

Environment WG – CIVL February 2009

During the year : very little activity

Concerns were shared also within EHPU : we asked for good experiences to be gathered, need to gather scientific publications, maybe even launch independent studies.

Some information received from Norway, one local problem raised in Spain

FAI : quite little activity

- * position through ESA, toward regulation proposed by European administration

No real matter for our sport : noise concerns, size of machines (Ultra-light)

- * meeting this year : I was not able to attend, 9 people attended

- * work on ISO 14001 environmental certification of sport (gliding) airfields : quite heavy

Our yearly meeting : 3 persons Denmark (Arsmus), Netherlands (Rob), + Flip K

Goal of the Environmental WG :

- * demonstrate what is positive toward environment in our practices, be prepare for discussion & communication

- * raise awareness for environmental questions within our sport, promote good behaviour

What is happening : problems locally related to impacts on Nature

Denmark : European Program NATURA 2000 (many flying places could disappear !)

Netherlands : difficulties for organising championship on an air field

Spain : one starting place is getting forbidden because of nesting eagles not far

Our **potential** impacts :

- * soil (erosion) and plants when walking, when people come to watch us, other practices (biking, ...)

- * animals : birds (mainly nesting – by seaside or eagles....), mammals (in the mountain)

We face people who are 'fanatics', with a major task/duty = Save the world !!!

When there is a problem : it is local and it is too late !

What shall we do, how to work ?

We think of a tool-kit : to help local people in case of a problem is coming

How to deal with local problems, how to handle problems with for saving our flight places !

Documents : scientific articles, good experiences, ...

Other possible work : communication tool to educate our pilots

Also, take care of the Environmental part of championship ? Can be a good way to get sponsor and subsidies → Guideline to organisers of big competitions - Assess a bid ?

We need people !

Every Federation should appoint a contact person for environmental issue : in order to have a network

Exists CIVL Position paper on Environment (translated from French Federation official document)