



22nd FAI EUROPEAN HANG GLIDING CLASS 1 CHAMPIONSHIP

9th FAI EUROPEAN HANG GLIDING CLASS 5 CHAMPIONSHIP



La Roque-Esclapon village – Looking West



Mont Lachens – Looking West

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Objective: Obtain agreement for organizing the 2026 European HG Championships and 2025 test even.

Nicolas ORAND



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A - BID INFORMATION

1. Name of Championship

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2. Location of Championship

Introduction to flying sites and area is provided in **Annex D**.

Head-quartered at [La Roque-Esclapon](#), south-east of France with main flying site [Mont Lachens](#) (1714m ASL), secondary site [Le Chalvet](#) (1613m ASL), [Saint André-les-Alpes](#), and backup site in case of lasting north wind [Montagne de Chabre](#) (1393m ASL), [Laragne-Montéglin](#).

3. Proposed Dates of the Championship

Sunday August 2nd 2026 to Saturday August 15th 2026.

4. Proposed Dates of the Test Event

Saturday August 2nd 2025 to Saturday August 9th 2025.

5. Competitions Allowing the Organizer to Bid

Jul 8 – Jul 15, 2023: [French and Czech Open Val Louron](#), FAI 2, French and Czech Championship, 63 pilots.

Jul 30 – Aug 6, 2022: [French Open 2022](#), FAI 2, French Championship and Open, 56 pilots.

Jun 12 – Jun 18, 2021: [OPEN ANNECY 2021 Class 1, 5, Sport](#), FAI 2, French Championship and Open, 62 pilots.

6. Local Organizer

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7. Sporting Power

The French Federation of Free Flight (FFVL) will be the national organization of this European Championship. It trusts and delegates the association Deltazur with the organization of the event. The FFVL will be represented in the governing committee of the local Deltazur organization.

The following person will sign the Organizer Agreement

Jean-Louis Debiée – Vice-Président FFVL – +33 6 89 49 12 84 – jl.debiee@ffvl.fr

8. Key Officials

- **Organization/Event Director:** Nicolas Orand, Responsible for HG Competition at the FFVL, co-organizer of 2020, 2022 and 2023 French Championships and multiple inter-clubs events of up to 120 participants. French & English speaker.
- **Meet Director:** Antoine Boisselier, 2015 vice world champion in Mexico, Multiple times French champion, Meet Director of multiple opens including 2021, 2022, 2023 French Championships. French & English speaker.
- **Safety Director:** Emmanuel Felix-Faure, HG Pilot, former Coach of the French National Team, Technical staff of FFVL and National Representative of Safety.
- **Meteorologist:** Nicolas Orand, see above.
- **Launch Marshal:** Pascal Bocquillon, HG pilot, Launch Marshall in 2022 French Clubs Cup, on Mont Lachens. French & English speaker.
- **Scorer:** Actively recruiting.
- **Live Tracking Manager:** Actively recruiting.
- **Goal Marshal:** François Chapon, Organizer of 2017 and 2020 French Championships and multiple inter-clubs events. French speaker.

9. Detailed Schedule of Championship

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					Travel	Ceremony
Training day	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Rest
Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	Ceremony	Travel

- Free training days: Week before the event until Saturday 01/08/2026.
- Registration: Sunday 02/08/2026 starting 9 am.

- Mandatory safety briefing: Sunday 02/08/2026.
- Mandatory training task: Monday 03/08/2026.
- Opening ceremony: Sunday 02/08/2026.
- Championship flying days: 10 days from 04/08/2026 to 14/08/2026.
- Closing ceremony: Saturday 15/08/2026.

10. Pilots Entry

Maximum number of pilots allowed overall: 110.

Suited to the sites' capacity.

11. Restriction of Admission

Distribution of places will be as follow:

- 80 reserved places for Class 1 from national teams from Europe
- 20 reserved places for Class 5 from national teams from Europe
- 10 reserved places for Classes 1 & 5 for pilots of other countries

CIVL' suggestion for selection is welcomed, we propose to proceed as follow:

- European nations will each provide a list of selected pilots:
 - 4 selected Class 1 pilots
 - 4 complementary Class 1 pilots
 - 4 selected Class 5 pilots
 - 4 complementary Class 5 pilots
- First round of selection will confirm the selected pilots and open places for the complementary ones function of remaining places.
- In the second round, the remaining places will be given to highest ranked pilots.

12. Entry Fees

Entry fee for the event:

- For pilots: 600€
- For team leaders and assistants: 250€

Included in the entry fee for the event:

- Map of the contest flying area with waypoints (Large size)
- ID Card & Safety/Contact information
- Contest numbers
- Upload of turnpoints with GPS coordinates
- GPS track-log download

- Live-Tracking
- Packed Lunch and water
- Event T-shirt and other gadgets
- Free access to 2 Championship evening event and dinner
- Free Internet (Wi-Fi) access at the HQ
- Emergency rescue and first aid medical service

13. Test Event

Test Event will also serve as the 2025 French Championship, the overall maximum number of pilots will be limited to 110.

With the following distribution and qualification criteria:

- 35 places are reserved for French pilots.
- 65 places are reserved for pilots from national teams from Europe.
- 10 places will be opened to pilots from other countries.
- European nations will each provide a list of selected pilots:
 - 3 selected Class 1 pilots
 - 3 complementary Class 1 pilots
 - 3 selected Class 5 pilots
 - 3 complementary Class 5 pilots
- First round of selection will confirm the selected pilots and open places for the complementary ones function of remaining places.
- In the second round, the remaining places will be given to highest ranked pilots.

Entry fee for the event:

- For pilots: 210€
- For team leaders and assistants: Separate payment for Packed Lunch and water and Complimentary dinners.

Included in the entry fee for the event:

- Safety/Contact information
- Upload of turnpoints with GPS coordinates
- GPS track-log download
- Live-Tracking
- Packed Lunch and water
- Event T-shirt
- Free access to 2 Championship evening event and dinner
- Emergency rescue and first aid medical service

14. Third-party Liability Insurance

Third-party liability insurance coverage for 1 000 000 € (proof of insurance in English required at registration) is mandatory for all participants.

Possibility to buy liability insurance during registration for an extra 60 € for the competition duration: https://intranet.ffvl.fr/assurance_competition/en/delta. Price may vary from one year to the next.

Coverage for competitors, team leaders, team managers, delegations and their assistants is the responsibility of each participant.

Coverage for assistants to the organizers is the responsibility of the organizer.

Coverage for FAI officials attending the event is the responsibility of the FAI.

15. Personal Insurance

The organizer does not require personal insurance coverage for participants, nevertheless, participants should consider accident and repatriation insurance.

16. Budget summary

	2025 Test Event	2026 Main Event
Entry fees	16 800,00 €	65 000,00 €
FFVL	7 000,00 €	18 000,00 €
Regional Institutions	9 000,00 €	34 500,00 €
Sponsorships	3 000,00 €	5 000,00 €
Sales of good	1 600,00 €	800,00 €
Subtotal	37 400,00 €	123 300,00 €
Staff (Contractors & Volunteers)	18 400,00 €	53 794,00 €
Operational costs	19 095,00 €	69 480,00 €
Subtotal	37 495,00 €	123 274,00 €
Total	- 95,00 €	26,00 €

Requests for sponsorships and subvention from regional institutions will be engaged in the coming 2 months of the proposal date.

See details in section B.

