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Dear Readers

Our 2017 Annual General Meeting of 25 February 2017 at Helsinki is “ante portas”, many thanks to all of you who already registered. There still are rooms and seats available, so please do not hesitate to register via your president! Please do so as indicated in the invitation letter and on the forms attached to it, many thanks. Today already I am looking forward to meeting all of you.

NPA and CRD 2016-05 CS-23 / CS-VLA (RMT.0498)

A full harmonisation was impossible to reach during the 25-27 January 2017 meeting held together with FAA representatives. A full integration of a wide range of powerplants, on the other hand, was reached: We will get “powerplants and propulsion systems” as titles, as well as “energy” replacing “fuel” in all relevant titles, sub-titles and texts. In all a big success for us.

Electric propulsion rendez-vous at Grenchen (LSZG)

A special meeting dedicated to electric propulsion in aeronautics will be held at Grenchen (LSZG) on the weekend of **9 and 10 September 2017**. Reserve the date, further information will follow very soon. We expect a wide variety of aircraft visiting Grenchen on this weekend, our invitations will be distributed across all Europe during week 6/2017.



Adjusted entry

NPA 2016-09(A)(B) Requirements for Air Traffic Services

comes in two parts, (A) and (B) Comment period for both parts **now end on 28 February 2017**, the “links”:

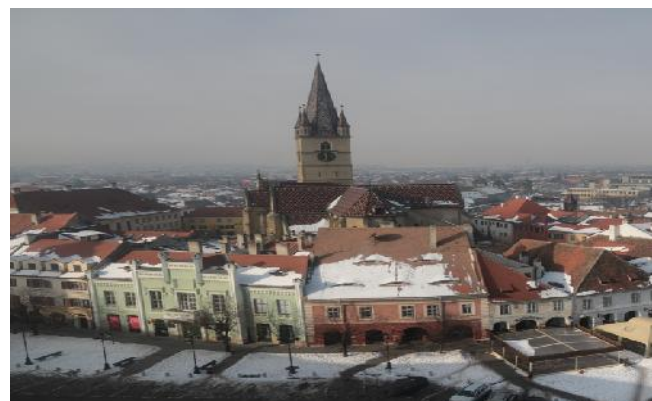
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Please send me your comments on (A) and (B) by **6 February 2017**, many thanks.

Short report from the European Hang- and Paragliding Union (EHPU) Annual General Meeting 2017

The EHPU’s 2017 AGM was held on Saturday 21 January 2017 at Sibiu/Hermannstadt in Transilvania/Siebenbürgen, in 2007 European Capital of Culture, together with Luxemburg. Being part of today’s Annex II, tomorrow’s Annex I, EHPU’s aircraft are outside EASA, but e.g. airspace provisions apply, as well as many other European Regulations. Not all present were aware of this fact, interesting discussions were the result.





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NPA 2016-13 Technical requirements and operating procedures for airspace design, including flight procedure design

This is the ,link' to the text:

<http://www.easa.europa.eu/system/files/dfu/NPA%202016-13.pdf>

Comment period now ends on 31 March 2017, extended by two months. **I planned to do a first reading by the end of the year, but I am still not ready yet.**

NPA 2016-14 Easier access for general aviation pilots to Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) flying (RMT.0677)

I tried hard to prepare fully harmonised comments from all commenting stakeholders, it was not possible for various reasons, one among them: Those living in mountain areas are, of course, not confronted with the weather situations experienced by those operating in the “flatlands” of Europe, and vice-versa. In the end, I hope, that our comments will be accepted by the review group, what we ask for is, in my view, very much in line the the general idea of getting simpler and better rules, for easier requirements, promoting the highest possible level of safety in this segment of General Aviation. Europe Air Sports/EPFU/ PPL IR Europe will insist on appropriate representation in the team reviewing the comments, also because it was pretty difficult not to mix ATO, DTO, BIR and EIR topics, in other words to carefully look at all statements made as regards Approved Training Organisations, Declared Training Organisations, the Basic Instrument Rating, and the En-route Instrument Rating.

