

European Microlight Federation

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**General Presentation of the European Microlight Federation  
MADRID on 2023, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

# Flying in europe



Flying ● in Europe

# QUICK HISTORY OF EMF

European Microlight Federation (EMF) has been founded in January 2004 in Paris by Dominique MEREUZE (President), Philippe TISSERAND (Vice-President), Jo KONRAD (General Secretary), Keith NEGAL (Treasurer).

When started EMF represented 16 countries.



## EMF TODAY

Members of EMF are representing National Aero Clubs and National Microlight Organizations in 23 European countries.

**In total we represent more than 60 000 pilots.**

Delegates of member organizations meet at least once a year during the General Meeting which takes place in different places and countries each year as other organization!

**Like other organization our GM in 2020 took place online due to Covid...**



### The Board of the European Microlight Federation

From left to right on the picture :

**Dariusz CYMERYYS (Poland) > General Secretary**  
**Jan FRIDRICH ( Czech Republic) > Vice-President**  
**Louis COLLARDEAU (France ) > President**  
**Rleteke VAN LUIJT ( Netherlands) > Treasurer**  
**Hans HAVSAGER ( Denmark) > Vice-President**

## THE AIM OF EMF

(according our Statutes) is to:

- Promote and protect microlighting
- Participate actively in Europe in the formulation of regulations and actions that may concern these activities
- Ensure its welfare and the freedom of movement of microlights in Europe
- As an independent, self-governing and non-profitmaking association, the EMF seeks to achieve these goals, in particular, to consult with all relevant regulatory authorities in Europe for the benefit of microlighting.
- It will endeavor to cooperate with Europe Air Sports (EAS), the National Aero Clubs (NACs), other national organisation representing microlighting and with the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI),
- The official language of the EMF is English



## EMF ROADMAP

We had a few years of long discussions with the European Union authorities about increasing the weight to a maximum of 600 kg, MTOM. Finally we came to an agreement and it was published in the New Basic Regulation 2018/1139.

In Annex I article 8 you will find that Member States may decide to regulate aeroplanes, helicopters and sailplanes up to 600 kg nationally by simple notification.

Each EU country has the possibility to introduce the 600 kg MTOM under her national regulation. All EU countries agreed that microlight will not be regulated by EASA rules but by national rules. We keep our freedom, although sometimes it is difficult when there are differences between the national regulations. But harmonization means more constraints and risks for freedom.



### EMF is focusing to work on several subjects:

- Renew the documentation for pilots in “Flying in Europe” by having one file per country (see files on our website)
- Sharing national regulatory information on: MLA and pilots rules, safety, medical, training, to support countries in discussion with CAA.
- Update EMF website to provide more information for countries and pilots
- Participation in international organization like EAS, FAI-CIMA etc.
- Share best practices on: safety and training support by eg. video, documentation, safety, mountain flying, hydroplane, electric plane etc
- Be active to support safety actions: eg. encourage conspicuity development in all EU countries with interoperability between systems.
- Improve EMF communication between countries by: magazines, documentation, microlight airfield database directory, website, good addresses, support, flyers and presence at Air Show like AERO Friedrichshafen and MULM Blois.
- Encourage and share international exchange that is more focused on young pilots...

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