B - BUDGET FOR TEST EVENT & EVENT

Annexe B to CIVL First Category 1 Event Bid - Budget 2026 HG European Championships Class 1 & 5 - 2025 Test Event & 2026 Event

PROJECTED EXPENDITURE		
Items	Euros	Notes
PREPARATION (over 2 years)		
Administration, post & bank charges, stationery	- €	Includes bank transfer fees, accountant charges, etc.
Travel expenses for organisers, volunteers	- €	Meetings with co-financiers, suppliers, airspace or other authorities, etc.
Setting up & maintaining website	- €	Including logo design, hosting, etc.
COMPETITION		
FAI Sanction Fee	7 970 €	See Section 7
FAI Officials (5): Travel, accommodation, meals, daily allowance, car rental	11 305 €	Allow for 2-3 days more than no of comp. days: 500each travel; 80/day each food & lodging; 10/day x 3 jury allowance; 2 cars x 2 weeks rental
Rental of suitable HQ building/rooms/marquee for briefings (180 people+), meeting rooms, scoring room etc.	5 500 €	Local town may offer free use of suitably sized and furnished building.
Rental/buy IT & equipment for HQ, launch, goalfields/target etc	6 500 €	Consider IT requirements, computers, software, printers & wifi, phones/mobiles, noticeboards, giant screens etc. Could be much more if live tracking used, for example.
Road, airspace, turnpoint maps for pilots, team leaders & HQ	1 200 €	Design/artwork & print costs, consider several large examples for HQ and Launch
Tshirts	5 120 €	Count in pilots, team leaders, drivers, staff, volunteers, press, VIPs, sponsors
Trophies, day prizes, gifts for pilots	5 045 €	FAI medals & diplomas provided by FAI free of charge. Consider trophies, champagne, local souvenirs/produce. Local region may provide some goodies, such as pens. Manufacturers may sponsor prizes
Transport	17 559 €	PG comp: transport normally included. Factor 3 buses and/or 6 minibuses. HG comp: transport for staff, press, VIPs, reimburse fuel for volunteers
Medical services (doctor, paramedic, ambulance etc)	6 000 €	Wholly dependent on what is available or can be negotiated locally
Option: Rental & cleaning of portable toilets	3 150 €	
Option: Weather forecasting (presentations, daily soundings etc)	- €	Wholly dependent on what is available or can be negotiated locally
Option: packed lunches or snack/water for pilots/TLS	15 730 €	Allow 3€/flying day/person
Contingency	5 300 €	Improvements to launch, equipment purchase/rental, insurance, extra personnel, Live Trackers rental
PERSONNEL		
Fees for Meet Director, Safety Director, Event organiser, Launch Marshal, Scorer etc.	29 000 €	Increasingly common that key personnel are remunerated for these positions of high responsibility, skill and experience. May also need to cover travel and accommodation/food expenses
Food/expenses for organisers, staff, volunteers, helpers 15 days	14 330 €	Even if all staff are volunteers, it is usual to provide some food, camping fees, T-shirt, reimburse fuel for own transport etc
CEREMONIES & SOCIAL EVENTS		
Opening & Closing Ceremonies	6 000 €	Buffet for 200+ people, music/entertainment, flags, decorations. This is a suggested minimum.
Other social events (bbq, live music evening etc)	14 560 €	According to budget. Local sponsorship may be possible.
MEDIA & PROMOTION		
PR or Press person/services prior to & during event	1 500 €	Local tourist office or local authority people may help. Should have someone handling press during the event.
Official blogger, photographer, video cameraman, film maker	5 000 €	Writing task reports, press releases, providing photos or video footage to news agencies, web tv etc.
Option: Film of the event for promotion of sport, region etc	- €	Making a film for promotional purposes could cost at least 15,000€. See also FAI rules on media rights.
Promotional items: stickers, pens, mugs, postcards etc	- €	According to budget.
Press hospitality, local media coverage, souvenir programme, newsletters, advertising etc	- €	According to need. Grants from local authorities often dependent on seeing a 'return', promoting the sport, tourism etc.
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	160 769 €	
PROJECTED INCOME		
Items	Euros	Notes
Pilot fees	76 800 €	
Team leader fees	5 000 €	
Grant from local/host town	22 000 €	
Grant from county or region	21 500 €	
Grant from government sport department or similar	- €	Might balance out the local grants. TBD
Grant from national Federation or NAC	25 000 €	
Sales of promotional items, productising	2 400 €	
Sponsorship	8 000,00 €	
TOTAL INCOME	160 700 €	

C - SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION

Attach to the bid the following documents:

1. Letter of support from the NAC or delegated entity (federation / association).
2. Letter of information from the delegated entity to the NAC (if applicable).
3. Letter of support from the local authorities.

Follows, originals and translations for:

- Support letter from the Mayor of La Roque-Esclapon
- Support Letter from the local department "Le Var"
- Support letter from the region "Région PACA"

1. Letter of support from the NAC



Fédération Française de Vol Libre
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For the President of
FAI Hang Gliding and Paragliding
Commission (CIVL)
Maison du sport international
Avenue de Rhodanie 54
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SWITZERLAND

Nice, February 12, 2024

N/Réf. : JLC24003 - Dossier - ChmptEuropeD2026
Technical Coordinators: Stéphane Menoux – Jean Louis Debiée
National Delegate : Thomas Sénac
Secretary: Andréa Hamard
Subject: European Hang Gliding Championship 2026, class 1 and 5.

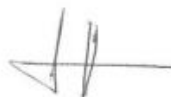
Dear President,

The French free flight federation (FFVL) with this notice confirms that it would be an honour to organize in France the 2026 European Hang Gliding Championship, class 1 and 5.

As sportive power of the French NAC in hang-gliding, FFVL supports the bid of "Deltazur" for the 22nd FAI European Hang Gliding class 1 Championship and the 9th FAI European Hang Gliding class 5 Championship in 2026. Members of this association and our staff are experienced in organising FAI Cat.1 rank international competitions. FFVL will give full support to organising this competition.

With our sincere thanks for your attention.

Best regards.



Jean Louis COSTE
FFVL President.



Partenaire de la FFVL

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2. Letter of information from the delegated entity to the NAC



AERO-CLUB DE FRANCE

FFVL
Monsieur Jean-Louis COSTE
1, place du Général Goiran
06100 NICE

Paris, le 12 février 2024
N° de courrier : 7845

Cher Monsieur,

Par courriel du 12 février 2024, vous avez bien voulu nous faire part de votre souhait de déposer auprès de la Fédération Aéronautique Internationale un dossier quant à l'organisation des Championnats du monde de parapente, 22nd FAI European Hang Gliding Class 1 et 9th FAI European Hang Gliding Class 5, en Provence-Alpes Côte d'Azur, qui auraient lieu du 2 août 2026 au 15 août 2026. Les tests pourraient se tenir du 2 août 2025 au 9 août 2025.

Nous souhaitons vivement que cette candidature soit retenue et c'est avec plaisir que l'Aéro-Club de France vous apportera son aide dans l'organisation de cet événement.

Nous vous prions d'agréer, Cher Monsieur, l'expression de nos salutations les plus distinguées.

