

To:

Stéphane Malbos, CIVL President

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Dear Stéphane,

hope you are doing well.

Today we would like to address an issue to you, which is more and more causing inconveniences within our association. Observing the development of hanggliding competition sports we have to state, that the amount of efforts and the related costs to participate in a World or European championship are no longer in a healthy proportion, regarding the relatively small number of hangglider pilots. We feel the responsibility towards our members to spend expenses in a most efficient and economic way. Please find our ideas to improve the situation in the following **Proposal:**

World and European Championships (Cat1-comps) shall comprise of hanggliders class 1, class 5 and class 1 women together. The actual separation in a) class 1 only and b) class 5 + women shall be terminated.

Supporting arguments:

1. In nearly all FAI cat.2 comps (national open comps) these classes (FAI1, FAI5 and women) are competing together for the title awards. This is to be considered as status quo being.
2. The number of pilots competing in a Cat1-championship is nearby the upper limit, creating huge gaggles with high risk of collisions. The necessary participant fees to cover the comp expenses requires hiring also less skilled pilots. Our proposal is: FAI1: 90-100 pilots FAI5: 30-40 pilots, FAI1 women: 20 pilots
3. Common competitions can be organized by the NACs in a significantly more economic way (travelling, accommodation, glider transport, sponsoring, supporters, team leaders, cars, media attraction etc.). By aggregation of the classes the number of Cat1-championships will be cut to half, which doubles the chance to find an appropriate organizer.
4. During the last World championship 2018 the rigid wing pilots wrote a joint statement asking for common championships in the future, signed by all nations. This document was handed over to the CIVL-president and must not be ignored. Finally the association should serve the pilot and not the other way round.
5. The World/European Championships 2016 and 2018 held in Krushevo/Macedonia already

proved the successful execution of a cat.1-competition with all classes together. To be at the same place, but flying in different tasks, worked in a perfect and safe manner. Based on this we propose to hold the first common world championship 2021 in Krushevo and then keep the 2 years rhythm as usual.

6. This proposal is supported by other nations with strong rigid wing teams such as Austria and Japan.

We are happy about positive decisions for our beautiful hanggliding sport!

Best regards



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