

**BID FOR:**

**8-TH FAI EUROPEAN  
PARAGLIDING  
ACCURACY  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

**2024**

**Gjirokaster, Albania**



# **GJIRO** Open Air

Paragliding Accuracy

Gjirokaster, Albania

4 – 13 October 2024

With the support of Albanian Air Sports Federation, Gjirokastra  
Municipality, and the local Paragliding clubs

## Annex A

### BID INFORMATION

#### 1. Name of Championship:

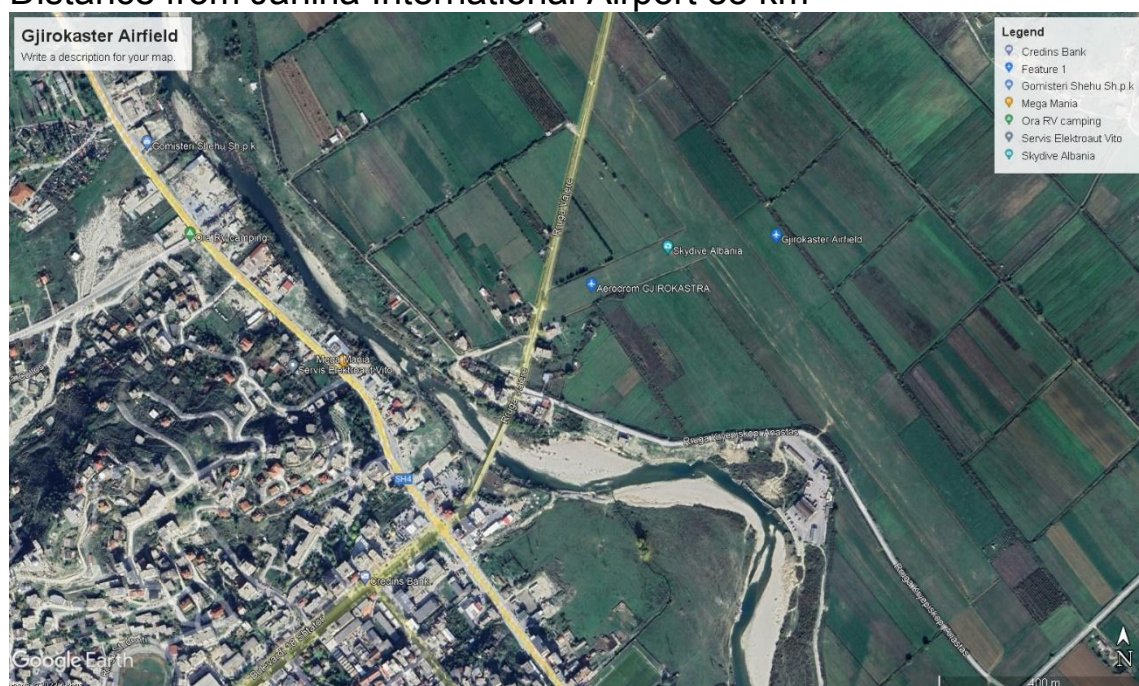
8-th FAI European Paragliding Accuracy Championship 2024  
Gjirokastra, Albania

#### 2. Location of Championship:

Gjirokastra , Albania

Distance from Tirana International Airport 225 km.

Distance from Janina International Airport 85 km



#### 3. Proposed dates of Championship:

4 – 13 October 2024

#### 4. Competitions allowing the organizer to bid

Since 2000 we have organized Albania Open in Vlora and every year we are organizing 4-6 FAI Class 2 Events. Every year one of the Events is held in Gjirokastra well known for cross-country competition and accuracy. Our team is very experienced in organization of FAI Events and the last FAI Category 1 was the World Championship in Vlora at 2017. Last 5 years we have organized in Gjirokastra FAI Class 2 Events.



