**INTERVIEWS 12 JANUARY**

**Joergen Graabak – 1st place**

I’m in good shape, I was feeling good the last few days. Today I did a good jump, and this afternoon my goal was just to ski well and have some energy in case the group caught me on the last lap. In the end it wasn’t necessary, because I skied alone to the finish, so it was quite comfortable. It was really fun to ski with Joergen and Espen and skiing in front together was something special for us. We are the three youngest guys on the team, so it was fun to be there together a couple of laps and then, of course, it was really good for me to be alone in front and skiing to the finish line. I was hoping to participate to the Team Sprint, but my coach said no, they want to save some energy for the next weeks. They are going to be hectic, and we have some really important competitions in PyeongChang in February. I’m here on Sunday and I’m competing, I’m really looking forward to the competition on Sunday but, unfortunately, I’m not starting tomorrow.

**Johannes Rydzek – 2nd place**

I was super happy about my race. I did a good jump at the hill. I didn’t know where was my shape in XC race, but it felt really good. I knew the track, it is the same of the World Championship. It’s nice to race here under the sunny conditions, but the track is really hard, it has lots of ups and downs. Of course, I like Val di Fiemme, the race is hard, tracks are hard, but it’s always good to come to Italy: nice weather and good food. I like to race here! We will see if I’m going to participate to tomorrow’s race, I was a little bit ill after New Year’s Eve but we will see how the body is going to react.

**Lukas Klapfer – 3rd place**

The race was awesome: I had really good skis and my body feels really strong today. In the end, there was a hard fight for the podium. My jump was also good so, for me, it’s a good result. I was not expecting this result before the race, but during the competition I had the feeling that I could reach the podium but, clearly, I wasn’t sure. I’m also going to participate to tomorrow’s race, but I’m not sure who is going to be my partner, I think it will be Lukas Greiderer.