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ISENAU - A NEW VISION / STORY FOR THE FUTURE

Isenau 360, an independent working group formed to deliver the new telecabine project, encompassing:

An innovative laboratory with a sympathetic, alternative look at future / tomorrow's tourism in the mountains from a year round, global 360 viewpoint, specifically focusing on:

- eco-responsibility and protection of our environment
- quality of service with special focus on families
- authenticity, by integration with agriculture and local products

Dear Donators and Friends of Isenau,

The working group Isenau 360, composed of people actively concerned and involved with the socio-economic fabric of the Commune aided by experts and volunteers, rapidly compiled / constructed / produced a project for Isenau domaine celebrating its exceptional qualities and providing nature lovers, sports persons and those interested in eco-responsible activities, with a unique and unparalleled playground.

At this point in time they have already contacted all parties / partners implicated in this project including SPEI (Service Cantonal de la promotion, de l'économie et de l'innovation). Following an interview SPEI reported to the working group:

“Today, Isenau is still on the list for cantonal financial support as long as it fulfills every criteria set out by the government in the matter of feasibility, financial, economic, territorial and environmental; the final decision rests with the licensing authority.”

Furthermore, following a second meeting at the end of February with the Chef de projet Tourisme in charge of the SPEI project, their position was confirmed with the following communication:

“Two representatives of GT Isenau 360 met with the Chief of Project in charge of tourism from the Service de la Promotion, de l'Economie et de l'Innovation du Canton de Vaud on Friday 22 February; they applauded all the positive work done in the previous weeks by each and every member of GT Isenau 360. As a Canton our requirements for an offer, according to our eco-responsibility, year round (4 seasons) tourism, family welcome prominence, support of mountain economy and concern for agriculture have been met, making you eligible for financial support. The final decision will be made by the licensing authority. The research approach and innovative nature of mountain tourism for the future, in collaboration with High Schools of the region, has generated much interest. Therefore, even if it is a long road, the adventure of Isenau 360 continues...”

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At the end of the interviews, he won the support of the very large majority of people met. With regard to the first financial projections, they demonstrate that the chosen model is viable.

This is excellent news and gives hope to everyone who has worked and supported a new installation giving access to this little corner of paradise.

Furthermore, in view of the success of the new domaine “grand-ski” Meilleret-Villars-Gryon, the new development announced for Glacier 3000; the reopening of the family domaine of Isenau with year round offerings, will reposition les Diablerets perfectly within regional tourism to respond to the requirements of clients.

It remains to convince you, You, our donors, that the project retains its original essence and its greatest chance of success is in the renewal of the telecabine, updating the restaurant and implementing eco-responsible activities.

We say a particular ‘thank you’ to those whose donations remain in the Foundation Fund, to date 90%. Your support is warmly appreciated and we will keep you updated with project Isenau 360 as it unfolds.

CALENDAR



A survey concerning finance of the domaine is on-line on the welcome page of the site www.isenau360.ch and we welcome your participation.

**Public presentation of project 14 April 2019, 6 pm, Maison des Congrès
Claude Nicollier.**

PPA (zoning plan): the objections are being reviewed by the court and we are awaiting the outcome.

Fix objective of the working group in agreement with the Foundation: file to be submitted to OFT (Office of Federal Transportation) before the end of the year.

Please take the time to peruse this project which will be available on the internet site www.isenau360.ch after the public presentation. Initial financial projections demonstrate this project is viable and we hope your reaction will be as positive as that of the Commune and Chief in charge of tourism in the Canton.

it is important that we give the Working Group time to complete and put together the important documentation on and files for OFT and SPEI. Hence, the Foundation asks their Donators for patience and leave their money in the Fondation fund until the end of December 2019 when the final documentation will be presented to OFT and SPEI. Naturally, if anyone needs to take back their money they may do so at any time.

You will have seen that the pylons, cable and electromechanics are no more than a memory; by law, the cable had to be taken down by TVGD and half way through the work, as all other necessary parties and tradesmen were on site, TVGD decided to remove the pylons at the same time. This does not in any way prevent the construction of the new telecabine.

We give our warm appreciation to all those who have been implemental in the new project and those who do, and will in the future, support Isenau 360. It is encouraging to note that, despite the setbacks, support is flourishing for the future of year round tourism on Isenau.

Vive Isenau 360°!

