



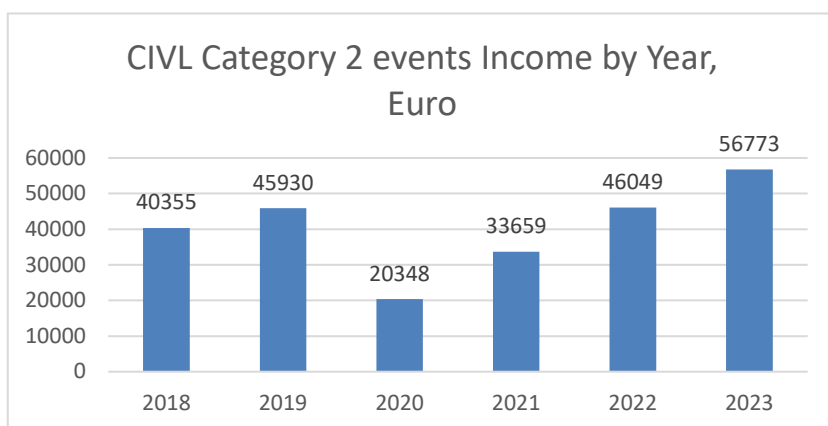
2024 CIVL PLENARY – ANNEXE 6 CIVL PLENARY REPORT

1 MAIN ACTIVITIES SINCE LAST PLENARY

During 2023 and 2024 some investments in the new event management system and the new scoring systems for both cross country and accuracy were, and will be made, but excluding these expenses (which will be taken from rom the reserves), we are positioned for break- even budgets in the future.

The number of events and average number of pilots are up versus 2022. Revenue is up from 2022, exceeding pre-pandemic levels.

Cross-country Paragliding accounts for the majority of both the number of events and the revenue. It accounted for 67% of all CIVL income in 2023. Events became more expensive in 2023, with 44% of events charging over 300 euros for an entry fee compared to 32% in 2019.



Category 1 Events

- PG World Championship -- France
- 149 pilots from 57 countries
- HG World Championship – Macedonia
- 131 pilots from 25 countries
- PG Accuracy World Championship – Bulgaria
- 130 pilots from 45 countries

Category 2 Events

- PG XC: 152 events, €38,493 revenue
- HG XC : 54 events, €9,923 revenue
- PG Accuracy : 65 events, €6,407 revenue
- PG Acro : 6 events, €1,950 revenue

CIVL support for FAI 1 and 2 events

In 2023 CIVL continued to provide media support for better visibility of FAI events.

CIVL Facebook @fai.civil in figures:

- 10.2K subscribes, 7.5K likes. Audience growth in 2023 - about 1.7K users.
- 359 posts in 2023.

CIVL Instagram @fai.civil in figures:

- 7563 followers. Audience growth vs prior year: +2585 users.
- 329 posts and 66 stories in 2023

2 MAIN CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED AND SOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Some organizers are still struggling around the issue of how to deal with Russian pilots wanting to compete in Category 2 events. Some want to be able to include them and others do not. When CIVL is asked to intervene, we are enforcing the FAI stance and not accepting any Russian or Belarus pilots in the submitted results for category 2 events.

We have had some inconsistencies in the quality of Category 1 events. Some organizers follow the requirements and guidelines better than others, and currently, once a bid is approved, CIVL has limited enforcement capability. In 2024, CIVL will clarify and enhance the role and responsibilities of the Steward and will be working with organizers to ensure the high level of excellence that is expected at a FAI Championship. We are also looking at implementing a performance bond to motivate compliance with the Section 7 requirements.

While usage of the new Event Management System has increased during 2023, we want to further boost usage so that it becomes an information hub for all paragliding and hang gliding events as intended. The main issue is awareness and lack of training, so in 2024 we will be launching an awareness campaign and a set of training materials.

3 MAIN ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS FOR THE FUTURE

As mentioned above, we will be implementing measures and practices to get greater consistency in all Category 1 events and working to increase the adoption of EMS through additional functionality (an API that NACs and organizers can use) as well as awareness and training.

To boost revenue, and to adapt to the growing interest in Hike and Fly competitions, in 2023 we created a committee to consider the feasibility of adding Hike and Fly as a new ranking category. In 2024 and 2025 we will roll this out.

Additional advancements in Accuracy scoring systems will continue in 2024. We will also be looking for ways to boost the revenue coming from Paragliding Accuracy. Currently CIVL is spending more than it takes in on Accuracy.

To respond to the growing interest in "Sports Class" (EN-C and below) paragliding XC competitions, in 2024 we are proposing a new World Pilot Ranking System for Paragliding Sports Class. This will bring in additional revenue, but the main purpose is to serve the needs of the entire pilot community, not just that of the "top pilots." Creating the new ranking system will also help maintain the integrity of the overall WPRS system.

In recent years, the introduction of fully enclosed ("submarine style") competition harnesses in paragliding XC has raised a number of concerns. In 2023 CIVL created a working group to develop new standards for paragliding harnesses used in Category 1 competitions. Considerable work has gone in to it thus far, and we expect it to be completed in 2024. Once approved, there would be a period of time for manufacturers to adapt to it, and then it would go into effect at Category 1 and 2 events. The exact timeline for the standard to go into effect must be worked out based on when the new standard is approved.

In Paragliding Cross Country, we will be implementing an enhancement to the scoring system, "Real Leading Points", which is expected to enable fresh strategies that will make competitions more interesting

for both pilots and those following the events on-line. It will be tried out in some high level events in 2024 to uncover any issues requiring modification of the system.

4 SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR FOLLOWUP WITH FAI MEMBERS

CIVL believes that the mission shared by FAI, CIVL, and the NACs—enabling and growing air sports—can be enhanced by closer collaboration between all parties. We will also be looking for opportunities to increase our communication and collaboration with NACs.

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