity.

Mont Tauch, Terroir d'Altitude Vieilles Vignes, Fitou 2008 (£7.99) is an even more remarkable bargain.

Century-old Carignan, Grenache and Syral vines grown on sites at up to 600 metres above sea level yield the fruit for a wonderfully juicy red.

It has bags of plummy, spicy, chocolatey fruit.

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Venice: Cruising by bike; A voyage from Mantua lets you cycle by day, then sleep on a canal boat, says Adrian Mourby

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Arriving in Chioggia at the end of our fourth day I was caught up in Norwegian celebrations. The majority of cyclists on this Italian route are couples from Stavanger and Oslo who enliven meal times with hearty choruses of "O Tannenbaum". Now, having avoided falling into the picturesque <u>canals</u> of Chioggia, they stowed their bikes and made immediately for our boat's dining room to continue the celebrations.

It's still a mystery to me why cyclists are so friendly. My companions come from Norway, Denmark, North America, and New Zealand but, from the start, they have treated me like a family member just because I'm cycling from Mantua to Venice on an orange bike identical to theirs.

We're all sleeping and eating on board Ave Maria, a new purpose-built canal boat <u>commissioned</u> by Girolibero, the Italian company that leads cycling tours through the Veneto. Over five days our route has covered 230km. Every night we've been tucked up in 20 compact cabins with our cycles stored in special racks. It's a great way to see the birdlife of the Po delta and the Brenta and <u>Adige</u> rivers, as well as cities such as Chioggia, at the southern end of the Venetian lagoon, which I'd never visited before.

I join our group for a walk around Chioggia led by Martina, our tour guide. Martina takes us through the fish market (the biggest in northern Italy) and warns us about the locals. "The people here are slightly eccentric. Goldoni wrote a famous comedy about them, The Scuffle in Chioggia. You must never say that Chioggia is like Venice. They don't like Venice. They were here first."

Say it or not, Chioggia is like Venice. It has canals and palazzi and rioterras and a cathedral designed by the man who built Santa Maria della Salute. It even has a very small Venetian lion on top of a column (known locally as "the cat" because the sculptor got the dimensions wrong). Chioggia is what La Serenissima would be like today if it hadn't become Italy's major tourist attraction. Instead of gondolas, Chioggia has fishing boats that moor in the centre of the city under a swarm of noisy seagulls. And unlike Venice it has a few narrow streets of traffic that arrives here across bridges from the mainland and gets horribly snarled up, horns blaring. ("As bad as Naples," claims Martina.)

Venice: Cruising by bike; A voyage from Mantua lets you cycle by day, then sleep on a canal boat, says Adrian Mourby

Chioggia also has history. We're taken to meet Dr Luciano Bellemo, a jovial historian with eccentric teeth who is custodian at the clocktower of Chiesa San Andrea. The interior of the church is unusual, with plaster hacked off to a height of four metres (the result of salt seeping up from its foundations) but its Torre dell'Orologio contains the oldest working clock in Europe, constructed in 1386.

Two floors up Luciano shows us cupboards stuffed full of bundled vellum documents. He unfolds one and pushes it into the hands of a couple from Seattle. "This dates from the mid 15th century," he announces. "Before Columbus found America!" Other pieces of history are passed around for examination. In most countries these manuscripts would be behind glass but here they're just bundled into unlocked drawers. We're led to the fifth floor (past a picture of local saint Pope Pius X) to find the clock itself, which looks satisfyingly ancient, with two large white rocks employed as counterweights. Luciano encourages one of the Norwegian ladies to set the mechanism going by raising one on its rope. It ticks away obligingly.

Then to the belfry for a tremendous view of ancient Chioggia filling every inch of this tiny island and vistas north to the Alps. Suddenly 10am sounds and the peal of bells is deafening. Most of my fellow cyclists head rapidly downstairs, fingers in their ears, but I can't resist waiting till last and shouting: "Sanctuary!" Dr Luciano waits amiably. I doubt I'm his first guest to channel Quasimodo.

Back at Ave Maria it's now time to island-hop to Pellestrina, one of the long spits of land that act as a barrier between the Venetian lagoon and the Adriatic. She's a reliable, low watercraft, plodding along at 13kph (8mph). Captain Luciano, who also waits at table in the evening, drops us just south of the village of Pellestrina, where we offload our 20 orange bikes and set off behind Martina along the sea wall, while the Ave Maria heads for the Lido, where it will pick us up this afternoon. In a brightly painted village square Martina calls a halt in case anyone wants ice cream. I take a look at the church of Ognissanti which also has exposed brickwork, but has decorated its naked pillars with temporary tabards of red flocked wallpaper.

Heading on north in our orange convoy we pass fishermen working on their boats. Overnight huge prow-mounted conveyor belts have scooped up clams from the lagoon and now they're being parcelled up in bags for market. The ragazzi find it hilarious when several women dismount to photograph them at work.

And further on to the Venetian Fort of San Pietro in Volta, built to guard the lagoon from Genoese and Turkish attack. The going is very easy: few cars and no gradients whatsoever. Finally we reach the ferry for Lido Island and pile on board: 20 bikes, several cars, two buses and an ambulance for the 10-minute journey to the Lido village of Alberoni. Tonight we will get our first sight of Venice. In the past I've come here by car, plane and train, but this time the travelling will have been as much fun as the arrival.

Cruising there

Adrian Mourby travelled as a guest of Girolibero (00 39 0444 330724; girolibero.com) which offers seven-night cruises between Mantua and Venice, and Venice and Mantua, from (EURO)1,055pp (£834) based on two people sharing, including full board, tour leader, cycles, guided visits and transfers, but excluding flights.

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Body

Saturday October 15Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson (Channel Four, 8.00pm)

The historian explores the UK's network of ancient trackways and roads, which have been walked by pilgrims, hunters and invaders over the course of the past 5,000 years, each one shrouded in myth, mystery and legend. In the first episode, Robinson delves into the stories, songs and sacred places along the Icknield Way in Norfolk and Cambridgeshire.

Sunday October 16Giraffes: Africa's Gentle Giants - Natural World (BBC Two, 6.00pm)

Conservationist Dr Julian Fennessy is on a mission to learn more about the giraffes of Africa, but the most important fact is that they are disappearing. In an urgent attempt to save them, he and a determined Ugandan team round up 20 of the world's rarest giraffes to take across and beyond the mighty Nile River. Narrated by David Attenborough. Repeat.

Meet some giraffes on SundayCredit: AFP or licensors/JEAN-FRANCOIS MONIER Countryfile (BBC One, 6.15pm)

Matt Baker and Anita Rani explore the Isle of Wight, where Baker abseils down the walls of Carisbrooke Castle to clear the ivy and works with two donkeys to draw water from a well, while Rani helps local volunteers to round up feral goats and visits a vineyard. Naomi Wilkinson also drops in at Ventor Botanic Gardens.

Countryfile explores the Isle of WightCredit: Ian Jones The Greatest Tomb On Earth: Secrets of Ancient China (BBC Two, 8.00pm)

Dan Snow, Alice Roberts and Albert Lin explore the final resting place of China's first emperor, a site 200 times larger than Egypt's Valley of the Kings and home to the famous Terracotta Warriors. Making use of both the latest forensic technology and ancient texts, they delve into this historic site's secrets and uncover evidence that casts a new light on the founding of the nation.

china weirdest tourist attractionsWild West: America's Great Frontier (BBC Two, 9.00pm)

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This episode takes in Wildlife in America's mountain regions, including the Rockies and the Sierra Nevada, areas infamous for extremes of temperature from freezing winters to scorching summers. The programme examines the survival strategies employed by animals including black bears, pikas and bison, as well as parasitic plants. Plus, a look at the challenges faced by these region's human inhabitants, including ranchers..

Monday October 17Canal Walks with Julia Bradbury (BBC Four, 7.30pm)

The presenter embarks on an eight-mile trip along the Caledonian Canal, the waterway that cuts through beautiful Scottish mountain country and is regarded as one of the most ambitious canals of its time. Its engineer, Thomas Telford, intended not only to create an engineering marvel, but also provide badly needed jobs and wealth for the Highlands.

Julia Bradbury heads to the HighlandsGino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy (ITV1, 8.00pm)

Gino D'Acampo heads to the northern state of Trentino Alto-<u>Adige</u>, which borders both Switzerland and Austria and is home to the Dolomite mountains. The chef meets dairy farmer Graziano, who shows him how to make a local soft cheese, before he moves further into the mountains to learn about the local cured meat known as speck, which is the most important produce to come out of the region.

Tuesday October 18Great Continental Railway Journeys (BBC Two, 8.00pm)

Michael Portillo braves the freezing temperatures of the Baltic Sea and finds <u>peace</u> paddling a canoe on the Lakes of Finland. On his journey from the Latvian capital Riga to Tampere in Finland, he encounters medieval knights in Tallinn, grills sausages in Helsinki and samples cloudberry liqueur in a hot tub. He later arrives in Estonia, where in the setting of a ruined 13th-century cathedral he learns how the Baltic countries demonstrated their desire for independence from the Soviet Union with a `singing revolution'.

Portillo commences this week's journey in RigaThe Hotel Inspector Returns (Five, 11.05pm)

Alex Polizzi returns to the Oakland Hotel in South Woodham Ferrers, Essex, where two years ago she found a struggling business suffering from bad decor and family in-*fighting*. Repeat.

Wednesday October 19Coast: The Great Guide (BBC Two, 8.00pm)

Neil Oliver and Tessa Dunlop continue their comprehensive guide to Britain's coastline, this time turning attention to the North Sea coast, a stretch that takes in two nations, and is bordered by a pair of huge estuaries, the Forth in Scotland, and the Humber in England. Oliver sheds light on a military shipbuilding project in Rosyth, and heads to the island of Inchmickery to investigate a bird colony with a difference. From there, he tells a tragic story that still haunts the fishing village of Eyemouth, and then visits the holy island of Lindisfarne to make a dramatic archeological discovery.

Little British Isles with Alison Steadman (Channel Four, 8.00pm)

The actress celebrates the natural beauty of some of the 6,000 islands that surround mainland Britain. Inspired by memories of a childhood holiday on the Isle of Man, Alison sets out meet some of the people who live on the UK's 267 inhabited islands. She begins on Scotland's windswept Inner Hebrides, exploring the sparsely populated Gigha, Jura, Coloonsay and Oronsay over the course of a week. She learns how to extract orchid essence, visits a fish farm, meets the keeper in charge of the country's only native honey bee reserve, and meets the resourceful natives thriving off the tough land that sustains them.

Britain's best islandsThursday October 20Nature's Weirdest Events (BBC Two, 8.00pm)

Chris Packham presents more mysteries and strange stories, including the strange balls of worms that turned up on a road, fish stuck in fences in Texas and how an Australian town became plagued by giant bats. Plus, why so many sperm whales became stranded around the North Sea in 2015, how a robot could help save the Great Barrier Reef and how a spider in the Sahara could help take humans to other planets.

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Railways: The Making of a Nation (BBC Four, 8.00pm)

Liz McIvor examines how the railways enabled people to live further and further from the places where they worked, visiting London and the south east of England, the nation's largest commuter zone.

Forgotten railwaysFriday October 21Countrywise: Guide to Britain (ITV1, 8.00pm)

Liz Bonnin witnesses one of the country's greatest natural wonders as she takes a trip down the River Severn during one of its massive tidal bores - and meets the surfers who say there is nothing quite like it. Ben Fogel takes his son to Cornwall, where the pair enjoy some rock pooling.

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A selection of Alpine Wines.

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Alpine wines

Notwithstanding the claims about the altitude of their vineyards, Alpine winemakers produce an interesting range of wines that highlight the region's *diverse* grape varieties and terroirs.

Here are some interesting examples that I have tasted recently.

2010 Heida Visperterminen, St. Jodern Kellerei, Valais, Switzerland. Powerful yet delicate wine with a complex nutty, citrusy, floral taste. About (EURO)16.

2010 La Piagne, Cave du Vin Blanc de Morgex et de La Salle, Valle d'Aosta, Italy. Characterful organic wine from a single site near the apex of the Morgex vineyards. About (EURO)16.

2010 Kerner Praepositus, Abazia di Novacella, Alto *Adige*, Italy. Lush, complex, exotic white from the Kerner variety, related to Riesling. About (EURO)16.

2009 Fumin Vigne La Tour, Les Crètes, Valle d'Aosta, Italy. An open, generous red with violet and dried fruit flavors. A little bit grapey, but in an *appealing* way. About (EURO)22.

2008 Arbin Mondeuse Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Louis Magnin, Savoie, France. One of the most convincing examples of mondeuse that I have come across - a peppery, floral red variety reminiscent of syrah. About (EURO)25.

