



Dear friends

EMF is a non profit making organization started in Paris, in two thousand three, by the French FFPLUM, the German DULV and the BMAA of United Kingdom.

Today, EMF has twenty-three members countries. They represent more of forty thousand pilots, to whom we have to add about five thousand pilots who don't joint any organization or association.

The main countries are France, with thirteen thousand five hundred pilots, Germany, nine thousand, Czech Republic, six thousand three hundred, United Kingdom, four thousand five hundred, Italy.

The purpose of the EMF is to encourage and develop in Europe microlighting as defined in the paragraph (e) of the European Aviation Safety Agency's Annex II and including all types of aircraft. EMF, which represent the interests of all the nations members, seeks, in particular, to consult with all relevant regulatory authorities in Europe for the benefit of microlighting.

The general aim of the EMF is to promote and protect microlighting (using the description of a microlight to be found in paragraph (e) of Annex II of the current Basic Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency), which is taken to include all aircraft types, in Europe and to actively participate in the formulation of regulations and actions that may concern this activity so as to ensure its welfare and the free movement of microlights. In order to achieve this aim, as an independent, self-governing and non-profitmaking umbrella association for national microlight associations in Europe, the EMF seeks, in particular, to consult with all relevant regulatory authorities in Europe for the benefit of microlighting. It will endeavour to cooperate with the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI), with Europe Air Sports (EAS) and the European National Aero Clubs

(NACs) or the national body representing microlighting when this is not the National Aero Club.

EMF is a member of European Air Sport.

Microlight is the only aeronautic leisure activity to have the number of pilots and aircraft growing up.

This is the consequence of a less restricting regulation (navigability, operations, maintenance) than traditional light aviation is, involving a greater responsibility for the pilots/owners, lower costs and thus a greater attractivity. The accident rate is the same or lower than the other aeronautical practices.

That is why EMF, since several years, fights to keep “microlights” out the competence of EASA and for the maintaining of ANNEX II.

After many meetings at European level this year , we succeed at last since EAS wrote in February 2010 : “the Agency wishes to clarify that it has no intentions to modify the present Annex II in particular in relation to micro-lights.”

In a parallel direction EMF is participating actively and concretely in the elaboration of LSA regulations, to make it as simple and universal as possible.

Above all let's remember how useful the EMF is concerning our more practical problems to the benefit of our associations and pilots:

- the exchange of numerous texts, meeting reports (EAS-EASA-Parliament-Commission, etc, answers to NPA) which help all European members of keep in close contact with what's going on and to be more reactive.
- The communication which help build up, follow up or plead our files at national or European level (Microlight helicopter, validation of foreign licenses in Ireland- , the Morocco file in order to obtain easier conditions to fly in this country, the file “Microlight and Commercial” etc.)
- The defense of our pilots in trouble abroad, thanks to the cooperation and intervention of our associations (France-Ireland for example)..
- Relationships between EMF and Russia...
- Etc...

All these are excellent reasons to carry on EMF actions, to believe in the usefulness of the EMF and to hope for its future.

EMF supports CIMA actions in favour of fine events and championships which contribute particularly to fame and growth of our common passion : to fly with microlights !

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