

Open Olympics 2026

One year before the Winter Games start, what do the data from the Open Milano Cortina 2026 portal reveal?





INTRODUCTION: THE OPEN MILANO CORTINA 2026 PORTAL – A STEP FORWARD FOR TRANSPARENCY

The **Open Olympics 2026** campaign was launched in spring 2024 with a clear objective: to promote the “Right to Know” regarding the **number, status, and costs of public infrastructure projects linked to the XXV Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in Milano Cortina 2026.**

The campaign called for the creation of a **transparency portal** that would provide:

- Open-access data,
- A simplified dashboard with geographic visualization of the projects,
- Real-time updates on responsible entities and contractors (including subcontractors),
- A detailed timeline covering each project from initial planning (including environmental assessments and authorizations) to completion and handover.

At the time of the campaign's launch, relevant data was either **buried in static documents (such as DPCM decrees) or scattered across multiple digital sources**, making it difficult for both the general public and experts to access and analyze the information in an organized way.

Following a period of intense dialogue between the **Open Olympics 2026 network, Simico S.p.A., and key stakeholders—including the City of Milan**, which facilitated discussions through its joint Olympic/Paralympic and Anti-Mafia Commissions—a shared commitment to transparency was reached.

In **October 2024**, the **Open Milano Cortina 2026 portal** was finally launched:

 <https://www.simico.it/piano-delle-opere/>

This digital platform now offers:

- Open data downloads,
- Geolocated project mapping,
- Updates every 45 days,
- Dedicated project pages with specific information.



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Through this initiative, **Simico S.p.A. has strengthened its role as the oversight body for Games-related infrastructure projects**, as designated by Decree-Law of March 11, 2020, while also **addressing the transparency demands** of the Open Olympics 2026 network.

While the launch of this portal is a major achievement for civil society, there is still **room for improvement**, and we will continue to advocate for greater transparency and enhanced functionality.

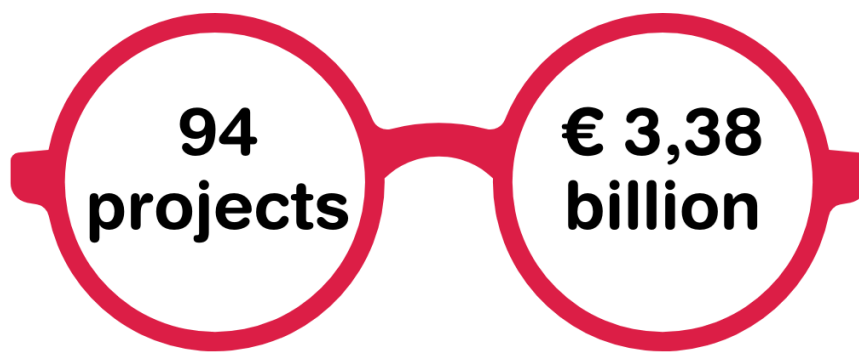
This report provides an analysis of the latest available data (uploaded on January 15, 2025, with data updated as of December 31, 2024), **less than a year before the Games begin on February 4, 2026**. However, anyone can access the Open Milano Cortina 2026 portal and conduct their own evaluations.

The greatest success of the Open Olympics 2026 network so far is **ensuring the public's right to know and access to critical Olympic and Paralympic project data**.