2008 Humagne Rouge, Christoph Abbet, Valais, Switzerland. Another indigenous Swiss variety, humagne, yields this delicate yet intense red. Lovers of big, sweet New World reds, steer clear. About (EURO)40.

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We'll always have Paris, in Bormio; Dominik Paris wins downhill, five years later, on same course

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Body

After a five-year absence, Dominik Paris rediscovered that winning feeling on the Stelvio downhill course.

Returning to the site of his first World Cup victory, Paris dominated on home snow Thursday to end the season-long podium *drought* for Italy's men's team.

"I've still got the same feeling here," Paris said.

"I had a lot of confidence even after the training run."

Paris won by a slim 0.04-second margin ahead of Aksel Lund Svindal of Norway on the <u>demanding</u> Stelvio course, which was softer than usual due to heavy snowfall a day earlier.

Kietil Jansrud of Norway finished third, 0.17 seconds behind.

It was the ninth career win for Paris, a muscular skier who has also claimed the feared downhill in Kitzbuehel, Austria, twice.

After his 2012 win, Paris missed the downhill on the Stelvio in 2013 due to injury.

Then the race was moved to nearby Santa Caterina Valfurva for the past three years.

"I'm glad it's back in Bormio," said Paris, who keeps his responses brief and to the point.

Last season, the Italian team set a squad record with 43 podium results - 25 for the women and 18 for the men. This season, they have six for the women and now one for the men.

"Now I hope I can maintain this form for the classics," Paris said, looking forward to the downhills next month in Wengen, Switzerland, and Kitzbuehel.

Svindal and Jansrud had already completed their runs and were preparing to celebrate when Paris came down and got the crowd roaring by leading through the first two checkpoints.

We'll always have Paris, in Bormio; Dominik Paris wins downhill, five years later, on same course

Paris trailed slightly at the last split but was able to carry his speed through the final zigzag turns - when lactic acid was bursting through his muscles - and create a minimal advantage.

The Italian's speed topped out at 129.7 km/h.

At the finish, Paris pumped his fists and waved to the crowd.

"The two Norwegians are always fast so you've got to pull out something extra to beat them," Paris said.

When he was an overly aggressive child, Paris was sent by his father to meditate amid grazing cows in the mountains.

Now, he expends his energy on the world's toughest downhill courses - or by playing heavy metal music with his guitar.

The start of the race was delayed for 45 minutes while course workers finished clearing the 40 centimetres of snow that fell on the piste Wednesday.

"I'm always happy when it snows. In winter you need snow," said Paris, who comes from the Val d'Ultimo in Italy's German-speaking Alto *Adige* region.

The snow softened the Stelvio's bumps, making it less of a physical test than in past years - when most skiers doubled over in exhaustion at the finish.

"The right word is 'easier' but that doesn't mean it's easier to win," Svindal said.

"It means it was easier to get to the finish line."

Downhill world champion Beat Feuz of Switzerland finished fourth and Hannes Reichelt of Austria was fifth.

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Body

Sometimes, even the most turbulent seasons can be soothed into serenity by a sighting of waves flowing softly to land. Ask Maxim Gorky. Exiled from Russia in the wake of the Moscow uprising of 1905 (a pre-cursor to the revolution that would ensue in 1917) and his imprisonment in St Petersburg, the great author would find himself at the edge of *Lake* Saimaa in Finland. And though he was -already divorced from her, he would write to his first wife, Ekaterina Volzhina, and tell her: "It's beautiful here, like a fairy tale."

He had a point. Life usually looks better on the bank of an inland expanse of <u>water</u> - and Europe is awash with such locations. From Scandinavia to the Balkans via northern Italy and the quieter corners of Britain, the vision of a hot day reflected in the mirror of a <u>lake</u> will always enhance a few days (or a fortnight) of -escapism, whether the time is used for relax-ation, exploration or activity. The following 20 natural joys are all distinct entities, yet all have something in common. You may want to glimpse them in the coming months.

Italy1. Lake Como

The Italian Lakes are the brochure stars of Europe's inland bodies of water - and Lake Como is arguably the most photogenic, ebbing through Lombardy for 29 miles (47km) and performing the splits at Bellagio, where its two legs kick further south towards Como and Lecco. A place ideal for woozy contemplation of the currents even in Roman times, it remains so today. A three-night sojourn at the five-star Grand Hotel Tremezzo, midway up the west shore (in Tremezzo), starts at £1,298 a head, with flights, transfers and breakfast, via Kirker Holidays (020 7593 1899; kirkerholidays.com).

2. Lake Garda

The largest of the glacier-cut grooves in northern Italy stretches 32 miles (52km), flirting with the lower reaches of the Dolomites in the north and basking in flatter terrain where its waves nuzzle the hamlet of Maraschina on the Lombardy-Veneto border in the south. Its dual personality makes it perfect for admiration by bike. Flexitreks (01273 410550; *flexitreks.com*) sells an eight-day *Adige* River and Lake Garda Cycling Holiday, which starts its 171-mile (275km) journey in the mountains at Bolzano, and descends to the lake (with the option of a ferry jaunt to Peschiera at the opposite end). From £561 a head - flights extra.

3. Lake Orta

If Garda and Como seem too obvious, the smaller Lake Orta - just eight miles (13km) long and concealed to the west of Lake Maggiore - is a quieter jewel. Undeniably pretty (with the Isola San Giulio and its Benedictine monastery at its core), here is a fine possibility for a genteel summer trip with children. A seven-night half-board break for a family of three at the four-star Hotel L'Approdo (which offers an outdoor pool) costs from £2,779, flying from Birmingham on July 18, via Inghams (01483 345633; inghams.co.uk).

Switzerland4. Lake Maggiore

Shared by Switzerland and Italy, Lake Maggiore is a tapering ribbon of such sun-dappled mystique that even the flight of Frederic Henry - the narrator of Ernest Hemingway's First World <u>War</u> novel A Farewell To Arms, who rows north across the border under cover of darkness to evade a charge of desertion - sounds a romantic endeavour. Henry and his lover find refuge in a Swiss hotel - a step into shelter you can mimic today via a weekend at Hotel Eden Roc (0041 91 785 7171; <u>edenroc.ch</u>), a grand five-star with four restaurants on the water at Ascona. Double rooms in June start at 300 francs (£226) with breakfast.

15 alternatives to another predictable Med holiday5. Lake Geneva

Switzerland is well practised at playing nicely over its great water features, holding joint custody of Lake Geneva with France, while laying claim to its prime urban area. Geneva is an underrated option for a city break, offering clever slabs of 21st-century flair in its Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain (<u>mamco.ch</u>) and first-rate lodging at the Mandarin Oriental (0041 22 909 0000; <u>mandarinoriental.com/geneva</u>), which adorns the Rhône at the point it leaves the lake. Doubles in June from 420 francs (£317), room only.

6. Lake Lucerne

Switzerland does not have to haggle over visitation rights when it comes to Lake Lucerne, which lies wholly in its territory, 30 miles (48km) south of Zurich. Switzerland also specialises in train lines that inch through glorious rocky vistas and Expressions Holidays (01392 441245; expressionsholidays.co.uk) salutes this in its By Rail to Lake Lucerne trip. This seven-night tour rolls in from London via Paris and Zurich, slumbers in a five-star hotel in Weggis on the north shore, and includes a three-day rail pass for wider exploration. From £1,960 per person including train travel.

Central Europe7. Lake Constance

The Bodensee (to use its German title) goes one better than Lake Maggiore and Geneva by lapping the shores of three countries (Germany, Austria, Switzerland). It is a neat fit for a cycle break that flits across the European land mass. Freedom Treks (01273 224066; *freedomtreks.co.uk*) meets this *demand* with 4 Countries and 3 Lakes - a 205-mile (330km) self-guided eight-night circular route from Kreuzlingen, Switzerland. The trip costs £795 a head in July, with hotels and breakfast (flights and bike extra). The fourth country - pub-quiz kings will know - is Liechtenstein.

8. Lake Bled

A postcard staple of such pastoral persuasion - thanks, not least, to the island at its centre, where the 17th-century Church of the Assumption raises its head - Lake Bled is probably more famous than anything else in Slovenia. It is a place to slow down in a waterside spa hotel - but can also be enjoyed in conjunction with the capital, which waits 35 miles (56km) to the south-east. Regent Holidays (020 3131 6400; regent-holidays.co.uk) sells a seven-day Ljubljana & Lake Bled Twin-Centre which divides its time equally between the two locations. From £725 per person, with flights and breakfast.

9. The Masurian Lakes

Poland's countryside rarely appears on the British travel radar - a shame, as the Masurian Lake District is one of Europe's marvels. It shines in the Polish north-east, sunlight bouncing on Lake Sniardwy, the biggest body of water in the country. Here is an area framed by marshland, where elk and bison roam. It is at its most fascinating in the coldest months - a corner of the calendar explored by Naturetrek (01962 733051; <u>naturetrek.co.uk</u>) and its sevenday Poland in Winter group trip, which visits the region to seek said animals. The next departure is on Jan 13, from £1,695 a head with flights.

25 places in Eastern Europe you must see in your lifetimeNordic Lakes10. Lake Saimaa

Finland likes to shimmer under the tagline "Land of a Thousand Lakes". However, this is something of an underselling - there are 187,888 such expanses of water strewn across its forested contours. Saimaa, 160 miles (258km)north-east of Helsinki, is the largest, with 1,700 sq miles (4,400 sq km) in surface area. It is a joy in winter, when Best Served Scandinavia (020 7664 2237; best-served.co.uk) sells a four-day ice-skating break that allows participants to glide across its frozen skin from the Hotel Jarvisydan at Porosalmi. From £870 per person, including flights.

11. Lake Nasijarvi

Finland's abundance of lakes seeps into its urban areas. Tampere is a case in point - the third-biggest city in the country is infused with a post-industrial charm by its position at the meeting of Lakes Nasijarvi and Pyhajarvi (the Tammerkoski Rapids are a splash-and-spray divider). With attractions such as the Nasinneula Observation Tower (sarkanniemi.fi), it makes for a niche but alluring mini-break. A three-night stay at the four-star Grand Hotel Tammer, flying from Heathrow on July 12, starts at £508 a head with Expedia (020 3684 2907; expedia.co.uk).

18 reasons why Finland is the greatest country on Earth12. Lake Animmen

Sweden can boast the biggest lake in the European Union in Lake Vanern, but this tiny (in comparison) neighbour of the 2,180 sq mile (5,646 sq km) behemoth opens a window on to the calm Scandinavian condition. Last September saw the installation of five glass-sided cabins on Henriksholm, a sliver island in the middle of Lake Animmen (which lies 100 miles/160km north-east of Gothenburg) - the idea being that guests learn to switch off in a pristine rural setting. The cabins contain double beds and can be hired from 3,995 krona (£343) per person for a three-night full-board stay at *vastsverige.com/en/72hcabin* .

<u>Top 5 | Beautiful European national parks you've never heard of The Balkans 13. Lake Skadar</u>

Skadar helps to define the boundary between Montenegro and Albania. That it does so as a place hugely carpeted in lilies and home to bird life like the rare Dalmatian pelican adds to its air of mystery. Responsible Travel (01273 823700; responsibletravel.com) runs a regular seven-day group kayaking holiday that paddles out into Lake Skadar National Park, on the Montenegrin side of the water. From £595 a head, flights extra, with 11 departures in 2018.

14. Lake Vrana

Croatia is renowned for its splendid coastline, but it excels away from the sea in the form of Lake Vrana. Set 20 miles (32km) south-east of Zadar, this is the country's largest lake, at 12 sq miles (31 sq km)- yet it is separated from the Adriatic by a strip of land hardly a mile (1.6km) wide at its narrowest and easily seen on a beach break. A seven-night stay at the Hotel Kornati in Biograd, flying from Stansted to Split on June 24, costs £767 a head, with breakfast and transfers, via Jet2Holidays (0800 408 0778; jet2holidays.com).

15. Lake Ohrid

Those who think Europe can no longer spring a travel surprise reckon without a wonder so picturesque that it has been on Unesco's natural and cultural heritage list since 1979. Like Lake Skadar, it helps to delineate the Albanian

border, but it is the Macedonian side of Lake Ohrid that sings to travellers. The small city of Ohrid is a fine place to spend a weekend, in one of any number of waterfront hotels. And remarkably, there are direct flights from the UK. A four-night stay at the four-star Park Lakeside, leaving Luton on June 27, costs from £243, with breakfast, through Wizz Air (0333 155 4997; wizzair.com).

The UK16. Lough Neagh

The UK is festooned with lakes - but the identity of the largest is often unappreciated. This role falls to Lough Neagh - a giant of 151 sq miles (391 sq km) that fringes five of Northern Ireland's six counties. A rippling refuge from it all? Certainly - via the Irish Landmark Trust (00353 1 670 4733; <u>irishlandmark.com</u>), which lists Ballealy Cottage. This three-bedroom oasis is pitched just north of the shore at Randalstown in Co Antrim - and is still available to rent in July from £806 per week.

