Country Development working group

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The Country Development working group is continuing its collaboration with the EGU Club Development working group for the second year running, allowing us to achieve the most impact out of our limited resources by pooling our efforts.

The main initiative this year is the Club Pilot Survey. This is a program in three phases which aims to put in place an infrastructure for understanding and tracking development issues within gliding clubs. The first phase involves the creation of a pilot questionnaire and electronic survey tool for pilots. The second phase will involve collection and analysis of data from clubs worldwide. The third phase will be to put in place a program for annual tracking and analysis of this data. At this time, the tools developed would be made available to NACs and individual clubs interested in participating in the program.

This initiative, along with a number of other reports will be presented at the 3rd EGU Club Development Workshop which is organized by the Club Development working group and will take place in Luxembourg on 21 February, in parallel with the EGU annual meeting.

After a few years of looking at how we can help strengthen soaring movements across countries, a number of good ideas have been developed. However, it has become apparent that the deciding factor in any initiative is the amount of resources available. By pooling our efforts, seeking to build networks to NACs and key individuals within the gliding movement as well as seeking to see how we can work together with individual organizations and the gliding industry, it is hoped that we can start taking action that will have some meaningful impact.

If you would like to find out more or are interested in participating in the activities of the group, please contact me at alexander@georgas.gr

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