



To: Bundesministerium für Verkehr (BMVIT)  
Federal Minister Doris Bures  
Radetzkystraße 2  
1030 Wien  
Austria

Frederiksberg, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Regarding: Hang gliding and paragliding restricted for foreign pilots in Austria

Dear Mrs. Federal Minister Bures,

The European Hang gliding & Paragliding Union represents national associations in 19 European countries with more than 100.000 Hang glider or Paraglider pilots.

Austria is a very popular country for hang- and paragliding. Many pilots and their family spend their "flying holidays" in Austria every year. And a large number of pilots from all European countries has practice this sport in Austria for more than 30 years.

To our knowledge it has always been sufficient in Austria and other European countries as a guest flyer to carry a FAI Sports License or IPPI -Card (International Pilot Proficiency Information) together with the pilot's foreign national license. For more than 30 years in Europe there has not been a problem with this international system provided by the World Air Sports Federation.

We have been informed by foreign paraglider pilots from Italy and other European countries who have been punished because their national license was not recognized by a foreign National Aviation Authority.

Various Austrian organisations have told us that Austrian Aviation Authorities have introduced a new guest flight regulation in Austria since October 2013 and that not all sports license of European countries are allowed to legally fly in Austria at the moment.

The flight season 2014 is coming soon and many of the European hang- and paraglider pilots are looking forward to spend their holidays in Austria. It will be appreciated if Austria would recognize the national licenses in connection with the IPPI-Card as many other European countries already do.



We would regret if Austria introduces one of most restrict and inhospitable laws in the European Union. This will restrict free movement and limited the possibility for practicing our sports.

We therefore ask you as the national authorities to ensure that foreign guest pilots are not prohibited to flying in Austria with the new guest flight regulation, since Austrian pilot licenses are recognized in other European countries together with a FAI IPPI Card or sports license, but without documentation of recognition from National Aviation Authority.

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Best regards

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