17. Loch Ness

While Loch Lomond is the biggest of the Scottish lakes, its profile is generally eclipsed by its compatriot, with its hoary talk of monsters. But then, Loch Ness is a spectacular context for a break. Water-holiday specialists Le Boat (023 9280 1385; leboat.co.uk) sell "The Grand Highland Fling Cruise" - a self-guided floating trip through Lochs Lochy, Oich and Ness, as well as along the Caledonian Canal, which covers 120 miles (193km) and is designed to take between a week and 14 leisurely days. Seven nights' hire of a Horizon vessel (which sleeps four in two cabins), beginning on July 14, costs from £2,505 in total.

18 amazing places you won't believe are in Scotland18. Windermere

Neither this titan of Cumbria nor its status as England's largest natural lake require much introduction, but familiarity does not diminish Windermere's majesty, nor its suitability as a backdrop to getaways on foot. Exodus Travels (020 3733 4525; exodus.co.uk) suggests a seven-day Literary Walking in the Lake District self-guided break that trawls the settings which inspired writers from Wordsworth to Beatrix Potter - the Lake District's big beast among them. From £679 per person - including accommodation with breakfast.

Hidden gems19. Lake Onega

True, it's hard to describe Lake Onega as "hidden". Such a word barely befits a basin with a surface area of 3,700 sq miles (9,580 sq km)_which ranks as the second-largest lake in Europe. Its lack of fame is due to location. It skulks in Russia, although it is near enough to St Petersburg (which gleams 225 miles/362km to the south-west) to be accessible. It is the focus of a four-day adventure called Karelia & Kizhi Island (the latter being a church-dotted shard in the water), offered by On The Go Tours (020 7371 1113; onthegotours.com) which can be tailored to also take in the neighbouring Lake Ladoga, Europe's biggest. From £599 a head, flights extra.

20. Lagoa das Sete Cidades

There is something especially photogenic about two lakes merging. Lakes Michigan and Huron demonstrate this in the US Midwest, although neither has the visual wow factor of Lagoa das Sete Cidades - a volcanic oddity where two individual pools occupy the same caldera in the west of Sao Miguel, the main island of the Portuguese Azores. Helpfully, Lagoas Azul (Blue) and Verde (Green) identify themselves by being different colours - and are part of the seven-night family break on Sao Miguel sold by Azores expert Sunvil (020 8758 4722; sunvil.co.uk). From £4,039 in total for a family of four, including flights.

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Fresh and fragrant from Italian slopes

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Body

NESTLED on the steep hills of the Italian Alps is the wine region of Alto <u>Adige</u>. The northernmost wine region in Italy features vineyards that slope down to the <u>Adige River</u> and its <u>tributaries</u>. The combination of sloping vineyards with excellent exposure to the sun and a climate featuring sunny days and cool evenings results in some of the world's most fresh and fragrant white wines. Any connoisseur of good wines will appreciate these wines but many of my female Chinese acquaintances find them particularly <u>appealing</u>. No longer willing to submit themselves to the heavy tannic reds favored by their husbands and boyfriends, the upwardly mobile young female professionals of China are making their own decisions on wines. This new market dynamic is changing the wine landscape in China and benefiting fragrant white wines like those from Alto <u>Adige</u>.

Long history

Recent archaeological digs in Alto <u>Adige</u> have uncovered ancient winemaking tools dating from 500 BC. Centuries later during the height of the Roman Empire the wine trade in Alto <u>Adige</u> was flourishing. As the sun was setting on the Roman Empire, Frankish and Bavarian monks took over many wineries and keep the art of winemaking in this region alive. After Austro-Hungarian Empire and Holy Roman Empire rule, the region was eventually returned to Italy in 1918.

Aromatics

So what distinguishes the wines of this region? In one word, aromatics. Your ability to differentiate aromas is actually much more perceptive than your sense of taste. There are well over 500 aromatic compounds that have been identified in wines. Every step of the winemaking process influences the resulting aromas in a wine. Alto *Adige*'s top wines offer a symphony of delightful smells ranging from yellow and tropical fruits to white flowers and herbs. Three particularly aromatic types of wines from this region are Pinot Grigio, Sauvignon Blanc and Gewurztraminer. Good Alto *Adige* Pinot Grigios offer an abundance of ripe fruit scents and flavors, good weighty mouthfeel and restrained acidity. Their graceful and friendly characters have made them some of the most popular white wines globally. The Sauvignon Blanc wines of this region are more serious with more acidity and complexity. Many experienced drinkers love these wines because of their balance between fruit and acidity. And should you want to pleasantly surprise someone, offer them a Gewurztraminer from Alto *Adige*. Just watch their eyes as the exotic floral and spice aromas jump out of the glass. The experience shares some qualities with a German Gewurztraminer but is decidedly distinct and Italian in style. On the palate the wine may also have a slight numbing effect drawing a fascinating sensual parallel with one of my favorite meals, mala hotpot.

Food pairing

The good fruit ripeness and acidity of most Alto <u>Adige</u> white wines make them very food friendly. A few of my favorite combinations are simply grilled or roasted freshwater fish as the vibrant fruitiness of the wines add flavor dimensions to the dish while the acidity in the wines accentuates the freshness. The combination of ripe fruit, sometimes slightly sweet, and spiciness of Gewurztraminers from Alto <u>Adige</u> make them natural companions to moderately spicy Sichuan and Hunan dishes.

Top producers

Many of the best wineries in Alto <u>Adige</u> are small to medium in size and family-owned. Two of my favorite producers are Alois Lageder and Elena Walch. Alois Lageder is a family-owned winery with a range of beautifully made white and red wines. Elena Walch married into a family who owned two of the region's most acclaimed estates. Her wines are consistently good and feature a range of personalities that accurately reflect their variety.

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Body

(ANSA) - February 15 - Italy's famous Iceman mummy is set to hit iPads and iPhones with a new app allowing youngsters to learn about his Copper Age life and the **stream** of scientific discoveries made about him.

The application aims to provide "fun ways to get to know Europe's oldest natural human mummy", including games featuring his well-known tattoos - rumoured to have been copied by Brad Pitt - and "his extraordinary gear including his bow and arrow", said the Larixpress publishing house in the Iceman's northern Italian hometown of Bolzano.

Larixpress developed the app in *collaboration* with the Alto *Adige* (South Tyrol) Archaeological Museum, where the mummy is kept in a refrigerated cell.

New discoveries about the 5,300-year-old Iceman, dug out of a northern Italian glacier in 1991 and also known as Oetzi from the Alpine valley where he was found, are being made all the time.

Last May traces of blood were found on him, the oldest blood sample ever found.

A year ago the first complete DNA map of the ancient man found that he was lactose intolerant, or unable to digest a sugar in milk.

The study also showed Oetzi had a predisposition towards heart disease, a finding corroborated by the thickened arteries in the body.

The mapping said the Iceman probably suffered from Lyme Disease, a tick-borne infection whose symptoms may include fever, headache, fatigue, depression, and a characteristic circular skin rash.

According to an international team, the rugged mountain man also shared a common ancestor with the inhabitants of today's Sardinia and Corsica.

He had brown eyes and his blood group was O, the team said.

The Iceman attracts thousands of visitors a year to his Bolzano home.

He had an anniversary bash there in September 2011 when the purpose-built museum celebrated 20 years since two German tourists spotted him peeping out of the glacier.

"Oetzi has been great for us, the city and tourism in the entire region," Alto <u>Adige</u> Archaeology Museum Director Angelika Fleckinger said as the mummy, 2,000 years older than Tutankhamen, 'welcomed' kids to play with prehistoric weapons and offered 'neolithic' food for visitors.

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Fleckinger said the anniversary celebrations had a "special resonance" for her.

"Sometimes I think it is so strange. He died 5,000 years ago yet this person, this Iceman, has become an important part of my life".

Forensic science has made great strides since the Iceman was found in the Oetzal Alps by a couple of German hikers on September 19, 1991.

"We know so much about him, that he had brown eyes and a few diseases, was getting on a bit at 46, and died from an arrow wound.

"But we will maybe never know what really happened in the last hours and minutes of his life".

The Iceman may still be something of a mystery but his generosity to his adoptive home town is no secret.

According to the most recent figures, the refrigerated man earns a total of four million euros each year for restaurants, hotels and souvenir-sellers, Fleckinger said.

Year round, except for Christmas Day, New Year's Day and May Day, he also raises 3.5 million in ticket fees at the restructured bank that houses him.

That means he pays about half of the Bolzano Archaeological Museum's costs, drawing in over one thousand people a day.

This compares to the average of 15% which other Italian museums defray out of visitors' pockets.

The Iceman's status as a global star is reflected by the 26 documentaries made about him by the world's TV companies.

He is perhaps the world's most famous mummy outside Egypt.

The body, which dates back to 3000 BC, has spawned a global cottage industry of studies.

As well as discoveries about what he ate and what illnesses he suffered from, there has been a keen debate on how he died from the arrow wound found in his body - initially, it was thought, in a *fight* with rival hunters.

One theory says he was assassinated in a tribal power struggle.

Another suggested he was the victim of ritual sacrifice.

Another study - fiercely contested by patriotic residents of the formerly Austrian region who see Oetzi as their proud forefather - reckons he was cast out from his community because a low sperm count rendered him childless.

An eerie aura has also grown around the Iceman because of the allegedly mysterious deaths of seven people who came into contact with him soon after he was found.

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In the deeply wooded hills of South Tyrol, Italy, a quick, silvery <u>river</u> tumbles wildly over long, tawny spills of fallen rock. By the time it reaches distant Verona, it is wide and slow, but here it still remembers its origins as a mountain <u>stream</u>, a <u>watercourse</u> that the old Celts called "Yt-ese" – that is, quite simply, "the <u>water</u>". In Italian this became the <u>Adige</u>, while for German speakers it is the Etsch.

That this clear, strangely musical <u>waterway</u> has two names is one consequence of Tyrol's troubled history, a sorry tale of annexation, <u>forced</u> migration and the "Italianisation" programme imposed by Mussolini when the fascists came to power. For many of the predominantly German-speaking locals, this is still Austria – and some of the older folk refuse to speak Italian to this day.

Oblivious to all of this, the water wends its way through mixed woodland and rocky outcrops, purling between fallen boulders, or pooling suddenly in the deeper shade. Here and there, a thin tributary cascades over a rock face, a haunting grace-note to the music of the main current. Butterflies flicker in and out of the shade around these miniature waterfalls; wildflowers dot the damp undergrowth and the banks of the river are lined with hop-hornbeam, bird cherry and manna ash.

Meanwhile, under it all, the geology is formed from a rare mix of granite, quartz-porphyry and gneiss. Go walking in the little Gaul Canyon nature reserve, where the swift and occasionally unpredictable Valsura river (German: Falschauer) meets the <u>Adige</u>, and you can read an entire geological history in the rippling, varicoloured layers of rock along the narrow track that leads to the upper meadow.

Directly adjacent to Gaul Canyon lies the town of Lana, famed in this region and beyond for its apple orchards. It is a pretty place, packed with remarkable buildings and, in early June, when I was passing through, full of the heady scent of star jasmine. On street after street, in the specially designed park for the elderly and around the fine public buildings – once the homes of rich merchants and churchmen – this sweetly perfumed shrub is grown as a hedge plant. From early summer onwards, it lends an air of sensual festivity to this neat, somewhat reserved market town.

Meanwhile, off the main thoroughfares, Yt-ese reappears in altered form, diverted from its scrambling run to fair Verona by generations of apple-growers, who carefully guided it through the back lanes, between tall monastery

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walls and neat, well-managed orchards, via narrow irrigation canals, or Waale – not only to keep the apples and vines well-watered in summer, but also to protect them from winter frosts. This system of waterways, which local people say dates back to the 13th century, demonstrates the effectiveness of an appropriate technology that, as simple as it is, works very well; on top of that, however, it adds a real, if unquantifiable, richness to the fabric of daily life.

I became aware of this on the night I first arrived in the town. Having travelled some distance through an impressive thunderstorm (which one local dismissed as a "little night-time rain") I was aware of nothing, at first, save the steady downpour hammering at the windows of my *Gasthaus* and filling the air with a sweet ozone-y richness.

The next morning, however, long after the storm had abated, I could still hear water from my second-storey room. I went out on to the balcony and looked out over the street: it was still, empty, touched with the gold of the morning sun – but the sound of running water continued, gentle, constant, yet infinitely variable. Though I did not know it then, I was near a Waale – and the purl of running water haunted my visit, over several days of scorching sun, so I always knew that, hot as this particular summer might be, a river ran through it.