Catherine MAUNOURY
Présidente



Reconnu d'utilité publique - Membre Fondateur de la Fédération Aéronautique Internationale
6, rue Galilée - 75116 Paris - Tél. : 01 47 23 72 72 - Email : aeroclub@aeroclub.com - <http://www.aeroclub.com>

Translation:

Dear Sir,

By email of February 12, 2024, you kindly informed us of your wish to submit a file to the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale regarding the organization of the Paragliding World Championships, 22nd FAI European Hang Gliding Class 1 and 9th FAI European Hang Gliding Class 5, in Provence-Alpes Côte d'Azur, which would take place from August 2, 2026 to August 15, 2026. The tests could be held from August 2, 2025 to August 9, 2025.

We very much hope that this application will be accepted and it is with pleasure that the Aéro-Club de France will help you in the organization of this event.

Please accept, Dear Sir, the expression of our most distinguished greetings.

Catherine MAUNOURY - President

3. Letter of support from the local authorities

a. Support letter from the Mayor of La Roque-Esclapon



Avec ses nombreux atouts, sites de décollage, pente école, Centre du Vol Libre, hébergements nombreux et variés, la commune de la Roque Esclapon est en capacité d'accueillir une compétition sportive d'envergure.

Notre motivation réside tout d'abord dans notre ambition de renforcer l'image de notre commune comme espace de pratiques sportives durables et de bien-être.

Notre motivation réside ensuite dans notre volonté de mise en valeur de nos sites emblématiques.

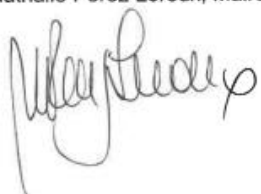
Notre motivation réside également dans notre envie de participer au bon accueil des équipes, des représentants officiels ou des temps protocolaires.

Notre motivation enfin réside dans notre volonté de rassembler nos concitoyens, notre tissu associatif et économique autour d'un projet motivant et fédérateur.

Nous sommes donc très heureux de vous soutenir dans votre démarche.

Bien sincèrement,

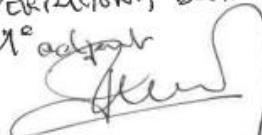
Nathalie Perez Leroux, Maire



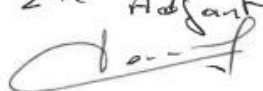

BREZINA Yana
Conseillère municipale



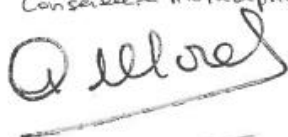
PERRIMOND Bruno
1^{er} adjoint



PERRIMOND Jean-Noël
2^{ème} Adjoint



NOREL Annick
Conseillère municipale



BELISAIRE Louis
Conseiller municipal



BONOME Stéphane
conseiller Municipal



FABRE Yui Ploume
conseiller municipale

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Translation:

Dear Mr. Orand,

It is with great pleasure that we, Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council, as representative of the municipality, we hereby express our support for the candidacy of Club Deltazur for the organization of the European Hang Gliding Championship in the summer of 2026 with a confirmation pre-championship in the summer of 2025 which will also be the Championship of France 2025.

You, as well as all the players in your organization, have always been dedicated to the development of hang gliding activity, on a local, regional and national level, the development of practice and training sites and the development of capacity to train pilots.

We have long known and appreciated the initiatives you have implemented through your structure to carry out projects for practitioners but also for the General public.

During the Delta Clubs Cup you were able to bring together the practitioners in La Roque-Esclapon, by allowing us to take advantage of an unparalleled opportunity, all in a spirit very friendly and in perfect security and organizational conditions.

Furthermore, during the Free Flight Discovery Days you were able to make an impact with success and in a very positive way the minds of children, young people and their parents. Inhabitants of our village or those coming from neighboring territories, many were able to learn hang gliding but also paragliding, kite surfing, kite flying or boomerang thanks to your efforts and the partnerships you were able to build for the holding of an event of high quality, in a rural environment for the attention of a large audience, often far from the sports practice centers.

We consider an event of this magnitude to be a great opportunity for our territory. This is naturally attractive for the practice of free flight due to its geographical location at the foot of Mount Lachens and its favorable climate. It also has municipal infrastructures which are the fruit of the historical will of municipalities which followed one another for the development of Free Flight.

With its many assets, take-off sites, school slope, Free Flight Center, numerous and varied accommodations, the town of La Roque-Esclapon has capacity to host a major sporting competition.


Our motivation lies first of all in our ambition to strengthen the image of our common as a space for sustainable sports practices and well-being. Our motivation then lies in our desire to promote our emblematic sites. Our motivation also lies in our desire to participate in the good reception of teams, official representatives or protocol times. Finally, our motivation lies in our desire to bring together our fellow citizens, our associative network and economics around a motivating and unifying project.

We are therefore very happy to support you in your approach.

Sincerely,

Nathalie Perez Leroux, Mayor

b. Support Letter from the local department "Le Var"



LE DÉPARTEMENT

Le Président

Monsieur Nicolas ORAND
Président Deltazur
DELTAZUR
50 rue de la Mairie
83840 La Roque Esclapon

JLM/IM / NT-2024-20

Toulon, le 18 janvier 2024

OBJET : Lettre de soutien au projet DELTAZUR

Monsieur le Président,

Madame Nathalie PEREZ-LEROUX, Conseillère départementale du Var, Maire de la Roque Esclapon m'a fait part de son souhait d'obtenir le championnat européen de Deltaplane en 2026 à La Roque Esclapon et de sa lettre de candidature.

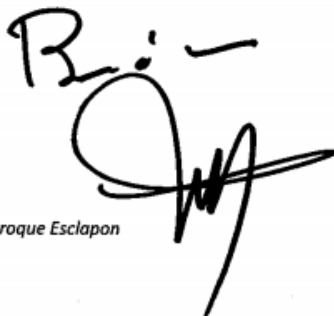
Je ne peux que soutenir cette initiative tant je suis convaincu du potentiel de cette commune pour développer la pratique du Deltaplane.

Le Mont Lachen, plus haut sommet du Var, 1714 mètres, est un site touristique remarquable qui se situe sur la commune de La Roque Esclapon et qui dispose déjà des infrastructures nécessaires en lien avec les autres communes environnantes.

Vous pouvez compter sur le Département du Var et son agence de tourisme "Var Tourisme" pour promouvoir ce championnat européen si vous nous choisissez.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Président, l'expression de mes salutations distinguées.

Jean-Louis MASSON



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Translation:

Mister President,

Mrs. Nathalie PEREZ-LEROUX, Departmental Councilor of Var, Mayor of La Roque-Esclapon informed me of her wish to obtain the European Hang Gliding Championship in 2026 at La Roque-Esclapon and her letter of application.

I can only support this initiative as I am convinced of the potential of this municipality to develop the practice of hang gliding.

Mont Lachen, the highest peak in the Var, 1714 meters, is a remarkable tourist site which is located in the commune of La Roque-Esclapon and which already has the infrastructure necessary in conjunction with other surrounding municipalities.

You can count on the Department of Var and its tourism agency "Var Tourisme" to promote this European championship if you choose us.

Please accept, Mr. President, the expression of my distinguished greetings.

Jean-Louis Masson - President.

c. Support Letter from the region "Région PACA"



RÉGION PROVENCE-ALPES-CÔTE D'AZUR

Le Président
Président délégué de Régions de France

Monsieur Nicolas ORAND
Président
Deltazur
50 Rue de la Mairie
83840 LA ROQUE ESCLAPON

RM/RS/AC/LR/JDP

Marseille, le 23 JAN. 2024

Monsieur le Président,

Je tiens par la présente à vous faire part du soutien total de la Région Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur à la candidature du Club Deltazur pour l'organisation du Championnat Européen de Deltaplane à l'été 2026 avec un pré-championnat de confirmation à l'été 2025 qui sera également le Championnat de France de cette même année.

