



Task List for Expert Groups

As of 1 January 2013

Date of Task Assignment : **08 January 2013**
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AIRSPACE EXPERT GROUP (AEG)

Segregating UAV and manned aircraft operations offers a measure of mutual protection, but two issues emerge:

1. the creation of dedicated UAV- airspace will deny operational areas to sporting and recreational aircraft (seen as bad experiences for sports aviation in Europe: restricted airspace with special corridors for UAV for the football world championships, restricted airspace for the G-8 summit-meeting, for the World Economic Forum etc.
2. Are UAV's able to fly safe in VFR airspace with «sense and avoid» technique
(*this question is a task for the Navigation Expert Group for 2013*)

These issues are of great importance, since general aviation faces constant erosion of available airspace in the face of the competing demand on airspace for military, national security and especially commercial purpose.

It is important for FAI to develop policy-positions (see FAI «top level letter airspace» 2012 to ICAO) and to establish clear criteria on these issues as quickly as possible, since regulatory authorities (notably ICAO and EASA, as well as national authorities) are already drafting rules and new airspace structures.

TASKS :

1. **establish a list of main criteria on airspace** from the air sports / recreational viewpoint, as tool for further discussions with respective authorities
2. **establish a project plan** to develop a quantitative assessment of how much airspace has been reduced, on a year to year basis, from air sports :
 - a mapping of where air sports are practiced
 - computing the «total air sports area»
 - a time graph of how much of this airspace has been lost for our purposes during the last 10 years



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3. **provide a suggestion for further (future) tasks in airspace issues.** Highest priority should be given to airspace matters of global importance impacting air sport activities. These suggestions should be forwarded to FAI EB member Beat NEUENSCHWANDER (b.h.neuenschwander@bluewin.ch)

Note :

Additional information can be obtained by contacting the respective EB member, or the FAI Head Office (contact person is the FAI Members & Services Manager, Segolene ROUILLON - members@fai.org)

The estimated date for the Report from the FAI Point of Contact „AIRSPACE“, Günther BERTRAM, to FAI Head Office in Lausanne is June 17th 2013.

With best regards

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