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A LIVING IN A BUBBLE, CAMPAN

Stargazing has rarely been so laid-back. Tucked up in bed in a Moontain Bubble, map of the stars in hand, you can gaze through the clear plastic roof of your space-age pod and ponder the night sky. New for 2019, the two bubbles are set in farmland in the French Pyrenees, with a wall of jagged peaks at the far end of the valley and the pilgrim town of Lourdes (the nearest airport) two miles to the north. La Grande Ourse is the one to book; prices start at £180 a night, B&B, excluding travel (www.moontain-bubble.com). Hours of languid lounging beckon from its wood-fired hot tub.

B CANYONING FOR KIDS, NEAR ANNECY

The French call it ruisseling, and it's a gentler, more playful version of canyoning, perfect for 8-to 13-year-olds. Equipped with helmets and wetsuits, you walk the gorges of the **River** Fier, sloshing about its pools and eddies (£72 for a family of four; <u>www.guides-des-aravis.com</u>).

It's typical of the summer scene in the mountains east of Annecy, where big outdoor pools, a trampoline park, laser rifle shooting, mini golf, zip wires, archery and a toboggan course are combined in a majestic playground for tweenagers. Erna Low has an August week in a two-room apartment at the Grandes Alpes residence, in La Clusaz, from £257pp for a family of four, self-catering; the price includes return Eurotunnel crossings (www.ernalow.co.uk).

C THE RIDE OF YOUR LIFE, TIGNES

Ski lifts might be an integral part of the mountain scene, but they are rarely the main event. Except in the French resort of Tignes, where, this summer, you'll feel the wind in your hair - and get a somewhat alarmingly real sense of the plunging depths beneath you - as you ride on the roof of the Grande Motte cable car to the dizzy height of

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D TRAIL RUNNING, CHAMONIX

Running up mountains isn't just for goats. You might question the wisdom of it as you toil up the knee-crushing 7,200ft Signal Forbes on the first morning of a five-day running camp. But that's only because you haven't acclimatised. After two days of hell, your lungs will stop screaming and you'll wake up to the staggering Mont Blanc views. You'll also be astonished by your body's mountain-beating capabilities. The result? Euphoria. This summer, Icicle Mountaineering is offering four of these six-night camps - starting on June 23 - for £699pp, including guiding and B&B accommodation, but not travel (www.icicle-mountaineering.ltd.uk). Fly to Geneva.

E CLASSICAL MUSIC, VERBIER

This year's Verbier Festival kicks off with Valery Gergiev, director of St Petersburg's Mariinsky Theatre, conducting Bartok and Shostakovich. It's a suitably heavyweight opening to a star-studded programme that runs for two weeks from July 18; the mezzo-soprano Ekaterina Gubanova, the pianist Andras Schiff and the cellist Sheku Kanneh-Mason are also performing. This isn't what you'd expect in a Swiss ski resort famous for party-loving royals and hardcore off-piste skiing, but there's no denying that the mountain setting adds fizz (tickets from £40; www.verbierfestival.com). Stay at the central Hotel Bristol (doubles from £186, B&B;

Geneva is the nearest airport.

HELI-BIKING, ZERMATT

Those who join Bramble Ski's Fearless Families programme in the Swiss resort this summer will earn serious bragging rights. With the Matterhorn as your backdrop, you'll plunge into an adrenaline-fuelled week that includes tandem paragliding, a via ferrata climb and a night in a mountain hut. But it's the helicopter ride up to 10,000ft, accessing remote MTB trails with a guide, that will leave your kids buzzing. Base camp is a swanky self-catering apartment, with restaurants nearby in case Mum and Dad are too tired to cook. Seven nights start at £1,822pp for a family of four, including six activities (www.brambleski.com). Fly to Geneva or Zurich. Heli-bikers must be 12 or older.

G PATHS OF GLORY, NEAR ROVERETO A trip along the Vallarsa, southeast of Rovereto in Trentino, Italy, will render you dumbstruck for two reasons. The first is the sublime beauty of this tight, steep-sided valley of forests, cliffs and sparkling mountain streams. The second is the history. Just over 100 years ago, the Austrians and Italians *fought* a full-blown mechanised *war* through this all but impassable landscape. Local expert Michele Zandonati will guide you through it, visiting key sites such as Monte Pasubio and revealing the murderous ingenuity of the two sides as they *fought* battles on the edge of precipices, carved trench systems into solid rock and turned mountain peaks into mass graves (£210 a day for up to 20 people; *zando@gruppogrotte.it* for bookings). The Hotel Leon d'Oro, in Rovereto, is the best base (doubles from £70, B&B, hotelleondoro.it). Verona is the nearest airport.

WINE TASTING, TRENTINO

Sit in the garden at the family-run Dorigati winery, in Mezzacorona, and the view - beyond the burbling fountain - is of a sheer 2,000ft cliff. It's typical of the soaring scenery that characterises the *Adige* Valley as it cuts deep into the Italian Alps. The ever-changing geology adds variety to the wine, as you'll learn sipping your way from rich, fruity teroldego reds to the creamy, champagne-style Trento DOC. Pick up a hire car at Verona airport, 70 miles south, and base yourself at the Albergo Caffe Centrale, in Mezzacorona (doubles from £129, B&B; www.hotelcaffecentrale.com), or the Villa Weingarten, further up the valley in Caladaro (doubles from £102, B&B; www.villaweingarten.it). Allow a healthy budget for tasting taxis.

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I BIKES AND BATHS, OTZTAL Founded in 2015, Sölden's Bike Republic has rapidly grown into an Alpine MTB hub, with four lifts serving a range of trails. This year, 15 natural descents and nine manmade ones will test your mettle, alongside e-biking and road routes (<u>www.bikerepublic.soelden.com</u>). When your legs are like jelly, it's time for some world-class splashing, whooshing down a giant waterslide in Austria's largest adventure park (£22; area47.at) or lolling in an elevated hot tub in the Aqua Dome spa (£19; aqua-dome.at). Doubles at the chic, MTB-friendly Die Berge hotel start at £115, B&B (dieberge.at). Innsbruck is the nearest airport.

J HUT TO HUT, ZILLERTAL ALPS

Fancy a proper stomp? Then stretch your legs on the Berliner Höhenweg, which knits together eight huts amid raw, top-of-the-world scenery in the Austrian Alps. The full 53-mile circuit takes seven days, but it's easy to pick a single section, with the Furtschaglhaus to Berliner Hut leg the most highly rated. You'll need a head for heights and a walker's harness to clip onto fixed cables above the most precipitous drops, but the vast views repay every ounce of effort. Book the huts at naturpark-zillertal.at (£108pp for two nights, half-board) and stay in pretty Mayrhofen either side of the trip. Inghams has one-week packages from £399pp, half-board, including flights and transfers (www.inghams.co.uk).

K TRADITIONAL FARMHOUSE, TYROL

Pining for a mountain farmhouse festooned with geraniums? The Hinterbranterhof is the real deal. Built in 1832, with a bell on top and a barn at the back, it has been restored in a low-key style that makes so much of its ancient timber, it's like living inside a tree. Even better, this idyllic self-catering property offers doorstep access to the pastures and stirring ridge walks of the Wildschönau, an unsung area of the Tyrol that's home to one of the prettiest villages in the Alps, Thierbach. Fly to Innsbruck, pick up a hire car and don't forget the Sound of Music songbook. One week's rental of the whole house, which sleeps nine, starts at £1,460 (hinterbranterhof.at).

L FOREST LUXURY, ZELL AM SEE

Need to intersperse family fun with some me-time? Then whisk your brood to the Forsthofgut. in Leogang, Austria. This five-star spa hotel has its roots firmly planted in the local forests and spoils weary parents with yoga, artisan G&Ts and a big adults-only area in the spa while the young 'uns are in the kids' club. The menu is heavy on vegan food, with many of the ingredients sourced from within 30 miles; pine panelling adds a soothing scent to the bedrooms. When you're ready to face the world, the hotel's own hiking and biking guides await. A week in July starts at £550pp for a family of four, half-board, including daily childcare (forsthofgut.at). Salzburg is the nearest airport.

Feel the wind in your hair and the alarmingly real sense of the depths beneath you

Graphic

WOLFGANG WATZKE; YVES GAMEAU; MARTIN HEMMINGTOP SPOT Your swanky chalet base for a breathless week in Zermatt, Switzerland. Above, hitting the trails in Otztal, AustrialN SUSPENSE A zip wire near Annecy; top, the Aqua Dome spa, Austria

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Cookbooks are flavour of the season

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Body

Bengaluru, Oct. 5 -- Cookery books are still the rage, even in the face of glamorous programmes with renowned star chefs wooing viewership on food *channels*, or the touch-and-you-get recipes off the Internet.

In fact, market observers, hoteliers, publishers and authors feel technology with visual glamour has only increased the sale of books. While the unprecedented <u>demand</u> of Srinidhi Publications' Oggarane Dabbi, presented by D.R. Muralidhar, which saw a record 50,000 copies sold in 50 days this year, have left publishers amazed, authors too are amazed by the responses of readers who just "want more". What are the reasons behind the rapid sales of cookery books in every bookstore?

Publishing houses such as Sapna Book House, Prism and Srinidhi Publications, and retailers like Gangarams and Nagashri Book House confirm the overwhelming <u>demand</u> for cookbooks, and the wave of new entrants writing them in the last five years. "There are a dime a dozen TV programmes on food that seem to have kindled the curiosity for food and wellness, helping the print medium benefit from the trend," says K.V. Venkatesh of Nagashri Book House in Jayanagar, who sells nearly 25 cookery books a week.

At Prism too, the talk is about bestsellers such as Veena Bhat's Seven Wonders In My Spice Box that has won international gourmet awards. Vijayalakshmi Reddy's non-vegetarian Kodi Masala is an evergreen hit, just as her Andhra Gumagumalu is any Home Science student's reference book.

Cash registers just don't stop ringing for cookbooks, says Nitin Shah of Sapna Book House. From the traditional authentic cuisine of each region, vegetarian and non-vegetarian, to microwave recipes and the latest organic variants, "the assortment of books is a serpentine list, and sales touch nearly 250 books a month".

At Gangarams, more than 50 cookery books get sold in a week. "A whole new set of new authors have arrived and that's why we see an increase in the number of cookery books," says the owner, Prakash Gangaram. "Of the 2-lakh catalogue in our shop, nearly 7,000 titles are on cookery, written by around 15 authors. The latest takeaways are Husna Rahaman's Spice Sorcery: The Kutchi Memon Cookbook by HarperCollins, with bewitching tales of the community and its delectable recipes, followed by Bridget White's Anglo-Indian recipe books," he says.

Today, food is discussed not just within the realm of recipes, but from a holistic viewpoint, making it a whole new habit for the reader.

More bestsellers

Bombaat Bhojana by Sihi-Kahi Chandru

Cookbooks are flavour of the season

Tiffin Box for Children by Vijayalakshmi Reddy Sampradayika Pakashastra by Sri Melukote Sitarama Iyengar Sampath Iyengar

Udupi Adige by Rajeshwari
The Udupi Kitchen by Malati Srinivasan and Geetha Rao
Oota Upahara by Jaya V. Shenoy
Gruhini by Hemalatha Parashuram
Making a big splash

This a generation of hoteliers behind him, Sadananda Maiya of Maiyas was drawn into writing interesting anecdotes and legends related to food and its preparations. Ahaara Vihaara was born out of public *demand* for sharing his knowledge "in a book format". Be it the history of asafoetida or its earliest use in India by vocalists, who used a pinch to clear their throats; the food allergy noticed by Mr. Maiya that has a link with each blood group; or preparing pure coffee from naturally preserved moisture-free seeds without chicory, Mr. Maiya's narrations are practical accounts of his personal encounters. Mr. Maiya, the food scientist, is releasing five more books this Dasara.

Her students are her inspiration

For Vijayalakshmi Reddy, who has 12 books to her credit with six more expected to hit the stands anytime, it is a connect with her students in her cookery classes and TV programmes that get extended to books.

"I have conducted classes for 30 years and trained 3 lakh students. The working lot also requested me for a 'Working Woman's Cookbook' for weekly planning, which I did recently," says Ms. Vijayalakshmi.

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May 29: The Northeast Italian wine region is blessed with excellent geographical location with <u>diverse</u> soils and cool and moderating weather that makes Veneto and Friuli Venezia Giulia excellent wine regions, writes our guest writer Ms. Sheetal Kadam, a Mumbai member of the Italics Wine Club, who was part of the group that visited Vinitaly and several wineries in these two regions of Italy last month and came back mesmerized

The region is blessed with Alps extending beyond the northern borders of Italy and sheltering the region from the rains, edged by the alluvial debris of *River* Po, the limestone matrix of basalt peaks and chalky blue *waters* of *Adige River* at the base of jagged dolomite peaks in the Northern Verona. The region is also influenced by cool and moderating weather between *Lake* Garda in the West and Adriatic Sea to the Southeast. All these factors make the region of Veneto and Friuli Venezia Giulia ideal for the viticulture related activities. It was this region that I was fortunate to visit and get a feel of the real Italian 'wine culture' and the passion, creativity and pride behind the regional produce. It was a heavenly experience that went beyond the feel of just technical experience of Italian wine production.