En nous engageant à vos côtés dans la mise en œuvre de ce projet ambitieux, nous souhaitons accompagner et soutenir activement l'organisation de compétitions nationales et internationales sur notre territoire.

Car c'est le cœur de la politique sportive que nous menons sur le territoire régional : accompagner le sport de haut niveau, promouvoir l'excellence sportive et la performance et développer la pratique sportive auprès du plus grand nombre.

Cet événement est également une belle opportunité de faire rayonner la Région Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, ses talents sportifs mais également ses territoires ruraux, actifs et sportifs eux aussi.

Vous souhaitant par avance réussite et succès dans la mise en œuvre de ce projet, je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Président, l'expression de mes salutations distinguées.


Renaud MUSELIER

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Application de Règlement général de protection des données personnelles : la Région dispose d'un traitement informatique de gestion du courrier, dont le fondement est l'intérêt légitime. Les informations collectées peuvent donner lieu à des actions de communication institutionnelle, répondant aux missions d'intérêt public.
Pour plus d'informations sur le cadre juridique et l'exercice de vos droits, vous pouvez consulter sur Internet la page : <https://www.maregionsud.fr/donnees-personnelles>

Translation:

Mister President,

I would like to hereby inform you of the full support of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region for the candidacy of Club Deltazur for the organization of the European Championship of Hang gliding in the summer of 2026 with a confirmation pre-championship in the summer of 2025 which will be also the French Championship of that same year.

By engaging with you in the implementation of this ambitious project, we wish to actively accompany and support the organization of national and international competitions on our territory.

Because this is the heart of the sports policy that we pursue in the regional territory: supporting high-level sport, promoting sporting excellence and performance and develop the practice of sport amongst as many people as possible.

This event is also a great opportunity to promote the region Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, its sporting talents but also its rural territories, that are active and sportive too.

Wishing you success in the implementation of this project, please accept, Mr. President, the expression of my distinguished greetings.

Renaud MUSELIER - President of the Region

D - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE ORGANIZER

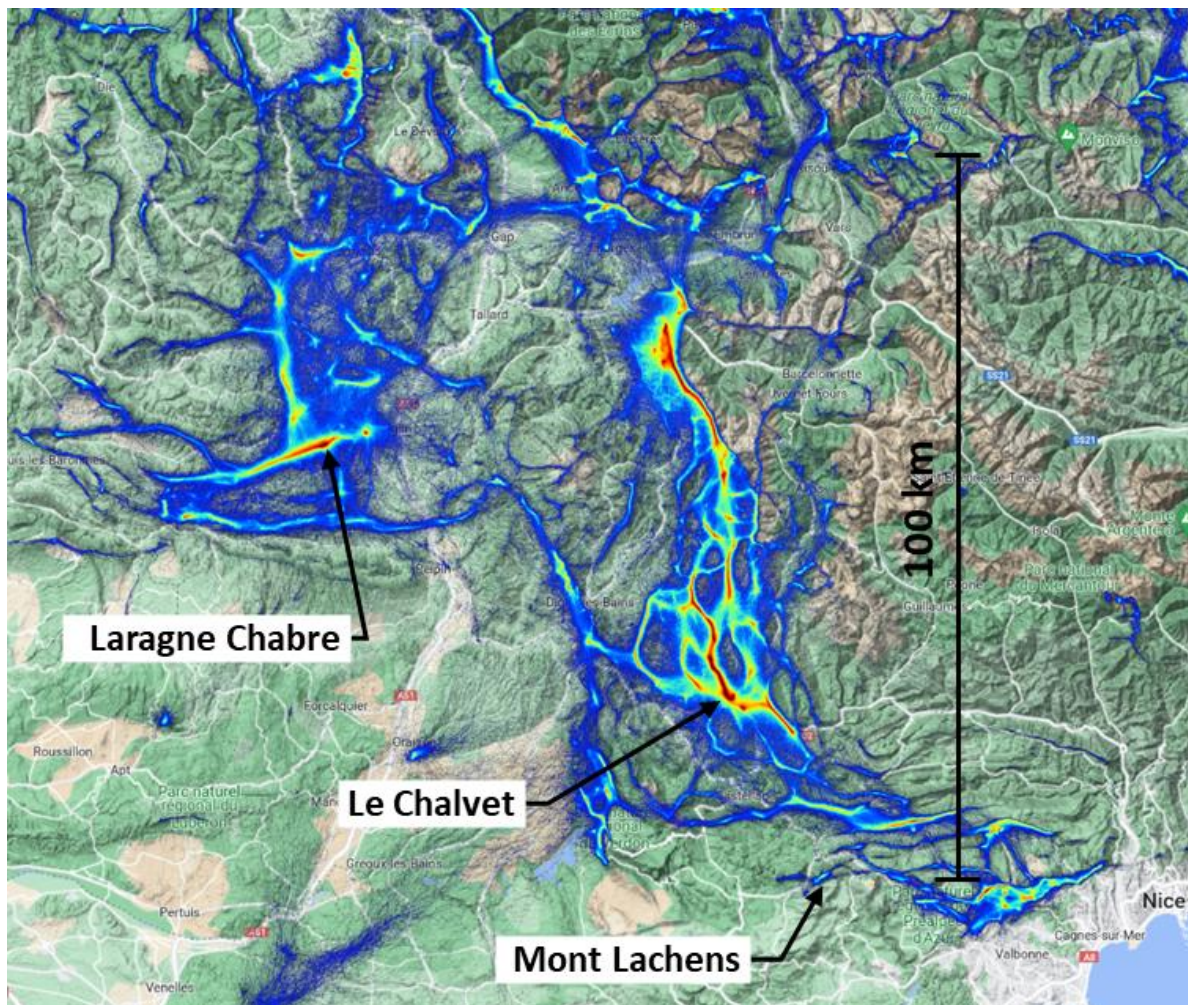
1. Introducing the area

[Mont Lachens](#) (1714m ASL) will be the main flying site, it is located above the village of [La Roque-Esclapon](#) (950m ASL) at the south most border of the beautiful and very productive flying area of the south-east of France in the [Verdon Regional Park](#), the [Azur Prealpes Regional Park](#) and the [Mercantour National Park](#). Being at only 30 km flying distance south of [Le Chalvet](#) (1613m ASL), [Saint André-les-Alpes](#), another incredible free flying spot, Mont Lachens offers a great start for cross-country flying to the East, the North and the West.

