

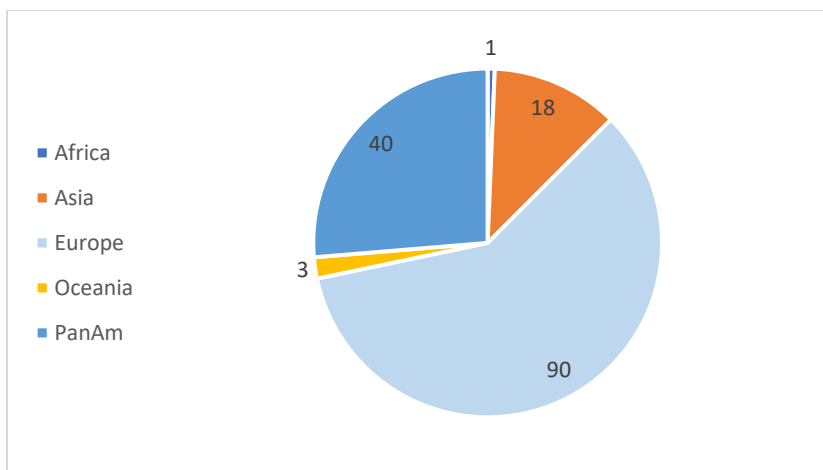


**CIVL 2024 PLENARY – ANNEXE 14**  
**PARAGLIDING XC COMMITTEE REPORT**

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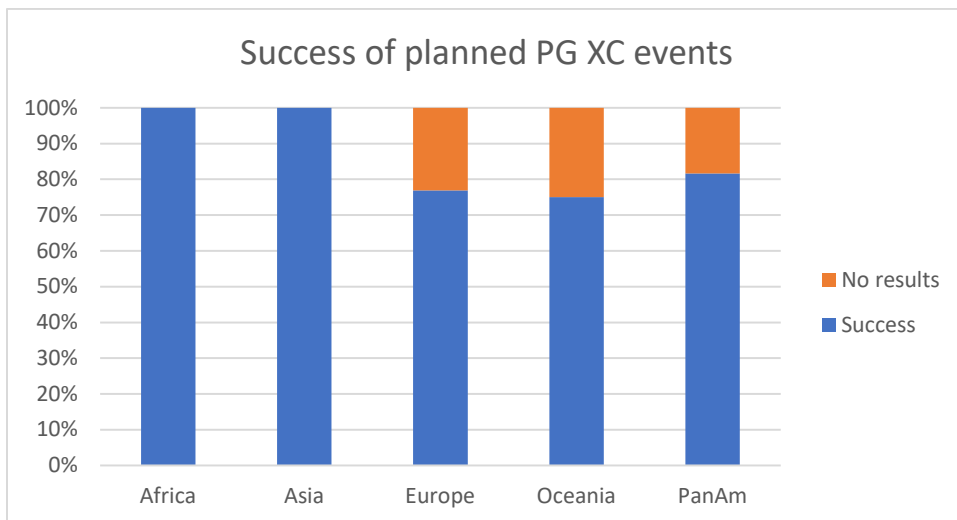
In 2024 there were 152 PG XC events that have sent results in time and were ranked.

Here is the spread of successful events among the regions



However there were some events that were cancelled due to bad weather or did not have enough tasks, also possible irresponsible organizers.

Taking that into consideration we can calculate present of success in these regions (i.e. what percent of the event finished successfully)