The Visit started with introduction to the Italy's wine regions and wine tastings at the Vinitaly, an Italian wine treasure in my opinion. What followed thereafter was just a dream-walk through a series of wineries which had personalized touches, passionately cultivated dream of wine making embedded with traditional yet creative procedures.

Sartori diVerona

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This was the first in the list of my visits. It was founded by the entrepreneurial spirit of grandfather Pietro in 1898, when he bought his first vineyard in Negrar. After a walk through the vineyards and the cellars with Daniele Cristanelli, the Export Manager it was time to taste their wide range of stunning Rosso, Bianco and the Spumante.

The Valpolicella Classico Superiore DOC is a beautiful combination of the trio of Corvina, Rondinella and Molinara indigenous grape varieties. One distinctly felt the sour cherry flavour of Corvina with delicate aromas of plum and rich ripe berries on the palate. It is slightly tannic with good amount of acidity and alcohol, lighter structure, harmonious easy to drink wine.

The winemaker chooses to leave the fully ripened berries on the vine to be picked towards the end of harvest. The grapes are then spread out on mats, or strung up from the ceiling. Drying the grapes in this fashion *forces* them to

shrivel, leaving concentrated sugars and flavours in them. Finally, when the grapes are crushed and fermented, the resulting wine is opulent and full-bodied Amarone della Valpolicella DOC.

Cooling influences that come from altitude, exposing the vineyards in the foothills to a large diurnal temperature range and featuring volcanic soils, are well-suited to white varieties like Garganega, Trebbiano and Oseleta. The Soave DOC 'Still Wine' appeared to be bright and lemon-yellow with fresh aromas of apple, pear, almond and herbaceous, crisp and refreshing on the palate and rich in minerality. Recioto di Soave DOC is a sweet straw white wine made from dried Garganega grown in the Soave. Rich in texture with candied lemon and honey flavour.

Io Mazzucato

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The next in line was a winery in the Breganze DOC appellation, close to Asiago in the North-Centre of Veneto. Breganze is of volcanic origin, with basalt and calcareous and alluvial deposits left by the glaciers, rich in minerals, favourable climate, warm but ventilated summers and humid winters.

The owner of the winery, Andrea Mazzucato explained 'why' the name. "You can blame me or compliment me for my wines", he adds, "I am solely responsible for my wines". I was excited to taste his wines and visit the vineyards.

Amongst all the white varieties - chardonnay, pinot bianco and pinot grigio, Andrea likes to cultivate Vespaiola more, as this grape narrates a story of this territory. The first written notes date back to 1754. Purely native of Breganze doc, it is a pretty rustic vine. He makes Vespaiola wine with the best of these bunches and then produces Torcolato, a sweet dessert wine with the rest. The bunches undergo Appasimento after harvest.

The Vespaiola grape is best suited to sweet wine production. Resulting into naturally intense acidity, dry wine style, light bodied and aromatically subdued wine. However, when used to make sweet dried-grape wines like Torcolato, Vespaiola, can produce sweetly spiced, honeysuckle scented and nectarine wines, with an ideal sugar and acid balance. The Breganze terroir is varied. Many red berry varieties like Cabernet Sauvignon, Marzemino, Syrah and Merlot are also found here.

Prosecco Land

The next stop was Val d'Oca and Astoria wineries close to the Venice Lagoon between the hills of Treviso, the plain of River Piave and Adriatic coast. It is typical to produce the famous Prosecco exclusively from Glera grapes and also a few other varieties like Merlot, Carmenere, Verduzzo, Refosco, Verdiso and Marzemino.

Val d'Oca

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It was established on 14th April 1952. Located at the base of the Veneto's Pre-Alps, in the delightful hilly region between Asolo and Conegliano, it was started by a handful of vine growers who had a strong belief in the benefits of *cooperative* as a solution to face the economic difficulties of the time.

Today there are 602 grape growers with almost 959 hectares of vineyards, predominantly growing Glera on moraine and argillaceous soils. This winery is recognised as one of the leading companies in the Valdobbiadene area, tracing the lines of the development of prosecco production from a local wine to an international best seller.

Today it is recognized as one of the oldest companies growing, processing and bottling Prosecco. It is on a Landscape of colours and scents, embroidered by vineyards, rich in woods and rugged slopes, historic towns and picturesque villages, a place where over the centuries vines have taken on a central role in the material and productive culture. It's the Land of Prosecco. While tasting the Prosecco facing the vineyards, Mr Aldo Franchi - the

procurator of the winery - took us into the past explaining the historic foundation of the winery, its success story till date as an international brand on co-operation basis.

Astoria Winery

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Astoria's Prosecco has peculiarity of fruity aromas and freshness. It is easy to drink wine. These conditioning aspects are assured by the environment and viticulture practices fundamentally, I believe. Mr Giorgio the wine producer himself and Paolo Favero the export manager clearly mentioned the fact that the clayey or marly soil with Mediterranean influence ensures a good acidic heritage essential for the freshness and aromatic characteristics of the Prosecco. Before the harvest, the medium-high temperatures and drier climate bring the bunch to complete ripening. Ideally that is the right time for them to harvest while the grapes are a perfect balance of its components. We were served with Astoria's fine Prosecco wines with the local Italian cuisine, a perfect food and wine combination made for each other.

I Feudi di Romans

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Entering into the Friuli- Venezia- Giulia, we visited 'I Feudi di Romans' winery. Here, Enzo Lorenzon, along with his sons Davide and Nicola, successfully manages about 90 hA of vineyards with tenacity and passion, the land his father Severino bought in the '50s. Together they grow best grapes, supported by the River Isonzo, and by the flora found on its banks, an ideal habitat to thrive in.

"I Feudi di Romans" is the top label of the Lorenzon Winery, born in the early '90s from the desire to captivate and conquer the lovers of the Friulian wine tradition. The Winery, located in the Friuli Isonzo DOC, produces prestigious wines, as advantaged by the Mediterranean micro-climate. Nicola revealed the facts about the variety selection.

Since last 40 years they have been carefully selecting the clones that best suit the territory. These are Friulano, Ribolla Gialla, Malvasia Striana, Verduzzo, Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso. The Friulano was much lively and fruit driven with citrus and almond flavours, rich in minerality, crisp acidity and balance of alcohol. Ribolla Gialla had firm acidity, peach, citrus and apple notes, floral aromatic profile and was very smooth on palate. Malvasia Bianca goes in for dry, sweet, sparkling and speciality wines. The minerality is its main character in terms of palate.

Marco Felluga

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It was indeed a great experience to meet Roberto and Ilaria Felluga. In 1967, Marco Felluga (father of Roberto) purchased Russiz Superiore one of the finest estates of Collio hills. Collio region is the first DOC of Friuli Venezia Giulia, covering the Marly hills of Gorizia. In the middle of the vineyards a coral reef was discovered, with plenty of fossils. These minerals give their character to the wines.

Roberto introduced many innovations to a classic style of wine making such as choosing elegance and minerality, balanced structure with longevity. He loves to play with the three historic varieties of local grapes Friulano, Ribolla Gialla and Pinot Bianco with partial and well-balanced oak-ageing. With a long term vision to make world's finest white wines, Ilaria - daughter of Roberto and the rising star of Russiz Superiore, is sharpening her knowledge of oenology by pursing higher studies from Udine University.

The personality of Italian wines is shaped by its indigenous grape varieties; undoubtedly the soil lends the wines their structure, freshness and salinity. The micro-climate of the vineyard contributes to its identity. But the Italian

wine culture fosters highest degree of its nobility. Also, the passionate people with a long term vision characterize pride in their regions focusing creative mindsets to produce world class top-selling wines.

A memorable visit that lingered on my mind, long after it was over.

Sheetal Kadam

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High tides persist in Venice

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VENICE, Italy - Venice was hit Sunday by a record third exceptional tide in the same week while other parts of Italy struggled with a series of weather woes, from rain-swollen <u>rivers</u> to high winds to an out-of-season avalanche.

Stores and museums in Venice were mostly closed in the hardest-hit area around

St. Mark's Square, but tourists donned high rubber boots or even hip waders to witness and photograph the spectacle.

Most were disappointed when officials closed the historic square as winds rippled across the rising waters. The doors of the famed St. Mark's Basilica were securely shut to the public, and authorities took precautions - stacking sandbags in canal-side windows - to prevent salt-laden water from entering the crypt again.

Venice's Tide Office said the peak tide of nearly 5 feet hit just after 1p.m. but a weather front off the coast blocked southerly winds from the Adriatic Sea from pushing the tide to the predicted level of 5 feet, 2 inches. By early evening, the level was less than three feet.

Still it marked the third time since Tuesdaythat water levels in Venice had reached exceptional levels. Since records began in 1872, that level had never been reached even twice in one year, let alone three times in one week.

While Venetians had a bit of relief, days of heavy rainfall and snowfall elsewhere in Italy swelled rivers to worrisome levels, triggered an avalanche in the Alps and saw dramatic rescues of people unable to flee rising waters.

The flooding has raised renewed debates about the city's Moses flood defense project, a corruption-riddled underwater barrier system that is still not operational after more than 16 years of construction and at least 5 billion euros of public funding. It was supposed to be working by 2011.

In Pisa, famed for its Leaning Tower, workers sandbagged the road along the rising Arno River, which authorities said had reached the highest level there and in another Tuscan city, Florence, since 1992.

High tides persist in Venice

"I ask citizens to go home and stay there," Pisa Mayor Michele Conti, said in an <u>appeal</u> on state TV. He said bridges were being closed as a precaution in case the Arno overran its banks. Pisa's offices and stores were ordered shuttered until midday Monday.

The Arno also surged through the heart of historic Florence, reaching a level near the Uffizi Galleries that was described as the highest in some 20 years. In 24 hours, 2.5 inches of rain had fallen in Florence, which was whipped by winds as high as 42 mph.

A popular Florence tourist attraction, the Boboli Gardens, was closed as a precaution for fear of falling trees. Near the Tuscan town of Cecina, 500 people were evacuated when a local river swelled to the top of its banks.

Elsewhere in Tuscany, 2,000 people were ordered evacuated in Grosseto as the Ombrone river swelled dangerously. Near Grosseto, firefighters rescued a man clinging to a tree as floodwaters surrounded him.

In Italy's mountainous Alto <u>Adige</u>, or South Tyrol region, a mid-autumn snowstorm triggered power outages and blocked roads in several Alpine valleys. The mayor of Val Martello, Georg Altstaetter, told state TV that an avalanche had damaged two houses but caused no injuries. Other homes were evacuated as a precaution. The town was left without electricity.

The region's governor told people to stay home so crews could clear snow-clogged roads.

A windstorm overnight in the Rome area toppled scores of trees, with two falling on cars, severely injuring a motorist.

Some politicians lamented that the drama over Venice's high tides was eclipsing the needs of other areas.

In Matera, a once-impoverished southern town that has experienced a renaissance through tourism, heavy rain sent torrents of mud racing through its streets last week, ruining shops and lodging.

"There are no minor-league regions," said Luigi Di Maio, a populist who leads the 5-Star Movement, the government's main party.

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Cinema: Orizzonti Vicini al Trento film festival

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(ANSA) - 23 APR - Anche quest'anno la sezione Orizzonti Vicini, organizzata in collaborazione con Trentino Film Commission, sarà protagonista del programma cinematografico del 69° Trento Film Festival (30 aprile - 9 maggio 2021). La sezione, che include 6 tra lungo e mediometraggi e 10 cortometraggi, è dedicata alle storie, agli scenari, alle produzioni e agli autori del Trentino Alto Adige. Trentino Film Commission è presente al Trento Film Festival anche nella sezione Alp&Ism dedicata al mondo dell'alpinismo e agli appassionati di montagna con i film documentari Climbing Iran (Disponibile online dal 03/05) e My upside down world (Disponibile online dal 07/05), e nell'evento di apertura con il corto di animazione Mila (Disponibile online dal 01/05). La selezione cinematografica del 69. Trento Film Festival sarà interamente proiettata al Multisala Modena di Trento, seguendo le normative e i protocolli legati all'emergenza sanitaria. Il programma giornaliero delle proiezioni che si terranno in presenza sarà consultabile dalle 17.00 di oggi, 23 aprile, sul sito https://trentofestival.it/ Inoltre la selezione cinematografica sarà accessibile, a partire dal 30 aprile, sulla piattaforma di streaming all'indirizzo online.trentofestival.it: dal 26 aprile sarà possibile acquistare gli abbonamenti e prenotare i film.