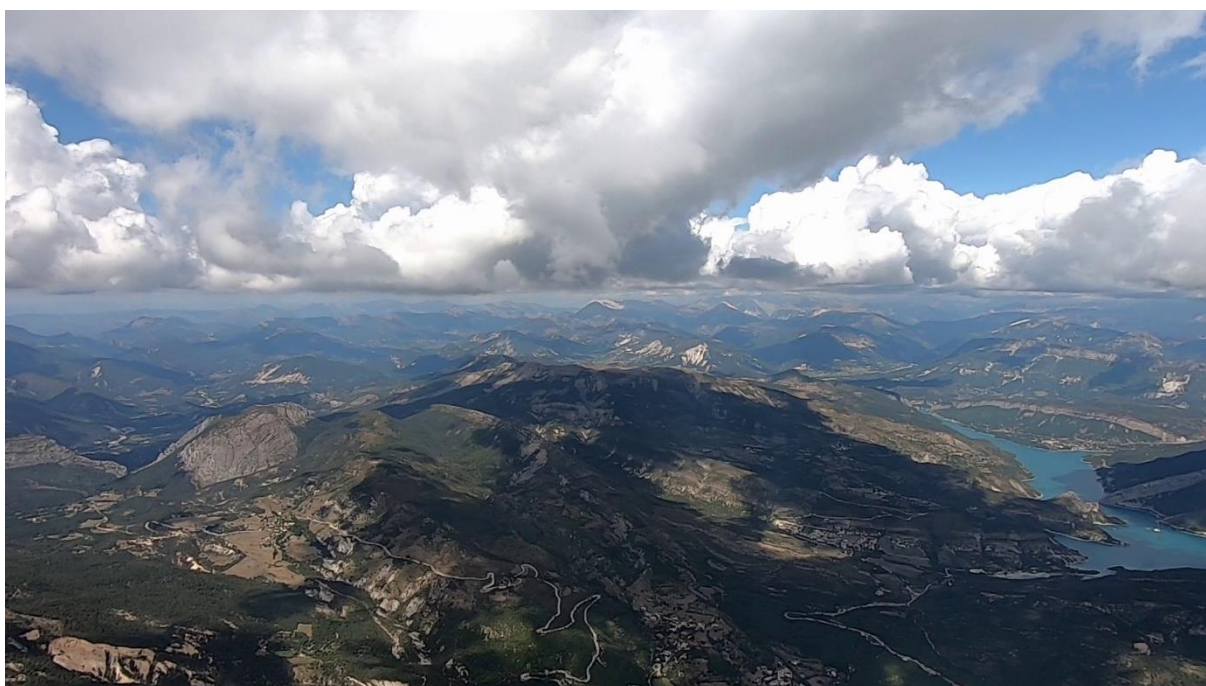
Month Lachens is one of the oldest free flying sites in France, it is further remote in comparison to the renowned sites of Saint André-les-Alpes at 47 km driving distance, and Laragne at 125 km, which plays against its visibility, but flying conditions are of high standards.



High level map view with sites and flying aeras



Free flying records in the area



Looking North at Lac de Castillon and Le Chalvet

2. Launch sites

The Rhône Valley dictates wind onto the western parts of the Alps, generating strong north wind with advancing low pressures. Mont Lachens is further east and subject to south-east, south and south-west winds for which it is well suited. When westerly wind takes over the thermal breeze or if the effect of the Mediterranean Sea lowers cloud base too much, then the site of Le Chalvet, Saint André-les-Alpes, will be preferred.

In the extreme case where north wind affects flying Mont Lachens and Le Chalvet for several days, organizers keep the option for flying at Laragne, it is only a back-up option as there is a 125 km drive from La Roque Esclapon.

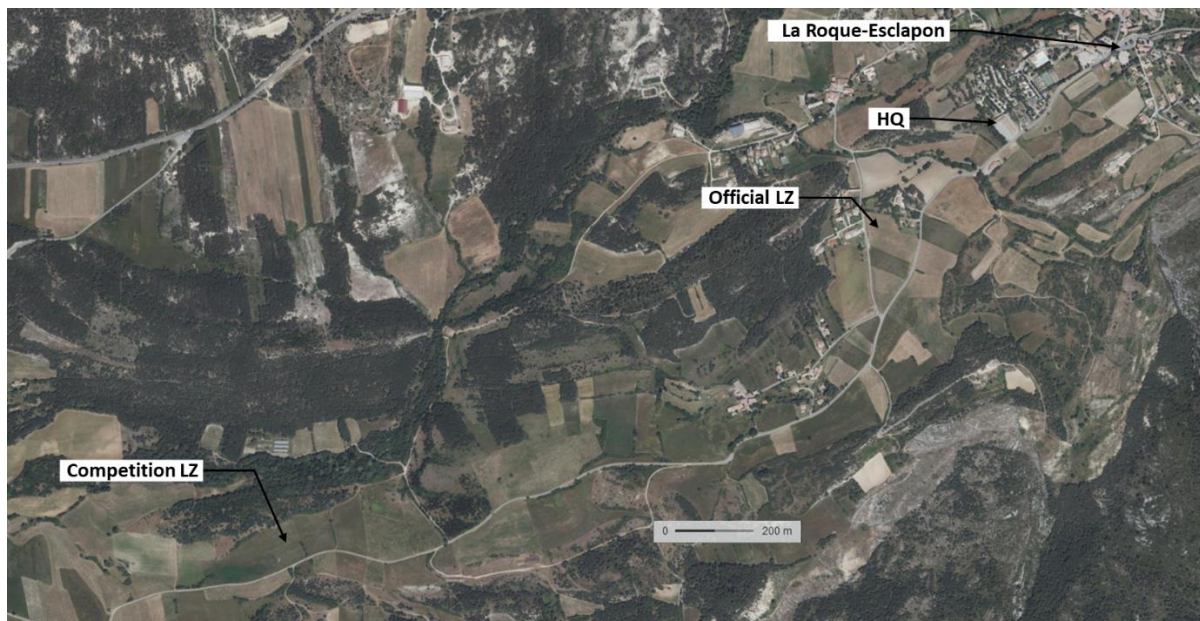
La Roque Esclapon → Saint André-les-Alpes: 47km, 50min

La Roque Esclapon → Laragne-Montéglin: 125km, 2h

- Main site: [Mont Lachens](#) – South-east to south-west take-off.
 - Paved road access, 12km from the village.
 - 2 take-off lines – possible extension to 3.
 - Large rigging area >150 gliders.
 - Official landings to the north and the south.
 - Large landing fields in the valleys at the front and the back
 - 200km tasks in good days
 - 100km tasks in normal days



Main site – Mont Lachens



Main site – HQ and Competition Landing Zone

- [Le Chalvet, Saint André les Alpes](#) – South-West to West, West-North-West take off
 - 47km drive from La Roque-Esclapon.
 - Paved road access, 10km from the village of Saint André-les-Alpes.
 - 2 take-off lines – possible extension to 3.
 - Rigging area >100 gliders.
 - Official landing at the village.
 - Competition landing east of the village.
 - 200km tasks in good days
 - >100km+ tasks in normal days