## 5. Local Organiser:

Aero Club Gjirokastra

## 6. Sporting Power:

The organizing team has the support of Albanian Air Sports Federation, Gjirokastra Municipality, Ministry of Education & Sport, and the local Paragliding clubs (support letters signed at Annex B)

## 7. Detailed Schedule of Championship

**1 – 3 October 2024** Unofficial training days – services provided free of charge: transportation to take off and electronic pad on landing.

**4 October 2024 Friday:** Registration, Training flights, Glider inspection, Mandatory Safety briefing, Team leaders meeting, **Opening ceremony**

**5 October 2024 Saturday:** First competition briefing, Official training round

**6 – 12 October 2024:** Contest flying days

**12 October 2024 Saturday:** Closing ceremony and Prize giving

## 8. Organizers, Directors and Key Officials

Organizing staff will be composed of people with significant experience in paragliding competitions and festivals.

Best Albanian Paragliding Instructor and Pilot Alket Islami, Artion Vreto, Xhonatan Islami are part of the organization team.

Apart from its long history experience, the organizer is planning to involve as an adviser Martin Jovanoski, the General Organizer of the 2021 World Accuracy Championship, to ensure every technical aspect of the event is covered.

## Local Organizing Team:

- Organisation Director: Alket Islami

*Experience:* 9-th FAI World Paragliding Championship 2017, Paragliding World Cup 2016, 2018 and 2019, more than 25 International competitions since 2000.

- Safety Director: Artion Vreto

*Experience:* 9-th FAI World Paragliding Championship 2017, Paragliding World Cup 2016, 2018 and 2019, more than 20 International competitions since 2003. Profesional, General Secretary Of Albanian Air Sports Federation

- Meet Director: Tba
- Chief Launch Marshal: tba
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- Chief Target Marshal: tba
- Meteorologist: tba
- HQ Coordinator: tba
- Scorer: tba

## 9. CIVL Coordinator, Steward, Judges, Jurors

To be appointed by CIVL

## 10. Pilots Entry

The maximum number of pilots is 130 (to be confirmed).

The Championships are open to all Member and Associated Member countries of FAI who may enter the team with the maximum per nation as set by CIVL.

## 11. Entry Fee:

Pilots: 370 Euro

Team Leader/Assistant: 100 Euro

The Entry fee includes, but not limited to:

- Transport to the take-off

- Competitor and glider identification ID card
- Discount card for restaurants and other local facilities
- Numeral stickers
- Lunch package
- Snacks at the target
- Souvenir gift
- Competition t-shirt
- Free internet access at the HQ and landing area
- Entry to all championship events

## 12. Test Event

Proposed dates for the Test Event are: 05-08 October 2023

Pilot qualifications will be defined in the Local Regulations for the event. The Test Event will be an Open event, with an entry fee of 75 Euro.

## 13. Launch Site:

The main take off site of Gjirokaster Airfield has amply demonstrated its suitability as a high level competition venue for up to 150 pilots. It is a big wide grassy area, without any hazards near. All take off areas are marked with windsocks, and there is live streaming by web cameras, which allows checking weather conditions any time online.

## 14. Distance access to launch:

Easy and ecological 2 minutes walking with to launch site.

## 15. Airspace

Competition zone airspace will be announced by NOTAM and controlled by appropriate government service (flight control).

## 16. Weather

Usually the weather in late October is calm and relatively stable. No intense thermal activity, but we can expect weak lift and convergence on the way from take off to the landing field

## 17. Meteorology

During all briefings, the Meteorologist will present the weather forecasts analysis adjusted with local microclimate.

Online weather stations and web cameras are placed at take-off and landing zones.

## 18. Transport

## 19. Safety issues

Take-off and landing area is clear, is an Airfield no trees or pylons



## 20. Rescue and medical services

During the competition flights a doctor and ambulance will be available at the landing area

In case of an injury, participant will be transported to Gjirokastra State Hospital (evacuation time 10 minutes)

## 21. Safety Management Plan

In case of accident, we use the indicated FAI 'Guidelines in the event of a casualty or of a serious accident'

## 22. Transmissions

The use of 2M FM radios for safety reasons, is permitted. The

competition areas have sufficient Mobile Phones Coverage.