La piattaforma sarà attiva fino al 16 maggio. Il Trento FF online pass a 25(EURO) consente di accedere all'intero programma durante le oltre due settimane di streaming. Il noleggio dei singoli film è gratuito fino ai 30 minuti di durata, al costo di 3(EURO) per i mediometraggi fino ai 60 minuti, e di 5(EURO) per i lungometraggi.

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Venice floods: Italy declares state of emergency after 'widespread devastation' in city; ITALY will declare a state of emergency today after deadly floods brought "widespread devastation" to to its historic basilica, with the city's Mayor warning the city is "on its knees".

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Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte described the *flooding* as a "blow to the heart of our country", and vowed to allocate the first round of funds and accelerate the "structural solution to the problems", which are expected to cost hundreds of millions of euros. He will make the move in a Cabinet meeting today as part of an urgent response to respond to the near-record *floods*. In a post on Facebook, Mr Conte said: "The disaster that hit Venice is a blow to the heart of our country. It hurts to see the city so damaged, its artistic heritage compromised, and its business activities so severely affected.

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"I gave a clear signal to the authorities and local institutions I met this afternoon: the government is there for you. It is with Venice and Venetians.

"Tomorrow I will be in the city again, I will meet the local community and we will have another operational meeting in the Prefecture to see the real damage and to give the first solutions.

"In the afternoon I will return to Rome for a Council of Ministers during which we will take charge of the request for a state of emergency. We are ready to allocate the first funds.

"I will also accelerate the structural solution to the problems, linked to the extraordinary maintenance of the barriers and the hydraulic systems.

Mr Conte added: "But it is not only Venice. In these hours many other regions are affected by this violent wave of bad weather. With the Head of Civil Protection we are constantly monitoring the news from all over Italy.

"From the rest of the Veneto, as from Friuli Venezia Giulia, from Puglia to Trentino Alto <u>Adige</u>, from Naples to Matera and from other territories.

"On the Government's part, our attention is maximum."

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The flooding has destroyed shops and hotels, leaving many of the city's historic squares and side streets deep underwater, with the tide peaking at a huge 6ft 2in on Tuesday night - second only to the record 6ft 5in set in 1966.

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Mayor of Venice Luigi Brugnaro said the city was "on its knees" and warned of further "widespread devastation".

He said it would cost hundreds of millions of euros to repair the damage across the city, and told reporters at a news conference the devastation was "enormous".

The Mayor said on Twitter: "Venice is on its knees. "St. Mark's Basilica has sustained serious damage, like the entire city and its islands."

Luca Zaia, the premier of the Veneto region, warned the city was "faced with total, apocalyptic devastation".

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He told Italian media: "I'm not exaggerating - 80 percent of the city is under water, the damage is unimaginable."

Torrential rainfall has *forced* tides to peak at near record highs, inflicting huge chaos onto a city built on canals.

Five ferries that serve as water buses were damaged. The are a critical means of transport in Venice as there are no road or rail links, except to the mainland.

This is also the fourth flood to hit St. Mark's Basilica in the last 20 years, with the vestibule of the church flooded with water on Tuesday.

It has sparked fears the church's historic collection of rich mosaics and artworks could be destroyed, with muddy water surrounding marble tombs in the crypt.

Carlo Alberto Tesserin, first procurator of the Basilica, who is the president of a team responsible for managing the historic site, said: "We're talking about millions of euros worth of damage.

"We said last year that the Basilica had aged 20 years in a high tide. It risks having aged much more than that in this one."

Venice archbishop Francesco Moraglia said the Basilica is "suffering structural damage because the water has risen and so it's causing irreparable damage, especially when it dries out in the lower section of the mosaics and tiling."

But fury has swept across Venice at the delay of a flood barrier project, which has been blamed on corruption.

Mayor Brugnaro demanded a the long-delayed "Moses" barrier protection project "must be finished soon".

The plan, which began in 2003, involves 78 moveable gates under the sea that can be raised to protect Venice's lagoon during high tides.

But there is no completion in sight, and a recent attempt to test part of the barrier caused huge vibrations, with engineers discovering parts had rusted.

Local Dino Perzolla said: "They've done nothing, neglected it. It doesn't work and they have stolen six billion euros. The politicians should all be put in jail."

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ROME -- Violent thunderstorms, small tornadoes that blew roofs off homes, and hurricane-<u>force</u> winds lashed Italy from Piedmont to Sicily early this week, leaving at least 11 people dead, many more injured and firefighters and other rescue workers scrambling to respond to emergency calls.

In Venice, ferocious winds drove the high tide to more than 61 inches, or 156 centimeters, above average sea level on Monday, one of the highest levels ever recorded, plunging much of the city under <u>water</u>. It was the highest <u>flood</u> in a decade in Venice, though far short of the record, more than 76 inches above level, set in November 1966.

Venetians and tourists tottered on raised walkways throughout the city, while others waded through thigh-high water. Many shops and restaurants flooded when barriers across doorways failed to keep the water out.

Some tourists decided to go for a swim in famed Saint Mark's Square, in front of the city's cathedral.

The cathedral itself was damaged by flooding as water submerged part of the floor in the central part of the basilica for only the fifth recorded time in its nine-century history, officials said. The water covered "several dozens of square meters" of the marble pavement in front of the altar of the Madonna Nicopeia, a 12th century icon, and submerged the baptistery, the board responsible for the building said in a **statement**.

Near the covered entrance to the basilica, the mosaic floor was under as much as 35 inches of water, it said, "soaking the monumental bronze doors, columns and marble." Water levels remained above ground in the basilica for 16 hours.

"It may not be visible to the eye, but structures age because of the salt water drenching the bricks, which were not meant to remain underwater for long; that goes for bronze, too," said Pierpaolo Campostrini, one of the board members. "The bricks are like sponges, and if the water levels don't drop, the water rises several meters to the mosaic level."

"In one day, the basilica aged 20 years," he said.

An editorial on Tuesday in the Venice daily II Gazzettino asked what had happened to the Moses Project, the divisive, still-unfinished, multibillion-dollar system of floodgates that has been under construction for years. Venice,

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built on a lagoon of the Adriatic on Italy's northeastern coast, has always been vulnerable to flooding, and the system of barriers is supposed to offer some protection as global warming and rising seas make the **threat** worse.

"If there was one day it would have been useful, it was yesterday," the editorial read.

Mr. Campostrini, of St. Mark's, <u>agreed</u>. "That event shouldn't have happened, not if the Moses Project had been operational," he said.

The situation was equally dramatic in other Italian regions.

Winds reached 112 miles per hour in Liguria, on Italy's northwest coast, one of the hardest-hit regions. The Italian news agency ANSA described a "massacre of yachts" in the town of Rapallo, near Genoa, where dozens of boats moored in the port broke loose and crashed against the shore or were driven out to sea.

A storm destroyed the provincial road to Portofino, isolating the picturesque coastal town and stranding residents and tourists. ANSA reported that the eldest son of former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, Pier Silvio, was stranded with his family in the area, in the castle that he owns. Pier Silvio is deputy chairman and chief executive of the family media group Mediaset.

Hundreds of people were evacuated from their homes in towns in the mountainous Trentino-Alto <u>Adige</u> region, northwest of Venice, after rivers rose over their banks. Newspapers described fish swimming in the streets of one town.

In some places, hillsides soaked by heavy rain gave way.

The operational command of the Civil Protection Department met late Monday to coordinate and deploy disaster relief teams throughout the country, where winds and rains continued with **force** on Tuesday.

Schools remained closed on Tuesday in many regions. Century-old pine trees toppled in Rome, blocking roads and clogging traffic.

In Venice, the city's high-water telephone message system warned citizens that high tides on Tuesday and Wednesday would be unusually severe, but not as bad as Monday's. A "code orange" was in place, with flooding expected to reach more than 43 inches above sea level.

In Naples, many trees fell in the cemetery of Poggioreale, famed for its tombs and monuments, which was closed to the public.

Mayor Luigi de Magistris of Naples said on Tuesday that the city had been exposed to "an atmospheric earthquake."

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Graphic

PHOTO: Visitors to Saint Mark's Square in Venice on Monday witnessed the city's highest flood in a decade. (PHOTOGRAPH BY MANUEL SILVESTRI/REUTERS)

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Body

Introduction

<u>River</u> networks are endowed with a ubiquitous fractal signature, that is, the similarity between the parts and the whole—. The shape of <u>river</u> networks observed in Nature results from the interplay between chance (precipitation events, landslides and tectonic activity engendering local changes in landscape morphology) and necessity (the action of gravity and erosion driving network configurations towards optimal states),. Indeed, the most probable <u>river</u> network configurations are those corresponding to a local minimum of energy dissipation,. The fractal character of <u>river</u> networks is subsumed by Horton's laws on bifurcation, length and area ratios, and by the power-law scaling of distributions of drainage areas and lengths—. These distinguishing features of <u>river</u> networks are relevant from a hydrological and geomorphological perspective as they control the hydrological response of a basin, its hydraulic geometry attributes and its sediment transport rates...

Equally important, but hitherto often neglected, is the relevance of these river network properties from a biological perspective, and thus the adequate understanding of biological processes in river networks, such as biogeochemical cycling, and the distribution of populations, species and pathogens—. Understanding how the spatial structure of landscapes influences community and ecosystem dynamics is a classic theme in ecology—. In this respect, river networks have recently attracted considerable interest by ecologists, due to their distinct dendritic structure— and the outstanding relevance of riverine biodiversity, ecosystem functions, and their respective *threats*, at both local and global scales,. This spurred extensive research investigating how river connectivity affects biodiversity patterns—, genetic diversity—, dispersal, and characteristics of a metapopulation (that is, a set of spatially structured populations of the same species connected by dispersal), such as persistence—, stability and synchrony—.

Systematic study of hydrological and ecological dynamics in rivers depends on a realistic representation of river network structures, and requires either the use of real river networks or the construction of synthetic network analogues. While the former is interesting for case-specific studies, only the latter allows generalisations and an analytical investigation of recurrent patterns. The use of synthetic analogues of river networks is especially interesting because it enables the generation of potentially infinite replicates of river networks sharing the same size and properties, which permits a proper assessment of ecological dynamics (and the uncertainty thereof) irrespective of the shape of a given river network. Several approaches have been used to approximate river networks in ecological studies. While some studies acknowledged possible shortcomings of certain network approximations, the effects of inadequate network analogues on the ecological dynamics analyzed have not been

systematically addressed (but see ref.). Specifically, a first group of studies,,,,,,,,,, modelled river networks as trees where all paths from the tree root to the source nodes (see Supplementary Note 1) have equal length; borrowing an analogy from computer science, these will hereafter be defined balanced binary trees (BBTs – Fig. a). A second group of studies,,, considered a somewhat more realistic type of structures, where river network analogues were built as random assemblages of links of different lengths (e.g. following an exponential distribution,); these will hereafter be referred to as random branching networks (RBNs – Fig. b). Importantly, many of these studies,,–claimed a property of such random networks, their branching probability p, to be a major driver of ecological processes such as richness patterns, genetic diversity and metapopulation stability. Finally, a third group,,,, exploited river network analogues derived following geomorphological principles, i.e. Optimal Channel Networks (OCNs - Fig. c–f). OCNs are spanning trees (see Supplementary Note 1) that correspond to a local minimum of a functional describing total energy expenditure across the network,. As such, the topological and scaling features of OCNs are indistinguishable from those of real river networks.

Examples of networks analyzed as river analogues.

a a BBT network. b a RBN network. c A small OCN built on a 20×10 lattice and extracted with AT = 10 pixels. The river network is depicted in blue, while flow directions in the regions where AT Less Than 10 pixels are drawn in grey. d–f An OCN built on a 200×200 lattice and extracted with three different values of AT. g–i A real river (*Adige*, Italy) extracted from a DEM (with pixel size I = 409.25 m) with three different values of AT; the catchment spans an area of 40,608 pixels. Network nodes are marked with grey dots in panels a, b and c (with filled dots corresponding to "branching" nodes, i.e. identifying the start of a link); the black solid lines in panels c–i depict the extent of the areas drained by the river networks. Orange areas (highlighted by arrows in panels d, g) depict the extent of the area (equal to AT) drained by an arbitrary headwater.

