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VALLE DE TENA
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1st PARAGLIDING HIKE&FLY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Panticosa, Valle de Tena, Spain



Panticosa, Spain

June 6th to 13, 2027





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Information from Annexe A and D

Event

- Name of event: 1ST FAI World Paragliding hike and fly Championship.
- Dates proposed: 6-13 June 2027.

Powered by:

NAC: Real Federación Aeronáutica Española. Address: Carretera de la Fortuna 14.
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Local Organizer

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- Meet Director. **David Polo**
 - Director: **Íñigo Redín**
- Safety Director. **Alejandro Ardila**
- Scorer. **Pedro Enrique Cifres (Volandoo CEO), Antonio Lope**
- Live Tracking Manager. **Pedro Enrique Cifres**
- Goal Marshal. **Antonio Lope**





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Proposed schedule

- Registration & inspections. **6th June**
- Mandatory safety briefing & team leader briefing. **6th June**
- Opening ceremony. **Before briefing**
- Championship flying days. **From 6th to 13th**
- Closing ceremony & price giving. **13th June 2027**

Location of Championship: Panticosa, Aragón, Spain.

SCOPE

The Royal Spanish Aeronautical Federation, the Club Catalunya Vol Lliure together with the Panticosa City Council and the Provincial Council of Huesca, we have decided to submit this bid and present you with one of the best possible venues to host the 2027 World Paragliding Championships. In this document, you will find all the details related to this event in Panticosa, Aragón.

The best dates for the event are 6th - 13th June, 2027.

Regarding the typical services required from organisers to comply with FAI/CIVL rules, I sincerely believe that my team and myself can comply with them and provide a competitive, safe and fair environment for a high-level paragliding event. We have already been tested at various events as detailed below and we have proven that we are capable of handling such a 3+ days task with the necessary responsibility and confidence.





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The following are some of the competitions held by this team that allow to place this bid

- Year 2019 to 2023. Catalunya (regional) Championship
- Year 2024 Skimo&Fly Pirineus
- Year 2024 Pyrenees Open (Future test Event)
- Year 2025 Skymo&Fly Pirineus
- Year 2025 Pyrenees Open (2nd - 4th May)
- Year 2025 Spanish H&F Championship 2025 as a Meet director (june)

In addition, the place itself, with its very predictable and reliable weather, its friendly and easily understandable meteorology and topology, and its mix of folklore, tradition and gastronomy, offers a unique experience that can last a lifetime.

Some members of the organising team have spent their lives in this place, knowing how to fly it, how to live it, how to get others to use its potential to the full. Other team members have extensive experience in high-level international competitions and are recognized as leading experts in their specific field, including event management, live tracking and associated activities, scoring and related software development, filming and media.

This team has all the necessary skills to make this event a great and, at the same time, enjoyable sporting experience.

Spain and in this case Panticosa are considered one of the best flying-mountain areas in Spain. This is because of its geographical location, easy access, excellent weather conditions almost all year round, as well as beautiful take-off and landing areas.

In the 2019 Spanish Championship, flights of almost 200 km were made, and in other championships, many more flights of close to 160 km were made.





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PILOTS ENTRY

The maximum number of participants is 110, based on the conditions at the site and the flying conditions. Restriction of Admission - No country restrictions

Format and Scoring

- The format will be adapted to suit the FAI preferences. If the organisation is given the choice, we suggest two formats: 3 days task + 1 rest day + 3 days task
- 1 day fast-task + 2 days task + 1 rest day + 2 days task

In any case, an assistant will be mandatory.

The scoring system will be based on 1000 points, decreasing according to position, and the winner will be the one with the highest total score accumulated across all completed tasks.

Anyway, we still need to study this aspect.

Entry Fees

- For pilots. 410€. 200€ for team leaders

This might change because of inflation or price changes from suppliers.

The entry fee includes

- Registration procedure, loading of turning points, welcome briefing.
- Pilot's information pack including a guide to the Panticosa area in Spain, including local information, Competition technical T-shirt in high quality materials, sponsor's gifts.
- Downloading of track logs, scoring and visualising results,
- Live tracking.





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- Parties & prize ceremony for pilots, including food and a certain amount of free drinks at a pre-arranged restaurant or bar.
- All local ANC fees.
- Mountain rescue Team for mountain operations, equipped and licensed.

