



CIVL 2016 PLENARY – ANNEX 15 PARAGLIDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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The paragliding committee has concentrated on the CCC revision this year. Most of the work went into gaining consensus amongst the many distinct interest-groups: pilots, manufacturers, test houses, competition organizers, and those who check glider conformation at competitions.

Discussions began during the last Plenary, and continued through the year, with an important face-to-face meeting between the main stakeholders at St-Hilaire. A sub-group of the paragliding committee drew up a draft proposal which was presented at the Bureau autumn meeting, and then circulated around the panel before being released to the manufacturers, pilots and test houses at the end of 2015.

The proposed rule was presented at the European Hang gliding and Paragliding Union (EHPU) meeting in January, and was well received by the NAC and test-house representatives at that meeting.

While it will never be possible to satisfy absolutely everyone with a CCC definition, the proposed revision has gathered broad support.

The panel has also been involved in discussions with Denis Cortella regarding glider-checking, and has reviewed and assisted with his video guides to the methods for checking glider conformation to the CCC rules at competitions.

Some work has been done on WPRS and on GAP, but progress has been restricted by the lack of software support during 2015. That problem should be solved soon and we hope to make significant progress in that area during 2016.