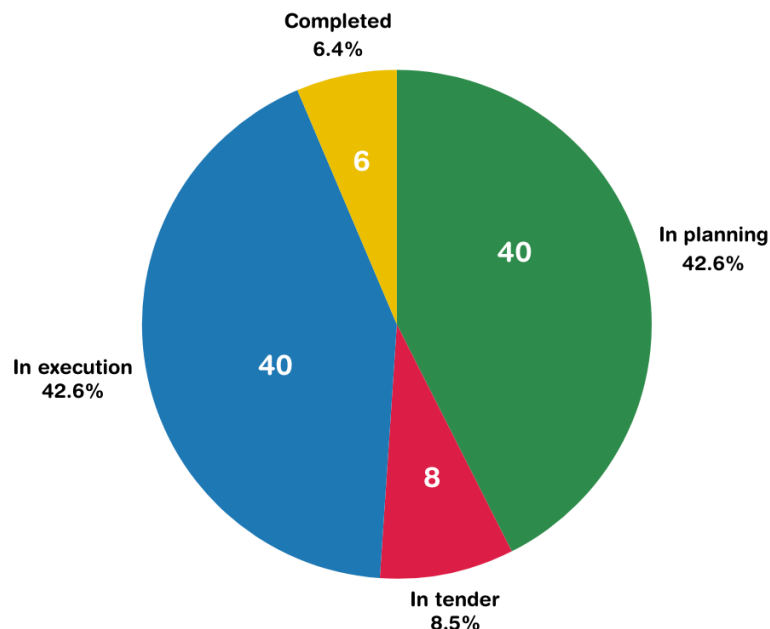
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Data on **94 out of the 100 projects** in the Winter Games Works Plan.

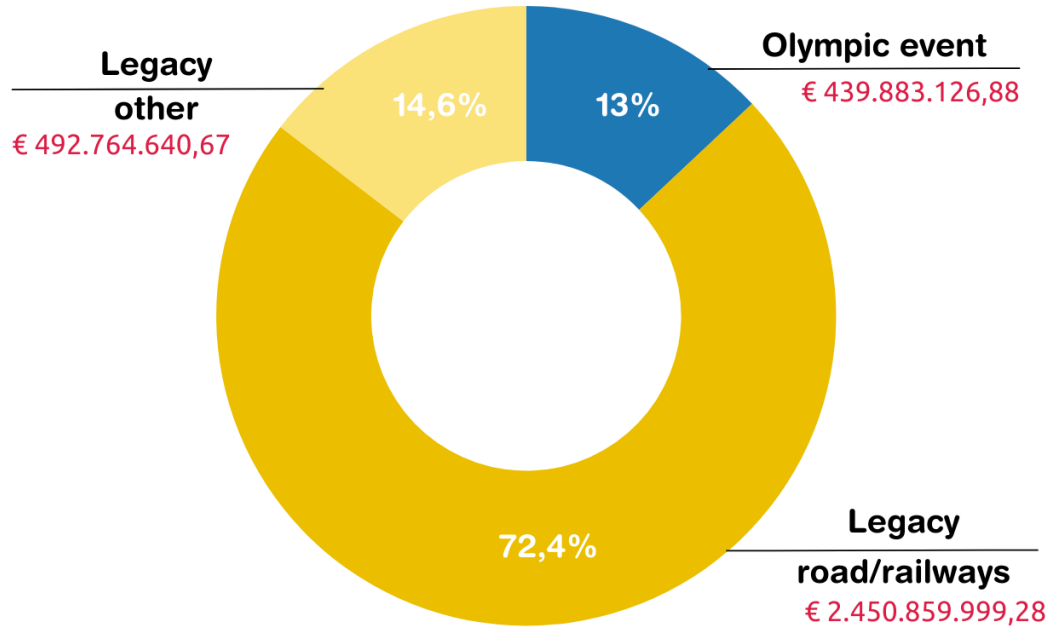
The figures indicate a **total economic value of €3.4 billion**, with **50% of projects still in pre-construction phases** (either in design or tender phase). **Spending on road/rail infrastructure is 5.6 times higher** than that allocated for essential Olympic-related projects.



Progress of works (31 December 2024)

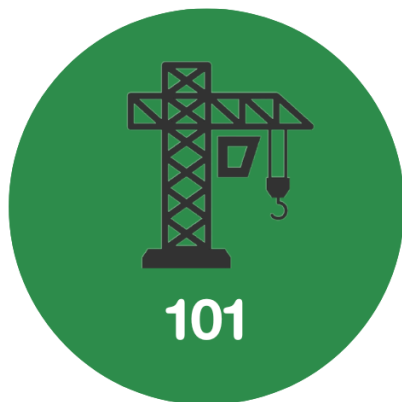


Economic breakdown of the Plan's projects



In **60% of cases**, no initial environmental impact assessment was conducted, as it was deemed unnecessary or not required under current regulations.