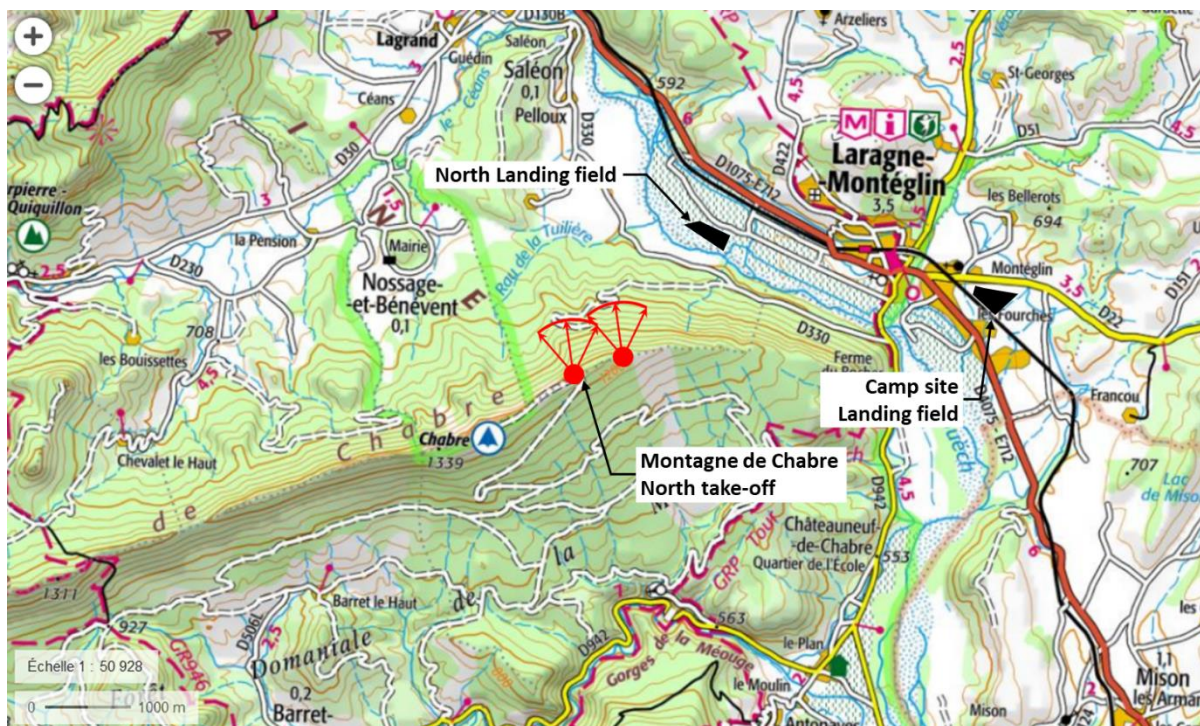


Le Chalvet – Saint-André-les-Alpes

The map displays the Mont Lachens area, showing the Ubaye Valley and surrounding mountainous terrain. Key locations marked include Le Chalvet, Le Mousteiret, and Mont Lachens. A detailed inset map shows a close-up of the area around Le Mousteiret, highlighting the proposed ski lift route and the existing cable car infrastructure. The map also shows various roads (N85, N202, D4085, D6075, D21) and other towns like Saint-André-les-Alpes, Vergons, and La Roche.

Le Mousteiret – Landing Zone

- [Chabre, Laragne](#) – Only as a backup in case of lasting north wind
 - 125km drive from La Roque-Esclapon.
 - Paved road access, 17km from the village of Laragne-Montéglin.
 - 3 take-off lines
 - Rigging area for 150+ gliders
 - North and Camp site landing fields
 - 150km tasks in good days (and North wind)
 - 80km tasks in normal days (and North wind)



Montagne de Chabre – Laragne

The site of Laragne has hosted multiple championships including the HG World Championship in 2009.

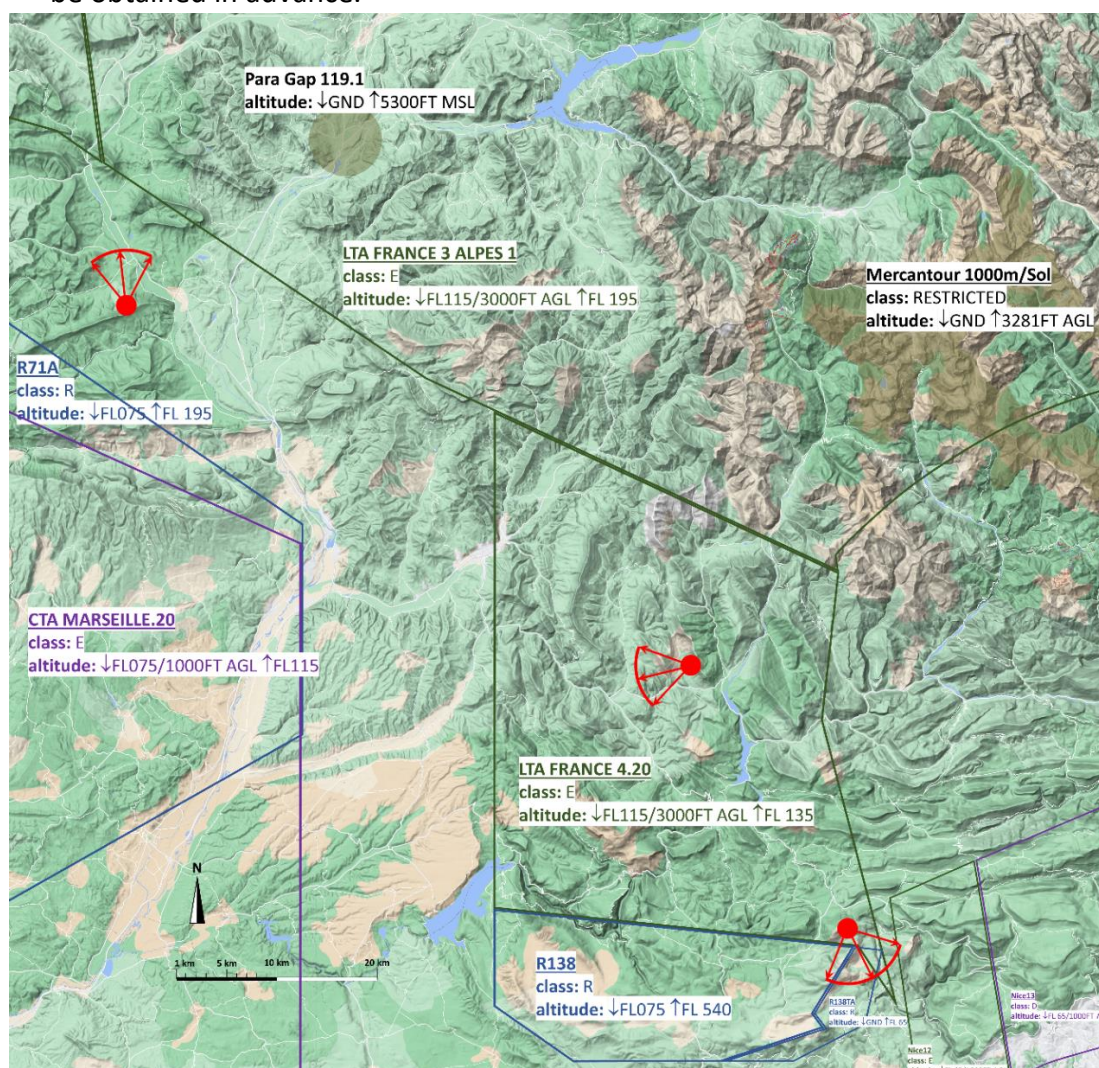
3. Airspaces and restricted areas

All areas will be provided in the various formats such as OpenAir and FAF for compatibility with most instruments. Link to the Google.maps of the Airspace will also be provided:
https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1elcuGiwBrmB5DVNP0J9EKdnzCwCqw_eX&usp=sharing

LTA FRANCE 1 limits free flying altitude to FT115 over all of France territory. Then there are class E LTA airspaces for higher free flying altitude on certain areas. This is the case here with Class E airspaces of LTA FRANCE 4.20 (up to FL135) and LTA FRANCE 3 ALPES 1 (up to FL195).