Reminder for your comments on

NPA 2016-17 Regular update of certification specifications for standard changes & standard repairs (CS-STAN)

On 11 December 2016 I have distributed an advice directing your attention to this new set of Certification Specifications for Standard Changes and for Standard Repairs. This is the “link” to the document:

<http://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/notices-of-proposed-amendment/npa-2016-17>

Comment period ends **6 February 2017**, send me your comments within the next 3-4 days. In one sentence: Much progress was made, the only thing: some more „pilot-owner maintenance“ still is desirable...

Repetition

NPA 2016-16 Regular update of Part-FCL, part of Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011, and other parts

The objective of this NPA, published on 30 November 2016, is to address a non-controversial safety and regulatory coordination issue linked with pilot training and licencing requirements of Annex I (Part-FCL), Annex III (Conditions for the acceptance of licences issued by or on behalf of third countries), Annex VI (Part-ARA) and Annex VII (Part-ORA) to Regulation (EU) No 1178/2011 (the Aircrew Regulation).

This NPA proposes to clarify already existing rule text in order to make the regulatory framework more precise and effective, as well as to correct the current inconsistencies and editorial errors. Comment period ends on 17 March 2017, please send me your comments until **1 March 2017**. This is the link to the NPA:

<http://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/notices-of-proposed-amendment/npa-2016-16>



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NPA 2016-19 Alignment of Implementing Rules (IR) and Acceptable Means of Compliance (AMC)/Guidance Material (GM) with Regulation (EU) No 376/2014 - Occurrence reporting

EASA writes (slightly adjusted by me...) The specific objective of this NPA is to update the IRs of Regulation actual Basic Regulation (BR), and the related AMC/GM in order to be aligned with Regulation (EU) No 376/ reporting, analysis and follow-up of occurrences in civil aviation. What EASA does not mention: BR 216/201 very soon by a new edition. I am therefore inclined to ask for a postponement of the **end date** of this NPA **March 2017**. This would take away a burden from you and me, because we all shall suffer when we do not "Occurrence Reporting" is not an "EASA baby", it was born at Brussels... This is the "link":

<http://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/notices-of-proposed-amendment/npa-2016-19>

These are the contents:

- **Initial Airworthiness:** Part-21 and related AMC/GM;
- **Continuing Airworthiness:** Part-M, Part-145 and related AMC/GM;
- **Aircrew:** Part-ARA, Part-ORA and related AMC/GM;
- **Air Operations (Air OPS):** Part-ARO, Part-ORO and related AMC/GM;
- **Aerodromes (ADR):** Part-ADR.AR., Part-ADR.OR and related AMC/GM;
- **Air Traffic Management (ATM)/Air Navigation Services (ANS):** Part-ATM/ANS.AR, Part-ATM/ANS.OR;
- **Air Traffic Controllers (ATCOs):** Part-ATCO.AR, Part-ATCO.OR and related AMC/GM;
- **AMC-20** 'General AMC for Airworthiness of Products, Parts and Appliances'

The extension of the comment period is not yet available, I still try to find the best possible way on how to deal with tremendous task. You will read from me. «Mission impossible» could easily be the subtitle of this NPA...

Not new, but important, no 1: Preparing the Elections 2017

According to our statutes European Powered Flying Union needs a vice-president, a position not occupied now. May we kindly ask you for your proposals? It would be an ideal cost-saving solution if your candidate could act as webmaster. Looking forward to receiving candidate names by **6 February 2017** for the elections taking place at the 2017 Annual General Meeting at Helsinki on Saturday, 25 February 2017 in the afternoon as announced earlier already, at the brandnew Clarion Hotel adjacent to the harbour, an excellent location.

Not new, but important, no 2: Inputs 2017 Annual General Conference of EPFU

You are kindly invited to send your proposals for topics to be integrated in the agenda of the meeting as soon as possible to our Secretary General

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Kindest regards, best wishes!

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**See you at our 2017 AGM at Helsinki,
Please register, if not already done so!**

