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Handy working group was created in 2016, with the aim of achieving many objectives. The reality was more pragmatic than the enthusiasm of the members of the working group. Very little or no feedback from the field on the questions raised, such as the integration of handy teams into existing competitions, but also a certain mistrust in what could be an obstacle: integration with authorized competitors.

Indeed, a Handy category implies a classification of pathologies that would allow us to determine which type of competition for which type of Handicap. This is a classification that can only be made by the medical and specialized community and not by the sporting community alone.

It is therefore advisable to set up this classification, and it would be desirable to define it on the basis of this classification of which type of competition that the IPC could propose. And obviously write the associated competition rules. We are not there yet, the European challenge is the starting point for what could become future competitions, if we are able to meet this demand.

But still, regardless to all obstacles there were already conducted 3 Handy European Challenge events with a good attendance from the countries;

3rd Handy European Challenge
From Monday 23 to Sunday 29 July 2018, the 3rd HandiFly Euro Challenge was held in Ryazan, Russia. Organized by the Russian Society of Disabled in partnership with the Russian Parachuting Federation, and other associations, this was the third international skydiving competition dedicated to people with disabilities.

32 Teams from round 11 countries (Belarus, Russia, France, Azerbaijan, Macedonia, Monaco, Kazakhstan, Croatia, Sweden, Latvia, Greece). The weather conditions were perfect and allowed to complete the full event. The winners' on the podium were from France and Russia.

Special thanks I want to say to the host DZ “KRUTYTSY” as they organized an entertainment in traditional Russian style for the participants for every evening (games, master classes, shows).

The venue of the fourth HandiFly, for 2019 was still under discussion before this agenda, with Intent from Belarus to host Challenge again. Details might be given at the open meeting.
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