There are Restricted airspaces as well with:

- Class R R138 in front of Mont-Lachens Take-Off – Flying is authorized over the entire valley of La Roque-Eslapon.
- Class R Mercantour from Surface to 1000m / ground.
- Class R R71 starting at FL075 – Is a H24, inactive on week-ends, authorization cannot be obtained in advance.



Airspaces and Restricted Areas

4. Weather

Experience of the past years showed that August is the best suited month due to higher temperatures and dryer conditions. To the opposite, June and July seem to have a continued flow of low-pressures crossing France and making flying uncertain for periods of two weeks.

In this part of the Alpes, cloud base increases as we go further away from the Rhône Valley and the Sea. We can expect days with strong thermals and high cloud base. The area around Mont Lachens is closer to the sea and can have lower cloud base than further north, this still is usually higher than 2200m ASL, but can easily be 500m lower than the rest of the day task.

Attention will be taken to not fly in Saint André-les-Alpes in north wind condition even when the valley breeze is dominant, the air mass can then be turbulent.

The south part of the French Alpes is not suited for flying with strong meteorological wind conditions, of any direction, the air mass is then turbulent. Depending on its orientation, a maximum of 35-40 km/h wind force should be the upper limit.

Recommended maximum wind speed on launch is 35 km/h.

5. Meteorology

Daily forecasts will be provided daily during the briefing on launch, the Meteorologist has a long-time experience flying cross-country in the area and masters the notions of meteorology.

The area is well known to free flying and when covered by multiple forecasting websites and wind stations on key places <http://www.balisemeteo.com/>.

The following sites will be used: <https://météofrance.com/>, <https://www.xcskies.com/>, <https://météo-parapente.com/>, <https://www.windy.com/>, <https://www.meteoblue.com/>, <https://www.velivole.fr/>.

6. Transport

- Pilots and material transport is under the responsibility of each team.
- Vehicles for organization staff will be arranged.
- Retrieve will be under the responsibility of each team. Check-in will be done by phone and WhatsApp.

7. Safety

FFVL has a long experiment of safety management and use of rescue services:

- Before the event:
 - “Security information” is send as a document to city hall, emergency station, police station and prefecture
- Every day:
 - The task is provided to authority in link with rescue and security (for a potential rescue).
 - A paramedical team is at take-off and landing.

- The Safety Director highlights all potential risks on weather local meteorological conditions, power lines, landing zones, free flying traffic.
- The Safety Director centralized all rescue request, gives the alerts, serves as single go-to person.
- At the end of the event a safety debrief will be documented.

It is expected that pilots are qualified/skilled for mountain flying in strong thermal conditions.

8. Crisis management

FFVL has a crisis tool to help for this kind of event:

- Exclusive room.
- Exclusive director
- Exclusive committee
- Check list and protocols for organizer.

The crisis management was designed to cover all the links (Gendarmerie Rescue Families Volunteers Drivers Public Media Social Networks...).

9. Rescue/medical services

- Organizer's liaison personnel, English speaking: Safety Director, Event Director
- First Aid on take-off: Paramedics
- Ambulance on take-off – Take-offs are accessible to ambulances.
- Helicopter evacuation – Yes. Response time 25 min if available
- Helicopter landing space available on launches
- Mountain rescue – French Civil Security services will ensure search and rescue
- Nearest Hospitals:
 - Centre Hospitalier de Grasse, 28 Chem. de Clavary, 06130 Grasse
 - Centre Hospitalier de Digne-les-Bains, Quartier, 04000 Digne-les-Bains
 - Hôpital de Gap, 1 Pl. Auguste Muret, 05000 Gap

10. Transmissions

- VHF radio, is required. Organizers will provide a Competition frequency and a Safety frequency
- Pilots and crew members must be equipped with cellphone working in France and have the ability to communicate on WhatApps

There will be 3 radio frequencies in in the 143 MHz range:

- for pilot and leader team
- for landing
- for security

11. Liaison with Authorities and Public Services

Organizer will declare the event to local collectivities (City, Department, Region) as well as local Police and the Army. The relation with the Captain of Safety of the Military Camp of Canjuers (south of main take-off) is a long standing one.

12. Event headquarters

The Event is Headquartered in the facilities of the [La Roque-Esclapon](#) and will make use of the municipal hall.

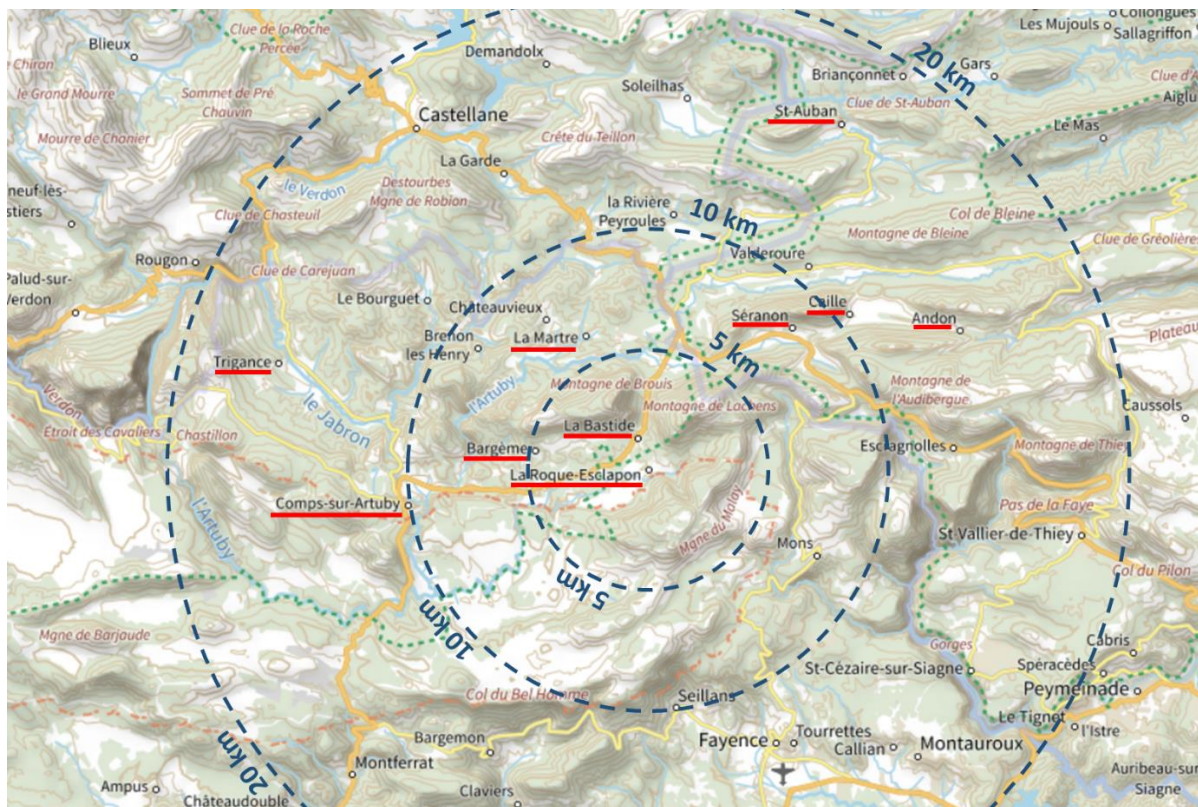
- Room for briefings, registration, equipment checks: 400m² room in a 560m² building that comprises a kitchen, facilities and entry hall.
- Room for officials and organization staff: 50m² with facilities is the building.
- Large car park.
- Internet access available for Officials and competitors.