There are **9 implementing entities** (with Simico S.p.A. leading, overseeing nearly 60% of the plan's projects and managing 74.5% of the total allocated resources), **9 contracting authorities**, and **340 companies** (contractors and subcontractors) directly involved in carrying out these projects. 8% of subcontractors are engaged in multiple subcontracts.



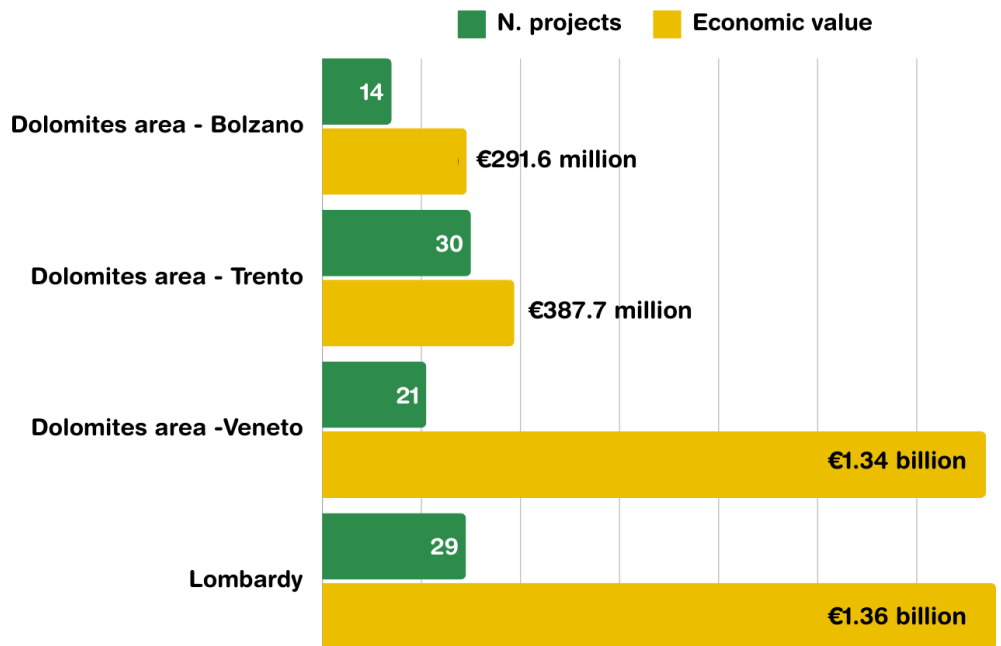
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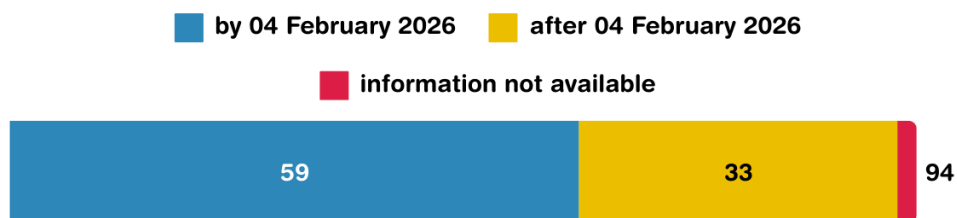
The **largest investments (in terms of expenditure)** are in Lombardy and Veneto, each exceeding **€1.3 billion**, while **Trentino hosts the highest number of projects** (30 out of 94, nearly a third of the total).

Distribution of projects and investments by geographical area



Currently, only 6 out of 94 projects have been completed. Among these 94 projects, 59 are scheduled for completion by February 4, 2026, meaning that **only about 10% of the works expected to be completed before the Games have been finished.**

Estimated completion of works



All the above data is publicly available, less than a year before the start of the XXV Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, on the Open Milano Cortina 2026 portal (last upload: January 15, 2025, with data as of December 31, 2024).