## Events by country and by region

<b>Asian PG XC</b>	<b>18</b>
KOR	4
CHN	2
IRI	2
JPN	2
KAZ	2
VIE	2
INA	1
IND	1
MGL	1
TPE	1

<b>Oceanian PG XC</b>	<b>3</b>
AUS	2
NZL	1

<b>PanAM PG XC</b>	<b>39</b>
BRA	20
VEN	6
ARG	5
COL	3
USA	3
CHI	1
MEX	1
GUA	1

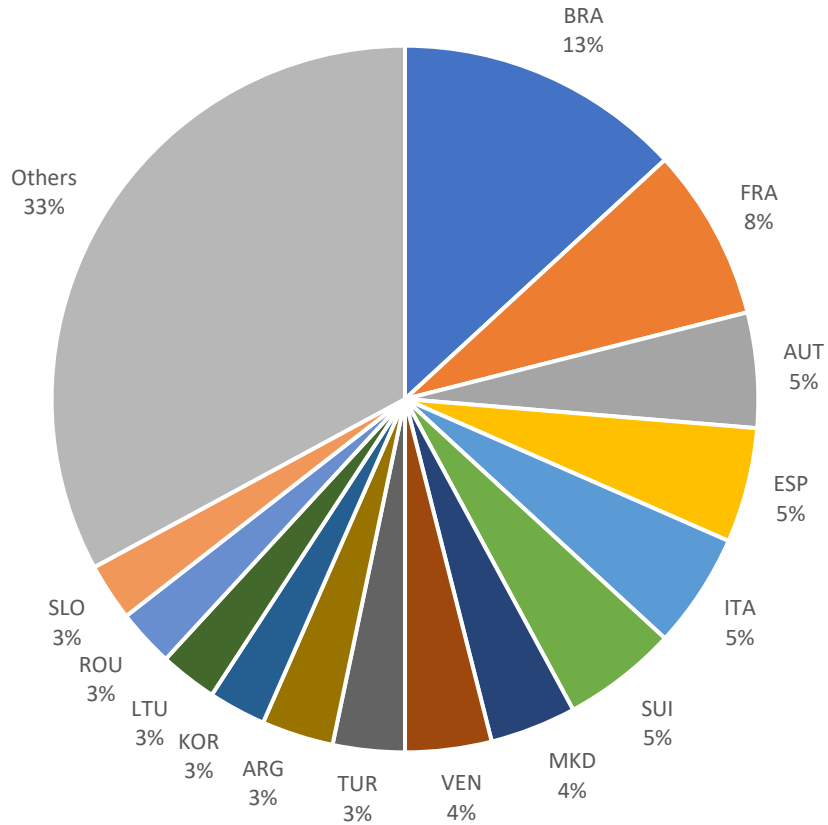
<b>European PG XC</b>	<b>90</b>
FRA	12
AUT	8
ESP	8
ITA	8
SUI	8
MKD	6
TUR	5
LTU	4
ROU	4
SLO	4
CZE	3
GER	3
POR	3
SRB	2
SVK	2
SWE	2
BIH	1
BUL	1
CRO	1
FIN	1
GRE	1
KOS	1
LAT	1
NED	1

## Top paragliding countries that successfully held events in 2023

Brazil	20
France	12
AUT	8
ESP	8
ITA	8
SUI	8
MKD	6
VEN	6

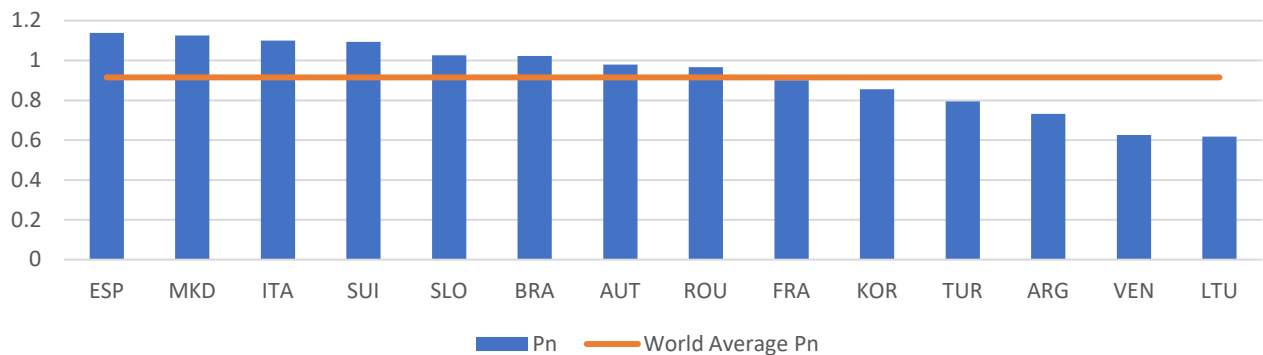
TUR	5
ARG	5
KOR	4
LTU	4
ROU	4
SLO	4
Others	50