Here, we show that, contrary to some <u>statements</u> and applications made in the literature, branching probability is not an inherent property of river networks and therefore does not allow distinguishing them according to their complexity level. Rather, p is a feature that depends on the scale at which a river network is observed. Next, we compare the topological and scaling features of BBTs, RBNs and OCNs with those of real rivers. Finally, we show that using purely random river network analogues such as BBTs and RBNs in ecological applications instead of OCNs leads to biased conclusions with respect to metapopulation stability and persistence, evaluated based on distributions of between-node distances and patch sizes. We therefore call for the use of OCNs as the only appropriate landscape model to investigate ecological processes in riverine environments. The outstanding suitability of OCNs to accurately depict hydrologic dynamics has been well-established in geosciences, yet not necessarily cascaded to other fields, and thus highlights, more in general, the need for a tighter integration of geosciences and biosciences in the study of the patterns of Nature.

Results and Discussion

Drainage area and branching ratio: a matter of scale

Geomorphological and ecological viewpoints on river networks generally differ owing to discordant definitions of the fundamental unit (the node) used to analyze them. From a geomorphological perspective, the determination of a river network entails the definition of an observational scale. Real river networks can be extracted from digital elevation models (DEMs) via algorithms for flow direction determination such as D8 (i.e., each pixel drains towards the lowest of its 8 nearest neighbors). After the outlet location has been specified (and hence the upstream area A spanned by the river network), the first observational scale required is thus the pixel length I of the DEM, which defines the extent of a network node. A second scale is then needed to distinguish the portion of the drainage network effectively belonging to the channel network. The simplest but still widely used method defines channels as those pixels whose drainage area exceeds a threshold value AT. Hydrologically based criteria to determine the appropriate value for AT exist; however, for the sake of simplicity, we here consider AT as a free parameter.

BBTs and RBNs are random constructs, and as such they do not satisfy the optimality criterion of minimizing total energy expenditure, which is the fundamental physical process shaping fluvial landscapes. Furthermore, neither of

these networks is a spanning tree, which is a key attribute of real fluvial landforms: in fact, in both BBTs and RBNs, the extent of the drained domain is not defined. As a result, the drainage area at an arbitrary network node cannot in principle be attributed, unless by using the number of upstream nodes as a proxy. This has practical implications from an ecological viewpoint because drainage area is the master variable controlling several attributes of a river, such as width, depth, discharge, or slope,, which in turn impact habitat characteristics and the ecology of organisms therein.

In BBTs and RBNs, branching probability p has been defined,,– as the probability that a network node is branching, i.e. connected to two upstream nodes. As such, the branching probability of a realized river network (be it a real river or a synthetic construct) could be evaluated as the ratio between the number of links NL constituting a network and the total number of network nodes N; if a unit distance between two adjacent nodes is assumed, the denominator equals the total network length. We note that the former definition of branching probability only holds in the context of the generation of a synthetic random network; it is in fact improper to refer to a "probability" when analyzing the properties of a realized river network. We clarify this aspect by introducing the concept of branching ratio pr for the latter definition (pr = NL/N). Moreover, in the case of BBTs, p and pr do not coincide (see Methods). Importantly, p and pr have no parallel in the literature on fluvial forms, nor do they refer to any of the well-studied measures of rivers' fractal character.

The choice of different observational scales for the same drainage network results in different values of NL and N, and hence of pr. Remarkably, the very same drainage network can result in river networks that virtually assume any value of pr (ranging from 0 to 1) and N (up to the upper bound A) depending on the choice of AT and A (the latter corresponding to a given I value when measured in the number of pixels; Fig. d–i); networks with low AT/A ratios result in high N (Fig. a), while networks with low AT result in high pr (Fig. b). Furthermore, pr does not identify the inherent (i.e., scale-independent) branching character of a given river network in relation to other river networks. In fact, by extracting different river networks at various scales (i.e., various AT values) and assessing the rivers' rank in terms of pr, one observes that rivers that look more "branching" (i.e., have higher pr) than others for a given AT value can become less "branching" for a different AT value (Fig.). We therefore conclude that branching probability is a non-descriptive property of a river network, which by no means describes its inherent branching character, and depends on the observational scale.

Variation of N and pr as a function of observational scales for OCNs and real river networks.

a Expected value of number of network nodes N as a function of threshold area AT and total drained area A (from Eq. ()); the white dots indicate the values of AT and A used to generate the OCNs used in this analysis. b Expected value of branching ratio pr as a function of AT and A (from Eq. ()); symbols as in a.

Values of branching ratio as a function of AT for the 50 real river networks analyzed in this study.

a Natural values of pr in logarithmic scale. bz-normalized branching ratios (i.e., for each AT value, values of pr are normalized so that they have null mean and unit standard deviation), which better shows how rivers rank differently in terms of pr for different observation scales (i.e., AT). Lines connect dots relative to the same river. For visual purposes, rivers that rank first, second, second-to-last or last in at least one of the AT groups are displayed in colors; the other rivers are displayed in grey.

Scaling is also crucial when looking at river networks from an ecological perspective. In this case, the relevant scale determining the dimension I of a node is the extent of habitat within which individuals (due to e.g. physical constrains) can be assigned to a single population,; the riverine connectivity and ensuing dispersal among these populations give rise to a metapopulation at the river network level. The specific spatial scale largely depends on the targeted species (e.g. being larger for fish than for aquatic insects), and it is conceivably much larger than (or, at least, it has no reason to be equal to) the pixel size of the DEM on which the river network is extracted. Since the evaluation of pr depends on the number of nodes N, which, in turn, is defined based on the scale length I, the resulting pr of a river network under this perspective would depend on the characteristics of the target taxa, which is inconsistent with the alleged role of pr as a scale-invariant property of river networks.

Note also that using the ecological definition of I (i.e., spatial range of a local population) to discretize a real river network into N nodes, and from there calculate the branching ratio pr = NL/N, is problematic. Indeed, this would imply an elongation of all links shorter than I (which constitute a non-negligible fraction of the total links, under the assumption of exponential distribution of link lengths), hence preventing a correct estimation of the connectivity patterns (i.e., distances between nodes) and the resulting ecological metrics of the river network (see section Ecological implications).

From an ecological perspective, it could be reasonable to consider AT as a parameter expressing how a particular taxon perceives the suitable landscape, rather than a value to be determined from geomorphological arguments: for instance, large fishes inhabit wide and deep river reaches, and do not access small headwaters. In this case, imposing a large AT would result in a coarser, less branching network constituted by few main channels (Fig. f, i), which could mimic the potentially available habitat for such species. Conversely, aquatic insects inhabit also small headwaters,, therefore their perceived landscape would resemble the finely resolved networks of Fig. d, g, characterized by low AT and higher (apparent) pr.

Topology and scaling of river networks and random analogues

To verify the topological (i.e., Horton's laws on bifurcation and length ratios) and scaling (i.e., probability distribution of drainage areas) relationships of the different network types, we extracted from DEMs 50 real river networks encompassing a wide range of drainage areas (Fig.), and we generated 50 OCNs, 50 RBNs and 50 BBTs of comparable size (see Methods).

Location of real river basins used in the analysis.

River basins are shown in dark grey; countries in light grey. Rivers' numbering is sorted in ascending order according to drainage area values.

Typical values,, for the bifurcation ratio RB lie between 3 and 5, while length ratios (RL) range between 1.5 and 3.5. As expected, we observed that the real rivers and OCNs used in our analysis have RB and RL values within the aforementioned ranges (Fig. a, b). The same is true for RBNs, while the RB and RL values found for BBTs are lower than the typical ranges. This finding holds regardless of the scale (subsumed by AT) at which real river networks and OCNs are extracted (Supplementary Figs. 1 and 2). Remarkably, BBTs fail to satisfy Horton's laws despite the statistical inevitability of such laws for any network argued by ref. . To this regard, we note that the networks analyzed by ref. did not include constructs where all paths from the source nodes to the outlet have the same length, which is the defining feature of BBTs (Fig. a).

Comparison of topological and scaling properties of the different networks.

a Scaling of number of network links N ω as a function of stream order ω for the various network types (rivers and OCNs obtained with AT = 20 pixels; RBNs and BBTs derived accordingly - see Methods). b Mean link length L ω (in units of I) as a function of ω . Networks used are as in panel a. c Scaling of drainage areas: probability P[A \geq a] to randomly sample a node with drainage area A \geq a as a function of a. The displayed trend lines are fitted on the ensemble values for the 50 network replicates, by excluding nodes with drainage area larger than 2000 pixels (cutoff value marked with a black solid line). The scaling coefficients β reported correspond to the slopes of the fitted trend lines. Extended details on all panels are provided in the Supplementary Methods.

While the power-law scaling of areas in OCNs (Fig. c) has an exponent $\beta \approx 0.45$ that closely resembles the one found for the real rivers ($\beta \approx 0.46$) and within the typically observed range, $\beta = 0.43 \pm 0.02$, drainage areas of RBNs scale as a power law with an exponent $\beta \approx 0.51$, which departs from the observed range. Conversely, BBTs do not show any power-law scaling of areas. Scaling exponents of drainage areas fitted separately for each real river network yielded values in the range $0.36 \div 0.57$ (Supplementary Table 1). In particular, we observed that these values tend to the expected range $\beta = 0.43 \pm 0.02$ for increasing values of A, expressed in number of pixels (Supplementary Fig. 3), hence implying that highly resolved catchments are required in order to properly estimate β . Interestingly, the observed values of Horton ratios and scaling exponent β for RBNs are compatible with the

values RB = 4, RL = 2, β = 0.5 predicted for Shreve's random topology model,,, which is actually equivalent to a RBN with infinite links.

Ecological implications

We compared the different network types via two metrics that express the ecological value of a landscape for a metapopulation: the coefficient of variation of a metapopulation of a metapopulation cVM and the metapopulation capacity λM . The coefficient of variation of a metapopulation is a measure of metapopulation stability (a metapopulation being more stable the lower CVM is), while the metapopulation capacity, expresses the potential for a metapopulation to persist in the long run (persistence being more likely the higher λM is). Both measures are among the most universal metrics describing dynamics of spatially fragmented populations,. In order to assess the impact of the two landscape features mostly affecting metapopulation dynamics, i.e. spatial connectivity and spatial distribution of habitat patches, we calculated these metrics for the four network types under two different scenarios: uniform (CVM,U, λM ,U) and non-uniform (CVM,H, λM ,H) spatial distribution of habitat patch sizes. In the first scenario, CVM,U and λM ,U assess stability and persistence (respectively) of a metapopulation solely based on pairwise distances between network nodes; in the second scenario, CVM,H and λM ,H depend on the interplay between pairwise distances and spatially heterogeneous habitat availability (namely, downstream nodes being larger than upstream ones).

We found that the values of CVM (be it derived with uniform (CVM,U) or nonuniform (CVM,H) distributions of patch sizes) obtained for OCNs match strikingly well those of real rivers (Fig.). These CVM values are consistently lower than those found for RBNs, while values of CVM for BBTs are even higher. Notably, this result holds for different values of AT (and hence different pr values) at which real rivers and OCNs are extracted (Fig. a–c; g–i), and for values of mean dispersal distance α (see Methods) spanning multiple orders of magnitude (Supplementary Figs. 4–7).

Comparison of values of metapopulation metrics across river network types and observational scales (AT).

a-cCVM,U. d-f λ M,U. g-iCVM,H. j-l λ M,H. Boxplot elements are as follows: center line, median; notches, , where IQR is the interquartile range; box limits, upper and lower quartiles; whiskers, extending up to the most extreme data points that are within $\pm 1.5 \cdot IQR$; circles, outliers. Metapopulation metric values were obtained by setting $\alpha = 100$ I. Note that in Eq. (), given A = 40, 000, AT = 20 results in E[N] ≈ 4574 , E[pr] ≈ 0.228 ; AT = 100 yields E[N] ≈ 2231 , E[pr] ≈ 0.098 ; AT = 500 results in E[N] ≈ 1088 , E[pr] ≈ 0.042 .

For a constant α value, the CVM of real rivers, OCNs and RBNs decreases as the <u>resolution</u> at which the network is extracted increases (i.e., AT decreases; see Fig. and Supplementary Figs. 4–7). This is expected, since a decrease in AT corresponds to an increase in N (Fig. a), leading to a decrease in CVM. Indeed, a larger ecosystem, constituted of more patches, has the potential to include a larger (and more diverse) number of subpopulations, which increases stability at a metapopulation level through statistical averaging—a phenomenon widely known as the portfolio effect. We also found that BBT networks do not generally follow the above-described pattern of decreasing CVM with increasing N; rather, the CVM of BBTs increases with N when the mean dispersal distance α is set to intermediate to high values (Fig. and Supplementary Figs. 5–7), and only when α is very low (e.g. α = 10 I as in Supplementary Fig. 4) and a uniform patch-size distribution is assumed does CVM,U follow the expected decreasing trend with increasing N.