INSURANCE

Subscribing to a specific insurance, and being in active possession of one, is the personal pilot's responsibility. The fact that the organizer accepts the pilot's insurance does not relieve the pilot of his/her responsibility and it is not creating any liability for the organizers if pilot's personal insurance is not accepted by the services who may ask for it.

It is mandatory to be covered for:

- Public liability risk (minimum value: €300.000)
- Individual accidents, covering paragliding and hiking specific activities outside the pilot's country of residence.
- Medical treatment
- Medical helicopter evacuation
- Repatriation coverage





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TEST EVENT

The flying area and technical equipment at the Pyrenees Open 2026 will be the same as at the Pyrenees Open FAI2, X-Pyr, Spanish National Championship Jaen Paraíso Interior, etc., so we believe that it will be a great event. It will be a great test event before the 2027 World Championship. This will help us see how well the organization is working, how good the flying is in the area, and what services Panticosa and the Valle de Tena can offer.

Additional information about the place and event

(Annex D)

1. INTRODUCTION

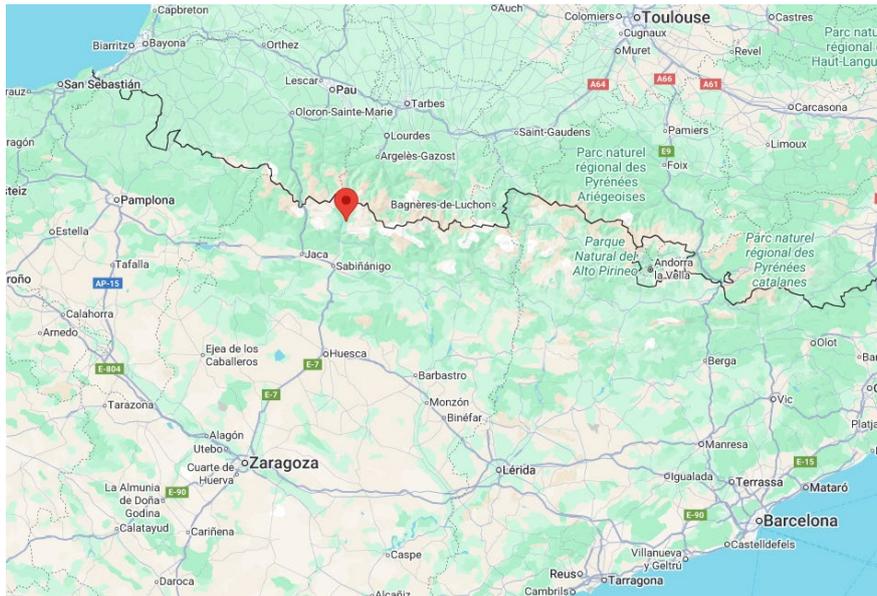
General information about the region:

- Official country name: Spain
- Capital city: Madrid
- Surface area: total: 505,990 km²





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- Climate: Panticosa enjoys a mountain climate, with cold winters and mild summers, which generates ideal weather conditions for free flight. The proximity to the high mountains in the north, such as Midi d’Osseau, Garmo negro, etc.. provides exceptional thermals and atmospheric stability during the summer season, allowing for long and safe flights. The meteorological conditions in the area are very favorable, with average temperatures in June of around 20-25°C and more than 200 flying days per year.

Bordering countries: France at north.

Terrain: Valle de Tena (Tena’s Valley) is located in the heart of the Pyrenees, surrounded by high altitude peaks. In the north, the high peaks of the Pyrenees allow for high-altitude and long-distance flights, while to the south, the Pre-Pyrenees make it easy to fly even when the weather conditions in the highest mountains are unstable. This access to areas with different types of relief and climate allows pilots to always find favorable





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flight conditions. The takeoff areas are located at altitudes between 1,400 m and 3000 m, which allows flights from various points in the area.

The flying area covers multiple wind directions, making it easy to create varied tasks for the competition.



LOCATION

Information about the local area:

The flight zone is located in the northern part of Spain, in the Pyrenees, within the Tena Valley, an area known for its stunning alpine landscapes and excellent flying conditions. Protected natural areas, including the Parque Nacional de Ordesa y Monte Perdido, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the Parque Natural de los Valles Occidentales, offering breathtaking scenery and ideal conditions for cross-country flights surround Panticosa.