Top countries shares in PG XC 2023

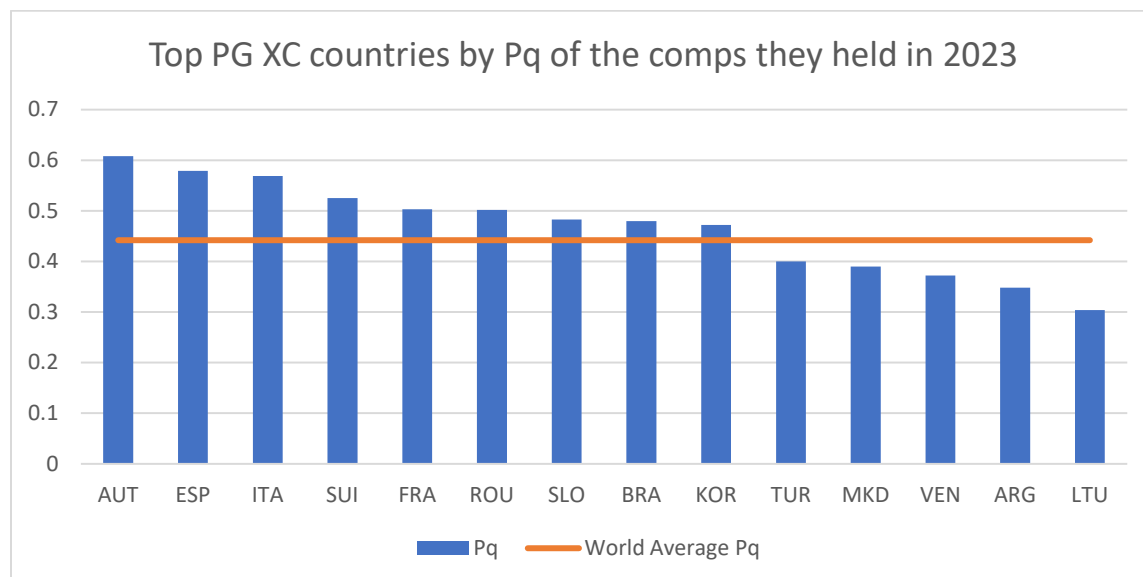


The competitions in Spain, North Macedonia, Italy, and Switzerland saw the highest participation. Slovenia, Brazil, Austria, and Romania also reported above-average turnout. The statistics for Romania are likely influenced by the Paragliding World Cup event hosted there.

Top PG XC countries by Pn of the comps they held in 2023



In terms of the average quality of participants, Austria, Spain, Italy, and Switzerland were the most successful. France, Romania, Slovenia, Brazil, and Korea also performed well, with their rankings in all 2023 events being above average.



### Important FAI PG Events of 2023

#### **17<sup>th</sup> FAI World Paragliding Championships, Choux-sur-Gelon, France**

Website: <https://civlcomps.org/event/pgworlds-2023>

FAI Jury: Zeljko Ovuka, Bill Hughes, Ivan Lukanov

FAI Steward: Goran Dimiskovski

Meet Director Jac Fournier

Safety Director Joel Favre

The Chamoux-sur-Gelon event in France, initially planned for 2021, was rescheduled to 2023 due to COVID-related limitations. Despite having the largest budget ever allocated for such an event, the ceremonies and some organizational aspects, such as transportation, were underwhelming. More concerning were the numerous incidents: 16 in the first five tasks alone, with reports suggesting some incidents went unreported.