HQ location

13. Local facilities

It is a beautiful area with small villages and therefore limited hotel rooms, so focus needs to be on campsites and bungalows and house rentals. Organizers will work with the local tourist office to facilitate access to accommodation to the teams.



Surrounding Facilities



- La Roque-Esclapon - Hôtel Restaurant Le Coq en Pâte - Place de la Fontaine - La Roque-Esclapon (83840) - +33 4 94 76 80 04
- La Bastide - [Hôtel Restaurant Le Lachens](#) - 130 chemin des Bailes - La Bastide (83840)
- La Martre - Château de Taulane - Le Logis du Pin - 83840 - LA MARTRE - 04 93 40 60 80
- Comps-sur-Artuby - [Grand Hôtel Bain](#) - 22 avenue de Fayet - Comps-sur-Artuby (83840) - 04 94 76 90 06
- Trigrance - [Le Vieil Amandier](#) - Montée de Saint-Roch - 83840 – TRIGRANCE - 04 94 76 92 92
- Séranon - [Le Relais de l'Artuby](#) - 9154, route Napoléon - RD 6085 - 06750 Séranon - 04 93 60 31 06



- La Roque-Esclapon - [Camping Municipal Notre Dame](#) - 181 chemin Notre Dame - La Roque-Esclapon (83840)
- Comps-sur-Artuby - [Camping Municipal Le Pontet](#) - Le Pontet - Comps-sur-Artuby (83840) - +33 4 94 76 91 40 / +33 6 03 96 91 86
- Comps-sur-Artuby - [Camping Humawaka](#) - 77 chemin du Deroc, Le Pigeonnier - Comps-sur-Artuby (83840)
- Saint-Auban - [Camping Tikayan La Pinatelle](#) - 269 Chemin de Saint Alban - La Gravière - 06850 Saint-Auban - 04 93 60 40 46



- La Roque-Esclapon - [Gîte La Chapelle](#) - Quartier Notre Dame - La Roque-Esclapon (83840)
- Bargème - [La Bergerie](#) - Porte du Levant - Bargème (83840) - 06 84 05 64 05 / 06 08 41 02 01
- Comps-sur-Artuby - [L'àvi en l'Aire](#) - Place de l'Aire - Comps-sur-Artuby (83840) - 06 89 16 49 02
- Comps-sur-Artuby - [Troin Annie](#) - Hameau de Jabron - Comps-sur-Artuby (83840) - 06 88 88 56 28
- Comps-sur-Artuby - [Lou Rigaou](#) - Hameau de Jabron - Comps-sur-Artuby (83840) - 06 20 73 40 19
- Comps-sur-Artuby - [Le Four et Le Tilleul](#) - 46 place de Jabron, Hameau de Jabron - Comps-sur-Artuby (83840) - 06 45 51 59 05
- Comps-sur-Artuby - [Lou Colombier](#) - Hameau de Jabron - Comps-sur-Artuby (83840) - 06 20 73 40 19
- Caille - [Domaine de la Plaine](#) - 2665, route de la Plaine - 06750 Caille - 04 83 26 19 59
- Caille - [Le Cytise](#) - 5693, route de la Moulière - 06750 Caille - 04 97 01 03 32
- Andon – Thorenc - [La Bécassière](#) - 845, avenue Alexis Mignon - 06750 Andon - 07 61 60 37 44



- La Roque-Esclapon - Hôtel Restaurant Le Coq en Pâte - Place de la Fontaine - La Roque-Esclapon (83840) - +33 4 94 76 80 04
- La Roque-Esclapon - [Auberge de la Bruyère](#) - 59 quartier Notre Dame - La Roque-Esclapon (83840) - +33 4 94 60 19 02
- La Bastide - [Hôtel Restaurant Le Lachens](#) - 130 chemin des Bailes - La Bastide (83840)
- Bargème - [Les Jardins de Bargème](#) - Le Village - Bargème (83840) - 06 98 36 05 66
- Bargème - [Le Bercaill chez Sandrine](#) - 1 rue du figuier - Bargème (83840) – 07 64 02 81 85

- Bargème - [L'Amandier Rose by C.C](#) - 79 rue des ormeaux - Bargème (83840) – 04 98 60 41 98
- Comps-sur-Artuby - [Grand Hôtel Bain](#) - 22 avenue de Fayet - Comps-sur-Artuby (83840) - 04 94 76 90 06
- Comps-sur-Artuby - Restaurant l'Artuby - D21 - Comps-sur-Artuby (83840) - 04 94 76 90 86
- Comps-sur-Artuby - Le Rouable - Grange de Roux - Comps-sur-Artuby (83840) - 04 94 50 70 12
- Comps-sur-Artuby - [Restaurant du Camping Humawaka](#) - Chemin du Deroc, Le Pigeonnier - Comps-sur-Artuby (83840)
- Comps-sur-Artuby - [L'Aire des Mobs](#) - place de la république - Comps-sur-Artuby (83840) - 06 56 76 69 26
- Séranon - Le Clan des Papets - 116, rue des Tilleuls - 06750 Séranon - 04 93 09 24 62
- Séranon - [Auberge de Séranon](#) - 4, allée Paul Chiris - 06750 Séranon - 04 97 05 23 38
- Séranon - [Le Relais de l'Artuby](#) - 9154, route Napoléon - RD 6085 - 06750 Séranon - 04 93 60 31 06
- Séranon - Le Grand Saule - 9948, route Napoléon - RD6085- 06750 Séranon - 04 93 60 76 01
- Caille - Bistrot L'Entre Potes - 91 rue des Ecuries - 06750 Caille - 04 93 60 32 10
- Caille – La Bergerie - 5467, route de la Moulière - 06750 Caille - 04 93 36 37 94
- Andon - Thorenc – [8 restaurants](#)

14. Visas, vaccinations

Entry in France from outside the Schengen area a valid VISA and passport.

Vaccination against yellow fever is required for people coming from an endemic area.

For medical reason it is recommended to be vaccinated against diphtheria, poliomyelitis, typhoid, hepatitis A and B. There isn't particular risk on these in France.

15. Early arrivals:

There are no restrictions with arriving earlier and practicing on sites, information on flying conditions is available on the boards at take-off and an email address will be provided for connecting with local pilots.

Please contact the tourism office for information on the area: <https://tourisme.dracenie.com/>

16. Customs and equipment importation:

Organizers do not plan on arranging anything special for temporary import of material into the Schengen area, we invite everyone to seek for information ahead of time while planning their trip.

17. Medals, etc.

- Medals and diplomas will be provided free by CIVL, but transportation and custom are paid by the organizers.
- Organizers are currently looking for other prizes, this is work in progress.

18. Media and social media coverage, merchandising

For safety reason, the organizers will not promote the event as a public air event.

A person dedicated to Public & Press Relations is already appointed and Media and TV will be invited to cover the event or part of it. The organization will also contract a cameraman and film maker to make take rushes and assemble movies for distribution in the media and on social networks. The effort will be coordinated with the local tourist office for promoting the local area.

As a summary:

- Dedicated Website will be created.
- Promotion will be made to local press and national media.
- Media coverage during the event is to be determined with the actors.
- Tasks will be followed live projected on screen in the briefing room with speakers. Organizers will look into feasibility for broadcasting.
- Filming/video will be done all along the event by a contractor.