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The area features iconic mountain peaks such as **Garmo Negro (3,051 m)** and **Midi d'Ossau (2,884 m)**, deep valleys, and large natural lakes, creating an exceptional setting for paragliding. The takeoff sites around Panticosa, such as **Sabocos (2,200 m a.s.l.)** and **Mandilar (2,100 m a.s.l.)**, provide excellent altitude and exposure to prevailing winds, allowing long-distance flights over the Pyrenees.

Panticosa also boasts a well-developed infrastructure, with accommodations, restaurants, and services tailored to outdoor sports enthusiasts. The region is known for its **thermal activity, reliable winds, and diverse flying routes**, making it a prime location for paragliding competitions and a key reference point for high-altitude flying in Spain





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The topography of the region is wider:

In the lower zone the Mediterranean climate predominates with average temperatures during the summer season close to 26 Cº, while in the summits the Mesomediterranean climate predominates, with lower temperatures. The prevailing winds are from the S-SW direction and rainfall generally occurs in the winter and autumn months, eventually some afternoons during the summer also.

July is the month with the highest temperatures, while January is the month with the lowest values. June is the best month to hold the event, as the statistics of so many championships held show the thermal quality of this month.

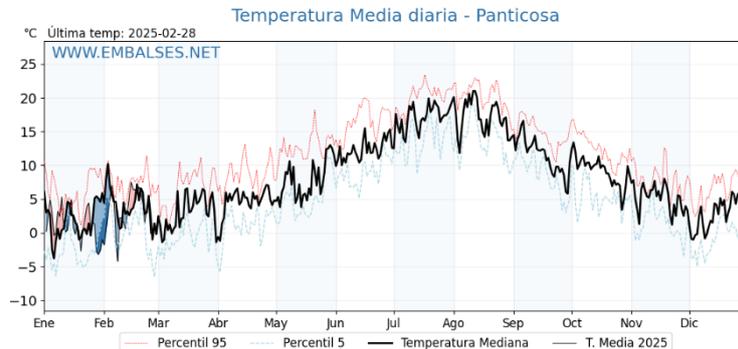




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Below, you will find some statistics:



Precipitación (mm)	Enero	Febrero	Marzo	Abril	Mayo	Junio	Julio	Agosto	Septiembre	Octubre	Noviembre	Diciembre	Anual	Precipitación (mm)
Perdiguera	28	27	32	44	55	49	22	28	46	42	38	33	444	Media (1952-2009)
Monegrillo	24	24	25	39	50	30	16	25	36	38	31	28	366	Media (1941-2009)
La Almolda	26	22	25	46	57	30	14	22	34	41	37	28	382	Media (1966-2009)
Alcubierre (Silo)	32	28	36	45	56	41	19	29	43	43	44	39	453	Media (1929-2001)
Lanaja	32	26	33	43	53	37	20	29	45	43	40	37	437	Media (1948-2009)
Pallaruelo de Monegros	25	24	26	36	47	34	18	23	41	40	34	30	377	Media (1953-2009)
Leciñena	26	22	23	40	55	40	21	27	38	39	31	29	391	Media (1970-2008)
Farlete	23	22	20	39	47	26	15	22	41	43	35	25	359	Media (1982-2009)
Bujaraloz	27	23	26	39	48	33	16	22	38	46	33	31	382	Media (1951-2009)
Lastanosa	31	29	31	46	52	37	18	27	47	45	44	37	443	Media (1963-2009)
Sariñena (Comarca)	25	21	25	38	44	32	18	27	37	39	31	30	367	Media (1945-2009)
Grañen (Pinilla)	33	27	31	51	51	43	22	32	42	41	39	39	451	Media (1969-1999)
Montesusin	33	31	30	42	50	40	22	30	44	46	43	37	448	Media (1955-2003)
Grañen (Montesodeto)	34	31	33	50	53	38	18	30	44	45	49	37	461	Media (1960-2005)
San Juan del Flumen	22	19	19	38	46	24	19	23	39	42	33	27	350	Media (1978-2009)
Villanueva de Sigüenza	25	17	21	42	47	27	15	22	37	40	39	28	360	Media (1983-2009)

All strong winds in Spain are related to cyclones, the strongest winds are related to the passage of fronts and to Mediterranean and Atlantic cyclones. The periods of intense meteorological processes and strong winds are short. Periods of anticyclonic weather are of longer duration than periods of cyclonic weather. In summer, late winter and early spring there is very often permanent anticyclonic weather.