### 23. Liaison with police, military, public services

Local authorities support sports events, and in case of need we can relay on their assistance. In all the past competitions, the organizer worked closely with the police and municipality. Their feedback was always positive.

### 24. Insurance

Every participant in the Championship must have personal accident insurance covering medical assistance and repatriation , and an appropriate Third Party Liability Insurance.

Documentary proof of insurance must be presented to the organizers before the start of the championship. During the official training day, the organizer will employ a local insurance agent, so pilots who need insurance can purchase it on site.

The organizer will have special liability insurance to cover the event.

### 25. Event Headquarters

### 26. Local facilities

The city is 5 min driving from the airfield.

The organizer intends to issue a special discount card for restaurants and other local facilities like hot spring pools, clubs etc.

### 27. Competition Website

All the info, results, updates, news will be published on the competition Web site. There will be online registration for participants and live competition results during the race.

The site will be up and running for the pre-event as well.

### 28. Visas, Vaccinations:

Citizens from the most countries enter Albania without a visa.

For pilots who need it, we will facilitate getting the visa in our Embassies all over the World, with direct support, invitation letters and similar. There is no recommendation for any kind of vaccinations



### 29. Early arrivals:

### 30. Customs and equipment importation

There is no any kind of customs restrictions for personal equipment

### 31. Medals etc

Except for CIVL medals, there will be prizes from local sponsors.

### 32. Media coverage, publicity, sponsorship:

Competition flights will be online broadcasted on the web site, and live transmission will be shown on regional TV channel. There will be a dedicated person involved with the event's PR, distributing news, info, and results to relevant media and National TV. He will be responsible for Live Commentary onsite as well.

A dedicated FB page for live news stream, photos and videos will be created and maintained before, during, and after the event.

A movie with the best moments of the Championship will be produced. The landing place will be prepared for spectators and there will be tribune and necessary facilities on site.

### 33. Sponsorship

### 34. Finance

Financial support is expected from Agency of Youth and Sport, National Aero Club, Regional government. We are planning to cover around 45% of the budget from sponsorship.

### 35. Ecology

### 36. Additional information in support of the bid

**Date:30.12.2022**

#### **Annexe B to CIVL First Category 1 Event Bid - Budget**

130 pilots, 8 flying days + training day + closing ceremony

Items	Euro	Notes
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>PREPARATION (over 2 years)</b>	3 500 €	Includes bank transfer fees, accountant charges, etc.
Administration, post & bank charges, stationery	1 000 €	
Travel expenses for organisers, volunteers	1 500 €	Meetings with co-financiers, suppliers, airspace or other authorities, etc.
Setting up & maintaining website	1 000 €	Including logo design, hosting, etc.
<b>COMPETITION</b>	36 080 €	
FAI Sanction Fee	4 680 €	130 pilots x 8 days x 4,5

