

MANAGING THE PASSION FOR SPORT: SPORT EVENTS FOR DISABLED PERSONS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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Torino 2006's Paralympic Games have been a unique chance to strengthen the very strong bond with the local institutions and, even before this, to contribute to the IOC's decision to assign the Olympic Games to Torino.

The same attention to the organization of the Olympic event, the determination to leave a sustainable heritage for the Piedmontese territory permitted the making of ambitious projects for the world of disability.

The results of this effort are still visible and will be in future time: accessible facilities, a territory free of architectural barriers, more attention to sport for persons with disabilities, less problems in gathering sponsors, a greater amount of spectators at the races.

The Paralympic event sport was what made all of this possible, overcoming organizational obstacles thanks to the determination and professionalism of those who participated to it.