Winds in Spain are weak compared to those in Western Europe. They depend largely on the mountainous relief and local breezes.

In the last years we have had a constant average of more than 200 flying days per year in Panticosa, without any competition being totally cancelled due to frontal and post frontal weather conditions.

In general, May and June are the best dates for the events in Panticosa.





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Flying area: Panticosa, Valle de Tena

Panticosa is an excellent starting point for long cross-country flights in the Pyrenees and a well known competition site.

It covers SW, W, NW, N and NE wind directions. The take-off elevation is from 1.400 to 3.000 m a.s.l. Panticosa has a perfect alpine valley for take-offs starting from 1,500 meters. The valley's unique geography allows for various launch points at high altitudes, providing ideal conditions for paragliding. Additionally, the valley features large landing zones at its base, offering plenty of space for safe and easy landings, even for pilots flying longer distances. This combination of high-altitude take-offs and spacious landing areas makes Panticosa a prime location for paragliding activities. The briefings are held in a city council area closed for us, with TVs, WIFI, meeting room, and everything necessary for great logistics.



Example of NOTAM from Pyrenees Open 2024 Published last year in Twitter of Spanish air Control and map of fly zone.





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LOGISTIC AND ORGANIZATION

- Headquarter

Panticosa City Council presents two zones when the organization can work very comfortable.

First is the Cultural Centre of Panticosa, located in the centre of the village, where there is some parking zone. The cultural centre has several meeting rooms where the inscriptions or talks that could be given during the championship. It also has a WIFI area and a stage with a capacity of 200 people for the presentation of the event and the final awards ceremony. During the championships that have been held in Panticosa, this has been the place chosen for these moments of the championships.

- Security

Safety is the most important part of the event. Ever since we started holding competitions in Panticosa, we have always put a lot of emphasis on this. We always have ambulances on site.

We also coordinate with the Spanish government's air rescue service, which has several rescue helicopters within 10 minutes of take-off. It is even possible that during the event one of them will be present with us with all its rescue equipment both on the ground and in the air. Another section is the coordination with the hospitals of Aragón, 15 minutes flying from the area, so that they are forewarned and prepared for a possible accident.





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2. ACCOMODATION

Panticosa offers a wide range of accommodations capable of hosting up to **500 people**, including hotels, apartments, and other lodging options. Below are some recommended choices:

- **Hotel Sabocos** – www.hotelsabocos.es

A family-friendly hotel located in the heart of the Pyrenees, ideal for enjoying snow and mountain activities.

Address: Calle Fondón, 1, 22661 Panticosa, Aragón

- **Hotel Casa Morlans** – www.casamorlans.com

A hotel located just 300 meters from the Panticosa ski lift, offering rooms with free Wi-Fi and TV.

Address: Calle de Miguel, 22661 Panticosa, Aragón

- **Hotel Escalar** – www.hotelescalar.com

A well-rated hotel known for its great location and services in Panticosa.

Address: La Cruz, 2, Huesca, Aragón

For more information about accommodations and services in Panticosa, you can visit the official **Panticosa Town Hall website**: www.panticosa.es





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3. TRANSPORT INFO

how to get there:

Transportation to Panticosa

Panticosa is well-connected by road and offers access from major cities and airports in Spain and France.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/98AkcCEaaUAgF6ab8>

- **From Madrid or Barcelona:** The nearest international airports are **Madrid-Barajas (MAD)** and **Barcelona-El Prat (BCN)**. From both airports, you can reach Panticosa by rental car or bus. The most common route is via Zaragoza, from where trains and buses operate to nearby towns like Sabiñánigo and Jaca. From there, a short drive or local transport can take you to Panticosa.
- **By road from Spain:** Panticosa is accessible via the **A-23 motorway** from Zaragoza towards Huesca, then continuing on the **N-260** through Sabiñánigo and taking the local **A-136** road towards the Tena Valley. The roads are well-maintained and open year-round, though winter conditions may require snow equipment.
- **Access from France:** Panticosa is close to the French border, with direct access via the **Col du Pourtalet** pass (A-136), connecting with the French **D934** road towards Pau and Tarbes. This scenic route provides easy access from southern France, though it may be temporarily closed in winter due to snow. Alternatively, the Somport Tunnel (N-330) offers a more reliable year-round crossing between Spain and France.





