



## CIVL 2021 PLENARY – ANNEXE 13 HANG GLIDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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### Summary of Activity Since Last Plenary

*Class 1 European Championship*– Monte Cucco, Italy: This event was held in July 2022 after a two-year postponement due to COVID. It was a huge success with full participation in excellent weather conditions and a lot of very happy pilots. The Italians were once again crowned European Champions in the team event and Alex Ploner of Italy was (once again) crowned European Champion in the individual event.

*Class 2 World Championship*- Aspres sur Buech, France: This event was held in July 2022. 12 pilots participated in the event where 8 successful tasks were held. Manfred Ruhmer was again crown Class 2 World Champion.

*HG Class 1 World Championships Test Event*– Krushevo, North Macedonia: This event was cancelled due to low participation/registration after both the UK and Germany scheduled their national events during the same period. Because this organization has held two previous Cat 1 events (with test events), the Bureau didn't believe another test event was critical or necessary. The Cat 1 event will take place, as scheduled in August 2023.

Overlapping of national and international events - After the cancellation of the test event for the worlds in Krushevo, there was discussion on Basecamp about the scheduling of national level Cat 2 events that overlap with test or Cat 1 events. There is concern about the viability of Cat 1 hang gliding events when participation in test events is greatly effected by scheduling of other events during the same period. Although there has been no consensus, the idea is that we should encourage national organizers to review the CIVL calendar and make every effort to avoid overlap with other events, particularly test events. Also, the idea of not requiring full test events for known organizers, sites was discussed.

Women in Cat 1 events – The HG committee received an informal “complaint” from the Netherlands NAC about the lack of inclusion of women in Cat 1 events, asking that we include a women's championship in the upcoming worlds in Krushevo. A women's championship is already included in this event, but it is highly unlikely that there will be enough women to crown a women's champion. The problem is not that organizers are not including women, but rather that women are simply not participating in the numbers they once did. In any event, it was decided that special places will be available for female pilots during the first allocation at the Krushevo worlds.

Glider/Sprog Checks during Cat 1 events – The Swiss delegate has suggested that we begin conducting glider checks again at Cat 1 events. There has been much discussion on Basecamp about this and about the history of and reasoning behind sprog checks. However, there is no consensus on restarting glider checks at this point.

### Proposals to the Plenary:

*Exemption Requests for Cat 1 Events* – The question has been raised regarding whether a pilot may receive an exemption to participate in a Cat 1 event after having already received an exemption for a previous event. Section 7 isn't entirely clear on this issue, so the proposal aims to make it clear that a subsequent exemption is possible.

**Upcoming Category 1 Competitions and Bids:**

*Bid by Italy for the World Hang Gliding Sport Class Championships in 2025*

*Bid by Spain for the World Hang Gliding Championships in 2025*

*Bid by Brasil for the World Hang Gliding Championships in 2025*