This worrying situation prompted the formation of the Paragliding Harnesses work group, which focused on examining the safety of low drag paragliding harnesses.

The competition saw 150 pilots from 49 nations participate in 9 tasks.

The winners were:

- Individual - Maxime Pinot FRA, Honorin Hamard FRA, Pierre Remy FRA
- Female Meryl Delferiere FRA, Constance Mettetal FRA, Nanda Waliser SUI
- Team - France, Great Britain, North Macedonia

### **Test event of the 17<sup>th</sup> FAI European Paragliding Championships, Pegalajar, Spain**

Website <https://civlcomps.org/event/european-test-event-pegalajar-2023>

FAI Steward: Goran Dimiskovski

Meet director Íñigo Redín

Scorer Samuel Aguilera

Safety Director Cristina Sofía Rodríguez Ortega

Organizer Antonio Romero Herrera

Organizer Antonio Lope Morales Gonzalez

The event was a resounding success, earning exclusively 'Good' and 'Excellent' evaluations from the FAI Steward. The event was notable for its excellent headquarters, a highly professional organizational team, and adequate take-off facilities. Participants experienced a diverse array of tasks, showcasing the versatility of the event. Additionally, the event was praised for its flexible transportation management, further contributing to its overall success.

133 pilots from 17 countries competed in 4 tasks

Overall Ivan Haas (FRA), Luis Martinez Iturbe (ESP), Francisco López Ricardo (ESP)

Teams: Armada Portuguesa, Hilsprich Racing Team, Niviuk

Female: Sandra Antony (FRA), Rika De Kam (ESP), Maite Moreno Benito (ESP)

Junior: Ivan Haas (FRA), José Jiménez Belda (ESP), Roger Pifarré Abad (ESP)

## **Test event of the 1<sup>st</sup> FAI World Junior Paragliding Championships, Tolmin, Slovenia**

Website <https://civlcomps.org/event/pre-junior-pgworlds-2023>

FAI Steward Jamie Shelden

Meet director Igor Erzen

Scorer Antonio Golfary

The test event was well-received, earning a 'Good' evaluation across all parameters. However, the FAI Steward noted a slight shortfall in staffing. The main challenge faced by the event was the rainy weather, but despite this, the organizers successfully managed to conduct 3 valid tasks.

14 Juniors from 5 nations competed.

Totally there were 128 pilots competing.

Junior Overall: Jacob Butterworth (GBR), Josh Sanderson (GBR) Sara Lovrec (CRO)

Junior Female: Sara Lovrec (CRO) Kanan Thakur (GBR) Kiera Wong (GBR)

## **Test event of 2<sup>nd</sup> FAI Asian Oceanic Championships, Mungyeong, Korea**

Website: <https://civlcomps.org/event/pre-asian-2023-pwc-asiantou>

Organiser Yunjo Han KOR

Event Director Ginseok Song KOR

Meet Director Goran Dimiskovski MKD

Safety Director Sunghyu Lim KOR

Scorer Daniel Dimov BGR

The test event in Mungyeong showcased an assembly of extremely experienced officials, each with a substantial history in organizing numerous competitions. This event was a unique combination of the Test Asian-Oceanic and the Paragliding World Cup, bringing together officials from both organizations. This collaboration resulted in a gathering of some of the most esteemed experts in the paragliding world.

In the competitive aspect of the event, all personnel involved demonstrated utmost professionalism. Despite challenging weather conditions, the team's adept management enabled the completion of 6 tasks.

Asian-Oceanic Championship 80 pilots from 5 nations

Overall there were 88 pilots from 10 nations

Overall Zhenjun Zhao (CHN), Keiko Hiraki (JPN), Jianyuan Lu (CHN),

Female Keiko Hiraki (JPN), Tomoko Yoshikawa (JPN), Jinhee Baek (KOR).