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Public transport options are available, but renting a car is recommended for greater flexibility when traveling to Panticosa.

4. Medical assistance and SAR

- First aid and medical assistance:

First aid will be provided by the team present on site. We will have a mountain rescue team with full equipment on site and a medical team with ambulance cars equipped.

The mountain rescue team is in direct contact with the helicopter teams. It is possible that such helicopter may be stationed several days in the area depending on the needs, to facilitate its action in case of rescue.

- Hospital assistance:

Panticosa is located in a well-connected area with access to several hospitals and medical centres, ensuring medical support in case of emergency or medical needs.

- **Hospital de Jaca** (35 km – approx. 35 min)

The nearest hospital with emergency services, located in Jaca. It offers general medical care, trauma services, and specialized consultations.

Website: <https://www.salud.aragon.es>

- **Hospital San Jorge (Huesca)** (90 km – approx. 1h 15 min)

A larger hospital located in Huesca, providing a full range of medical specialties, intensive care, and advanced diagnostics. It serves as the main referral hospital for the region.

Website: <https://www.salud.aragon.es>





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- **Hospital Miguel Servet (Zaragoza)** (160 km – approx. 2h)

One of the most important hospitals in northern Spain, located in Zaragoza. It is a top-tier facility with highly specialized medical services, including neurology, cardiology, and trauma care.

Website: <https://www.salud.aragon.es>

Additionally, **Panticosa has a local medical center**, offering primary healthcare services and first aid. In case of emergencies, ambulances and medical transport services are available to transfer patients to the nearest hospital.

All hospitals are fully equipped and offer accommodation during the recovery period. Although life-threatening situation, rescue and helicopter transport, urgent matters, etc., are free of charge in Spain Mountain rescue

The province of Aragón has the support of a mountain rescue team specially trained to work with paragliding, climbing, or other mountain activities accidents. It is based in Jaca, and belongs to the Spanish state. They have a helicopter and 7 members of the rescue team. They are licensed for this activity and have a lot of experience in paragliding related incidents. Please note that their disposition is to assist the pilot himself. Rescues in our sport are often difficult but in no case is there any cost for it. In addition to this rescue team, there is an advance team that is constantly following the event and has direct contact with the rescue helicopter-

- Evacuation of victims by helicopter

Helicopter rescue is available. To use their service, the mountain rescue team is in direct contact with them and if necessary the helicopter will be activated. The helicopter and





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crew are based at Jaca Village, and another medical helicopter is also available. The response time is approximately 15-20 minutes, depending on other activities taking place at the time. The crew is on standby 24/7.

- Liaison with police, military and public services:

We are working very closely with all subjects in the civil services field at the local and regional level. Full support for our activities on their part will be demonstrated in order to provide a suitable environment for the realization of a high-level sporting event.

Daily traffic regulation (if necessary), as well as physical surveillance and assistance of police officers will be at the disposal of pilots and officials.

- Incident recording:

Spain is known for its very low incident rate. We have held dozens of competitions without a single incident.

5. PARTIES DURING THE COMPETITION

The province of Huesca is well known for its festivals, festivals reflecting traditional folklore, food and drinks will be organized in collaboration with the local population, restaurants and bars.

The schedule of these parties will be defined according to weather conditions and will be announced conveniently in the task briefing well in advance.

- Awards Ceremony

It will be organized in the Cultural Center, and afterwards there will be a concert in the town square if the weather is favorable or in the nearby cinema if the weather





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conditions do not allow the outdoor event. Traditional and folkloric dances will be performed. The presence of officials and the press will be ensured.

- Talks on flying topics of interest to pilots.

We can use the Cultural Center for this type of event. From our side we can give a comprehensive presentation about the local flying area, wind pattern, possible sleeves, how to fly them and all related information.

Also, if anyone from the wider field of pilots - crew chiefs - officials is willing to have their own meeting, we will be happy to help organise it and support it with all necessary means.

6. COMPETITION

Registration

What is required of the pilot at the time of registration?