However, we need to warn against the conclusion that river networks with higher values of pr (and hence lower AT, see Fig. b) are inherently associated with higher metapopulation stability. Indeed, our result was obtained by changing the scale at which we observed the same river networks, and not by increasing the river networks' size. If the number of network nodes (and, consequently, the branching ratio pr) is determined by the scale at which the landscape is observed, one cannot directly assume that any of such nodes is a node (or patch) in the ecological sense, i.e. the geographical span of a local population: the extent of such patches should be determined based on the mobility characteristics of the focus species, and should be independent of the scale at which the river network is observed. In contrast, we note that, if different river networks spanning different catchment areas (say, in km2)

are compared, all of them extracted from the same DEM (same I and same AT in km2), then the larger river network will appear more branching (i.e., have larger pr). Indeed, by selecting catchments with larger A (in km2) for fixed I and AT (in km2), one moves towards the top-left corner of Fig. a, b (i.e., perpendicular to the level curves AT/A). The apparent higher "branchiness" of the river network with larger A will result in lower values of CVM; however, the higher metapopulation stability of the larger network will not be due to its (alleged) inherent more branching character, but only dictated by its larger habitat availability.

We observed that metapopulation capacity λM values of OCNs (be it evaluated under uniform (λM ,U) or non-uniform (λM ,H) patch-size distribution assumption) are the closest to those of real rivers, while RBNs (and even more so BBTs) generally overestimate λM with respect to real rivers and OCNs (Fig. d–f; j–l). This result holds irrespective of the choice of AT and for intermediate to high values of α (Supplementary Figs. 5–7). When the mean dispersal distance is instead set to very low values (α = 10 l – Supplementary Fig. 4) and the river network is extracted at a high *resolution* (i.e., low AT), the metapopulation capacity of OCNs under assumption of uniform patch-size distribution (λM ,U) is underestimated with respect to that of real rivers. A likely explanation for this apparent mismatch is that, for low values of AT, the number of nodes N tends to be somewhat higher for the extracted river networks used in this analysis than for OCNs (Supplementary Fig. 8), and the effect of the different dimensionality of real rivers and OCNs in the metapopulation capacity estimation tends to be more evident as the mean dispersal distance decreases. Interestingly, such mismatch is absent when a non-uniform patch size distribution is assumed, as λM ,H values for OCNs match those for real rivers regardless of the mean dispersal distance value and the river network *resolution* (Fig. ; Supplementary Figs. 4–7).

The OCN construct encapsulates both random and deterministic processes, the former related to the stochastic nature of the OCN generation algorithm, and the latter pertaining to the minimization of total energy expenditure that characterizes OCN configurations. As such, OCNs reproduce the aggregation patterns of real river networks. From an ecological viewpoint, this implies that both pairwise distances between nodes and the distribution of patch sizes (expressed as a function of drainage areas, or of a proxy thereof such as the number of nodes upstream) are much closer to those of real networks than is the case for fully random synthetic networks as BBTs and RBNs. In particular, BBTs and (to a lesser extent) RBNs tend to underestimate pairwise distances with respect to real rivers and OCNs, as documented by a comparison of mean pairwise distances across network types (Supplementary Fig. 9a–c). Our analysis shows that the connectivity structure of these random networks (subsumed by the matrix of pairwise distances) is too compact with respect to that of real rivers, which leads to an overestimation of the role of dispersal in increasing the ability of a metapopulation to persist in the long run, but also an increased likelihood of synchrony among the different local populations, which results in higher instability.

Comparison of patch size distributions among the network types expressed in terms of CVM,0 (i.e., the portion of CVM,H that uniquely depends on the distribution of patch sizes and not on pairwise distances) shows that, while for coarsely resolved networks (AT = 500) no clear differences in CVM,0 emerged, for highly resolved networks (AT = 20) BBTs heavily underestimate the CVM,0 of real rivers and OCNs, while RBNs slightly overestimate it (Supplementary Fig. 9d–f). As a result of the interplay of differences in distance matrices and patch size distributions, BBTs and (to a lesser extent) RBNs generally tend to overestimate the coefficient of variation of a metapopulation and the metapopulation capacity of real rivers and OCNs in both scenarios of uniform and non-uniform patch size distribution. The only exception to this trend occurs for the metapopulation capacity λ M,H of very large BBTs (corresponding to AT = 20) in the case of very high dispersal distances (α = 1000 I – Supplementary Fig. 7): here, the patch-size effect (i.e., underestimation of CVM,0) predominates over the distance effect (i.e., overestimation of mean dij), resulting in an underestimation of λ M,H with respect to real rivers and OCNs.

Our results were derived under a number of simplifying assumptions. In particular, we acknowledge that, while the distance matrix of a landscape and the distribution of patch sizes have in general important implications for metapopulation dynamics, other factors not considered here, such as Euclidean between-patch distance, fat-tailed dispersal kernel and density-dependent dispersal could also play a relevant role in this respect. However, it needs to be noted that, especially with regards to the assessment of the Moran effect in metapopulation synchrony (i.e., increased synchrony in local fluvial populations that are geographically close but not flow-connected), the use of OCNs allows integration of Euclidean distances in a metapopulation model, while this is not possible for RBNs and

BBTs, where Euclidean distances are not defined. Moreover, if a larger degree of realism is required for a specific ecological modelling study, such as heterogeneity in abiotic factors (e.g. water temperature or flow rates), the use of OCNs as model landscapes allows a direct integration of these variables, as they can conveniently be expressed as functions of drainage area,. In contrast, this is not possible for RBNs or BBTs, because only OCNs verify the scaling of areas (Fig. c), while RBNs and BBTs lack a proper definition of drainage areas.

Our comparison of synthetic and real river networks showed that riverine metapopulations are more stable and less invasible than what would be predicted by random network analogues. Conversely, the use of OCNs as model landscapes allows capturing not only the scaling features of real rivers, but also drawing ecological conclusions that are in line with those that could be observed in real river networks. We thus support the use of OCNs as analogues of real river networks in theoretical and applied ecological modelling studies. While we found that BBTs are highly inaccurate in reproducing ecological metrics of real river networks and should be therefore discarded altogether in future modelling applications, RBNs show a certain degree of similarity with OCNs and real river networks in this respect; moreover, RBNs (as is the case for any random tree) satisfy Horton's laws on bifurcation and length ratios. A relevant advantage of RBNs over OCNs is that their generation algorithm is at least one order of magnitude faster. Therefore, we acknowledge that RBNs could be considered as a suitable surrogate for real river networks as null models in cases where a large number of network replicates is required. To this end, we encourage researchers exploiting synthetic river networks (whether they be OCNs or RBNs) to always clarify the observational scales (that is, total area drained, size of a node, area drained by a headwater) subsumed by the synthetic network and which give rise to a certain complexity measure (i.e., branching ratio). Only in such a way could the predictions from these studies be compared with real river networks.

In conclusion, our results advocate a tighter integration between physical (geomorphology, hydrology) and biological (ecology) disciplines in the study of freshwater ecosystems, and particularly in the perspective of a mechanistic understanding of drivers of persistence and loss of biodiversity.

Methods

Generation of synthetic river networks

We generated 50 OCNs via the R-package OCNet on lattices of size 200×200 with a random positioning of the outlet pixel. All OCNs hence spanned an area A = 40, 000 pixels. Each of the 50 OCNs was extracted by imposing a threshold area AT equal to 20, 100 and 500 pixels. A threshold area value AT = 1 pixel was also applied in order to assess the scaling of drainage areas shown in Fig. c.

For each OCN and each AT value, we computed the respective number of nodes N and branching ratio pr = NL/N, and generated a corresponding random branching network (RBN) and balanced binary tree (BBT). Following ref. , RBNs were generated by randomly sampling network links with length following a geometric distribution with mean 1/pr, and such that the total network length be equal to N. The geometric distribution is the discrete equivalent of the exponential distribution, which approximates well the distribution of link lengths. The network was then randomly assembled by imposing each link to have an outdegree (see Supplementary Note 1) of 1 (except possibly one link—the most downstream one) and an indegree (see Supplementary Note 1) of either 0 (source links) or 2 (links downstream of a confluence); moreover the network configuration had to be loopless. Details are provided in the Supplementary Methods.

BBTs were generated following ref.: the network was initialized with one node (the root), which was attributed to order 1. For all nodes belonging to a given order i, one or two upstream nodes were randomly assigned, the latter event occurring with probability p; all nodes thus generated belonged to order i + 1. The algorithm stopped when N nodes were allocated. Note that p is different (i.e., lower) than the branching ratio pr of the network, since all nodes lacking an upstream connection (i.e., the sources) are by construction the starting point of independent links, while this would be true only for a fraction p of them, if new nodes were added to the network by following the above-described algorithm. For these networks, we found p = pr/(2 - pr) (see Supplementary Methods for the derivation).

Extraction of real river networks

We extracted 50 real river networks from open-source digital elevation models retrieved via the R-package elevatr. We selected catchments from different geographical areas: 25 in Europe and 25 in North America (Fig. . To guarantee a high similarity between extracted and actual river networks, catchments were essentially selected from regions with marked elevational gradients (i.e. the Alps, the North American Cordillera and the Appalachian Mountains). We chose catchments spanning a wide range (367 km2 - 57,949 km2) of drained areas (Supplementary Fig. 10a). To enable comparison between the extracted real rivers and the synthetic networks, we limited our search to catchments made up of 40,000 pixels \pm 20% (Supplementary Fig. 10b). To do so, we used DEMs of different resolutions, by appropriately tuning the zoom option in the function get_elev_raster of elevatr. Note that the value in meters of the pixel side I varies both as a function of the zoom level and of latitude (Supplementary Table 2). Flow directions were derived via the D8 algorithm in a TauDEM routine. The networks were finally extracted by imposing AT = 20, 100 or 500 pixels.

Relationships between the networks' parameters

Ref. evaluated how N and NL scale as a function of the two observational scales AT and A for four large OCNs. By rearranging those relationships, the expected values of N and pr for OCNs (and, in turn, real rivers) read, respectively:where A, AT and N are expressed in the number of pixels, and pr is dimensionless. Note that the approximately equal sign in Eq. () highlights the fact that these relationships, being derived from a limited number of OCNs without exploring the full range of parameters involved in the OCN generation, are to be intended as a first approximation. A graphical representation of these expressions is provided in Fig. a, b. Note that Eqs. () are valid as long as AT lies in the range of drainage area values for which the power-law scaling of the drainage area is verified; for example, in the limiting case AT = 1, every pixel of the drainage domain belongs to the channel network, hence A = N and pr approaches 1.

Coefficient of variation of a metapopulation

In the general case, the coefficient of variation of a metapopulation made up of N nodes reads: where µi and σi are the mean and standard deviation of the local population abundance at node i, respectively, while Cij is the covariance between nodes i and j. We hypothesized that both mean and standard deviation of local population abundances scale linearly with the local habitat size Hi: μ i = μ Hi, σ i = σ Hi; without any loss of generality, we further assumed $\sigma = \mu$. The covariance Cij was expressed via an exponential kernel: , where dij is the along-stream distance between i and i, and α a parameter expressing the distance dependence of local population covariance. Note that dij Greater Than 0 also for pairs of nodes that are not flow-connected, as in a so-called tail-down exponential covariance model, which has been used to describe the spatial covariance of any variable measured in streams, including ecological population counts. Note also that dependence of population synchrony on alongstream distance has been widely observed in long-term fish population time series in European basins. In the case of uniform patch size distribution, Hi = H does not depend on i, and Eq. () becomes: In the non-uniform patch-size distribution scenario, we assumed that local habitat size Hi is proportional to the river width, which is known to scale along a river as the square root of drainage area. Given that drainage areas are not defined in BBTs and RBNs, to enable a fair comparison between the different network types we used the number Ui of nodes upstream of a node i as a proxy for drainage area; moreover, we normalized the local habitat size so that each network has a regional habitat availability of 1:In this case, Eq. () becomes:

To assess the sensitivity of our results to variation of the mean dispersal length, we evaluated CVM,U and CVM,H for α equal to 10, 20, 100, 200 and 1000 pixel sizes I. Moreover, we evaluated CVM,H in the limit $\alpha \to 0$, which is equal to , as a measure of the role of patch size distribution on metapopulation stability.

Metapopulation capacity

We evaluated the metapopulation capacity as the maximum eigenvalue of a matrix M of order N with entries if $i \neq j$ and mii = 0. In particular, in the uniform patch-size distribution scenario, λM ,U was evaluated by assumingHi = 1; in the non-uniform scenario, λM ,H was calculated with Hi given by Eq. (). As stated previously, α represents the mean dispersal distance (assuming an exponential kernel for the dispersal process). To assess the sensitivity of our

results to variation of such parameter, we evaluated $\lambda M, U$ and $\lambda M, H$ for α equal to 10, 20, 100, 200 and 1000 pixel sizes I.

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