The platform, launched in October 2024, was developed by Simico S.p.A., marking a **significant step toward accessible transparency**, also in response to a specific request from the Open Olympics 2026 network in Spring 2024.

The open-access, easily accessible, and regularly updated data (every 45 days) has been analyzed in detail in this new report curated by the network of promoting associations (full version available in Italian only).

The analysis of such data enables us today to **raise four key questions**, which we direct to all decision-makers who, in various capacities, can help provide clear answers.

1. How many projects are actually linked to the Olympics?

The portal currently lists 94 projects. While Simico S.p.A. has confirmed its **commitment to completing the full picture of 100 projects**, working to collect data on the remaining 6, there are additional projects linked to the Games that are not included on the platform because they fall outside the DPCM framework.

At this time, we cannot estimate their number or costs. Local authorities, Anas S.p.A., and other contracting entities must ensure accessible reporting even for projects outside the DPCM and work, where possible, to include them in Simico's portal.

2. How much is actually being spent, and who will pay?

The Simico portal currently reports **only the base tender value**, with **no indication of actual expenditures**. This is because the state of the works does not yet allow for comprehensive expenditure data. However, **providing this information as soon as possible—including a distinction between funding sources (as outlined in the 2023 DPCM)—is essential**.

Additionally, while the Olympic bid document projected “zero-cost Olympics” (the only economic reference in that document estimated \$450 million, which is difficult to compare due to its limited scope), current state funding allocations amount to €3.19 billion.

However, the Simico portal reports €3.38 billion, raising key questions: How will the €190 million difference be covered? What about the additional €100 million in extra costs currently under discussion? Who will pay?



3. What is the environmental impact of these projects?

Data shows that most projects have not undergone environmental assessments, contrary to initial commitments, as they were largely bypassed through extraordinary commissioner authorizations.

A way to **restore focus on sustainability** is by providing **carbon footprint estimates for individual projects and for the total aggregated impact**.

The official Sustainability Report of the Games acknowledges the need to monitor these values, which would enhance the quality of public debate.

Simico S.p.A. has expressed willingness to publish this data, incorporating it into future portal updates. We trust that this will be implemented soon.

4. Will worker protections, environmental safeguards, and oversight be ensured despite tight deadlines?

With just one year left before the Games begin, only 10% of the projects scheduled for completion by February 4, 2026, have been finished, and over 50% of projects are still in pre-execution phases (either in design or tender phase).

While each project follows its own timeline, **there is concern that speed may become the primary driver for the 59 projects** scheduled to be completed before the Games begin.

In such scenarios, there is a risk that costs will impact worker protections, environmental safeguards, and oversight measures. While this is a concern rather than a confirmed fact, we call for clear assurances on these matters.

Shining a Light on the Next Phase

This report by Open Olympics 2026 highlights the upcoming phase of **Olympic and Paralympic Games organization and implementation**.

In this context, the **Milano Cortina 2026 Foundation**, responsible for the Games in terms of events, must **secure over €1.6 billion** in funding.

However, current concerns stem from the **foundation's €108 million financial deficit** (as of the 2023 balance sheet), with the risk that any future losses could fall on the state and regional authorities, as outlined in current agreements.

We strongly believe that the mere possibility of public financial liability should be enough to push the Foundation toward increased transparency. This includes a



detailed breakdown of expenditures, decision-making criteria, and resource allocation progress.

Thus, we urge the Milano Cortina 2026 Foundation to ensure greater transparency, including the release of open-access financial data and, if possible, a dedicated public portal for civic oversight—similar to Simico’s platform.

Our Goal?

To make the XXV Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games of 2026 an international example of transparency and a true celebration of sport—for everyone.



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This report presents and analyzes the data available on the “Open Milano Cortina 2026” portal by Simico S.p.A., referring to the latest upload on January 15, 2025, with data updated as of December 31, 2024. Any subsequent updates are not considered in this document.

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