

To: **FAI Secretary General, Jean-Marc Badan**

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Dear Sir,

The Estonian organisers have put on the table a concrete proposal to run EPC2013. It is a solid comprehensive package, well tested and with the promise to deliver an exciting quality sporting event with respect to the rules of FAI.

At the Cima plenary in November, 50% of the Delegates voted in favour of our Local Regulations and Task Catalogue, with only one Delegate not in support and 11 abstaining. Unfortunately, it needed to get just over 50% to get approved. Subsequently, the President of Cima suggested to the Plenary that the Bureau could be empowered on their behalf to study our Local Regulations and Task Catalogue and to take a decision by December 15th, on whether or not EPC2013 should go ahead.

Some members of the Bureau are clearly not in support of some of the aspects from our Local Regulations and Task Catalogue, and this naturally has had a major influence on the Delegates' voting at the Plenary.

For the whole month after the Plenary, there wasn't a single word or debate from the members of the Bureau regarding the Local Regulations or Task Catalogue, despite continuous prompting from the Organisers.

Instead, the only message coming back from the Bureau was quite threatening: "Sign the Organisers Agreement first or this event will be cancelled".

The OA itself is not the problem anymore as it has been negotiated into the stage where it is ready to be signed and delivered to the FAI, if and when EPC2013 is given the go ahead, as presented by the Organisers. All along, the main obstacle in signing the OA has been the obvious and legal need of the Organiser to know and understand all obligations and responsibilities within its content, which means very clearly that LR+TC have to be approved first and then for the OA to be signed by return.

From the viewpoint of the Organisers of EPC2013, we have been very disappointed by the CIMA Bureau with regards to the task given by the Plenary. As there has been no constructive discussions or proposals from the Bureau and the 15 December deadline has passed with no decision taken, we now have a stalemate situation in preparation for EPC2013 between the Estonian Organisers and the CIMA Bureau.

The whole European Paramotor community is waiting for a decision, and based on the numerous queries and bookings we are receiving, there is no doubt that European pilots and nations are very keen to have a championship in 2013.

We are contacting you because we now believe that the only way forward, to avoid EPC2013 collapsing permanently, is to ask the Cima Delegates to vote again, by email, in order for them to decide on the fate of this FAI 1st Category event. A similar situation occurred in 2009 when Max Bishop asked the Cima Delegates to vote (successfully) for a late bid from the Czech Republic. The Cima Delegates have had our Local Regulations and Task Catalogue for over 2 months now, so they will be in a better position than they were at the Plenary to take an informed decision.

I trust you will find all necessary documents on the CIMA wiki and in case you need any additional information, I will be at your service whenever possible and can provide you with a comprehensive package of correspondence between the Organisers and the CIMA Bureau members on this matter.

Original report from EPC2013 Organiser:

http://wiki.fai.org/download/attachments/15434427/Microsoft+Word+-+Report+from+EPC2013+Organisers_2.pdf

Organisers reply to the Bureau position:

<http://wiki.fai.org/download/attachments/15434427/EPC2013+Organisers+Reply+to+Bureau.pdf>

Official webpage of EPC2013: www.epc2013.eppa.ee

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With best regards,

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