FAI Officials (4): Travel, accommodation, meals, daily allowance, car rental	5 000 €	Allow for 2-3 days more than no of comp. days: 500each travel; 80/day each food & lodging; 10/day x 3 jury allowance; 2 cars x 2 weeks rental
Rental of suitable HQ building/rooms/marquee for briefings (180 people+), meeting rooms, scoring room etc.	2 000 €	Local town may offer free use of suitably sized and furnished building.
Rental/buy IT & equipment for HQ, launch, goalfields/target etc	2 000 €	Consider IT requirements, computers, software, printers & wifi phones/mobiles, noticeboards, giant screens etc. Could be much more if live tracking used, for example
Road, airspace, turnpoint maps for pilots, team leaders & HQ and Launch	1 000 €	Design/artwork & print costs, consider several large examples for HQ
T-shirt press VIP volunteers	3 000 €	Count in pilots, team leaders, drivers, staff, volunteers
FAI medals & diplomas provided by FAI free of charge		
Trophies, day prizes, gifts for pilots	2 000 €	Consider trophies, champagne, local souvenirs/produce. Local region may provide some goodies, such as pens. Manufacturers may sponsor prizes
Transport	7 000 €	Transportation by Chair Lift
Medical services (doctor, paramedic, ambulance etc)	2 000 €	Wholly dependent on what is available or can be negotiated locally
Option: Rental & cleaning of portable toilets		Wholly dependent on what is available or can be negotiated locally
Option: Weather forecasting (presentations, daily soundings etc	400 €	Wholly dependent on what is available or can be negotiated locally
Allow 3€/flying day/person		
Option: packed lunches or snack/water for pilots/TLs	4 000 €	
Contingency	3 000 €	Improvements to launch, equipment purchase/rental, insurance, extra personnel, Live Trackers rental
<b>PERSONNEL</b>	<b>10 000 €</b>	
Fees for Meet Director, Safety Director, Event organiser, Launch Marshal, Scorer etc.	8 000 €	Increasingly common that key personnel are remunerated for these positions of high responsibility, skill and experience. May also need to cover travel and accommodation/food expenses
Food/expenses for organisers, staff, volunteers, helpers 8 days	2 000 €	Buffet for 200+ people, music/entertainment, flags, decorations. This is a suggested minimum.
<b>CEREMONIES &amp; SOCIAL EVENTS</b>	<b>5 000€</b>	
Opening & Closing Ceremonies	4 000€	According to budget. Local sponsorship may be possible
Press hospitality, local media coverage, souvenir programme, newsletters, advertising etc	1 000 €	
<b>MEDIA &amp; PROMOTION</b>	<b>4500 €</b>	
PR or Press person/services prior to & during event	1 000€	Local tourist office or local authority people may help. Should have someone handling press during the event.
Official blogger, photographer, video cameraman, film maker	1 000€	Writing task reports, press releases, providing photos or video footage to news agencies, web tv etc.
Option: Film of the event for promotion of sport, region etc	2000€	Making a film for promotional purposes could cost at least 15,000€. See also FAI rules on media rights.
Promotional items: stickers, pens, mugs, postcards etc	500€	According to need. Grants from local authorities often dependent on seeing a 'return', promoting the sport, tourism etc
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>59 080 €</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>		
Pilot fees	35 100 €	130 x 270
Team leader fees	2 000 €	20 x 100
Grant from local/host town	5 000 €	
Grant from county or region	5 000 €	
Grant from government sport department or similar	2 000 €	
Grant from national Federation or NAC	3 000 €	
Sales of promotional items, productising	500 €	
Sponsorship	10 000 €	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>62 600,00 €</b>	

ALBANIAN AIR SPORTS FEDERATION



To:  
CIVL President, Mr.Stephane Malbos CIVL  
Bureau  
CIVL Delegates  
Organizer: ALBANIAN AIR SPORTS FEDERATION

CONFIRMATION

As a GENERAL SECRETARY of ALBANIAN AIR SPORTS FEDERATION, I confirm with this notice that Albanian Ministry of sport and Albanian NAC support the organization of the 8<sup>th</sup> Paragliding Accuracy European Championship'2024. Aeroclub Gjirokastra will organize this Event with support from Albanian Air Sports Federation, Ministry of sport and Municipality of Gjirokastra.  
All this organization will be the best, because we have a many years' experience in organizing different competition from First FAI category.

For us will be great honor to be host the 8<sup>th</sup> Paragliding Accuracy European Championship'2024 and we will give all our support for the organization of this rank. Albania can do that!

Sincerely                    ,,  
General Secretary of Albanian Air Sports  
Federation  
Artion Vreto.