- Valid FAI and pilot license
- Appropriate medical insurance certificate
- Certificate of appropriate liability insurance
- Signature of a liability waiver

For pilots

- Pilots will receive T-shirts
- Live trackers
- Local information and local maps
- Gifts, etc.
- Scoring





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Local scorers will be on site. They are all very well trained, scoring the Spanish League and its championships throughout the year, Spanish Nationals and other events in the area. Scoring will be done by new Volandoo software & the company CEO will be the person in charge

7. COST AND FINANCES

- Sponsorship

At the time of writing this document we already have the necessary support for this event. We have the support of:

- Panticosa City Council
- Provincial Council Huesca
- Asociación turística Valle de tena
- Ozone Paragliding
- Royal Spanish Aeronautical Federation NAC Spain
- Ordesa Viñamala reserve de la Biosfera
- Panticosa, la energía del pirineo

8. MEDIA PRODUCTS

During the championship, daily videos will be made to social network. We have the necessary contacts for this, and there will also be a final video of the event. There will be live TV connections to broadcast the event and the organization will enhance the online monitoring of the tests, with live commentary on the outcome of each test, live interviews and even the broadcast of live images from the air through systems that we





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are testing as WIFI cameras installed in several pilots. Since we started holding events, we have had great support from the regional media.

In previous years, we have had the collaboration of **Anna Berger**, well known as the **community manager of the PWC**, and **Joel Badia**, the official cameraman of **Kilian Jornet**. Together, they deliver outstanding work.

You can see that work on Instagram: [@pyreneesopen](#)

9. SUMMARY

My team as a whole is very experienced in the organization of these events. We are all highly motivated to make the 2027 World H&F Championship a success, as it will be another proof that this team is up to the most serious tasks. Furthermore, we would like to demonstrate once again the fantastic capabilities of the Panticosa flying area as a possible venue for a World Championship in the coming years.

Best regards,

David Polo

Director of Organization and On behalf of all the organizing team





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Bid for 20th FAI World Paragliding Championships: Pegalajar, Spain 2027

Annexe B:

Provisional Budget (in EUR)

Items	Euros
PREPARATION (over 2 years)	
• Administration, post & bank charges, stationery	• 1.500 €
• Travel expenses for organisers, volunteers	• 1.500 €
• Setting up & maintaining website	• 1.000 €
COMPETITION	
• FAI Sanction Fee	• 6.750 €
• FAI Officials (5): Travel, accommodation, meals, daily allowance, car rental	• 8.000 €
• Rental of suitable HQ building/rooms/marquee for briefings (180 people+), meeting rooms, scoring room etc.	• 1.500 €
• Rental/buy IT & equipment for HQ, launch, goalfields/target etc	• 1.500 €
• Road, airspace, turnpoint maps for pilots, team leaders & HQ	• 1500 €
• Tshirts	• 2.500 €
• Trophies, day prizes, gifts for pilots	• 4.000 €





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- Transport for organizers • 4.000 €
- Medical services (doctor, paramedic, ambulance etc) • 4.000 €
- Option: Weather forecasting (presentations, daily soundings etc) • 1.500 €
- Contingency • 1000 €

PERSONNEL

- Fees for Meet Director, Safety Director, Event organiser, Launch Marshal, Scorer etc. • 18.000 €
- Food/expenses for organisers, staff, volunteers, helpers 15 days • 2.400 €

CEREMONIES & SOCIAL EVENTS

- Opening & Closing Ceremonies • 2.400 €
- Other social events (bbq, live music evening etc) • 1.500 €

MEDIA & PROMOTION

- PR or Press person/services prior to & during event • 1.500 €
- Official blogger, photographer, video cameraman, film maker • 7.200 €
- Promotional items: stickers, pens, mugs, postcards etc • 800 €
- Press hospitality, local media coverage, souvenir programme, newsletters, advertising etc • 3.000 €

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

77050 €





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PROJECTED INCOME

Items	Euros
• Pilot fees (410€*100 pilots)	• 40.000 €
• Team leader fees (200*15 countries aprox)	• 3.000 €
• Grant from local/host town	• 3.000 €
• Grant from county or region	• 25.000 €
• Grant from government sport department or similar	• 2.500 €
• Grant from national Federation or NAC	• 1.000 €
• Sales of promotional items, productising	• 1.500 €
• Sponsorship	• 4.000 €
TOTAL INCOME	80.000 €

