



Dear EHPU flying friends

Let me start with the most important topic. I hope you, your families and close ones are well and you managed the situation as well as possible, however restricted your life was or still is in your country.

There is a new dynamic in the pandemic measures all over Europe. A few days ago, Austria, Switzerland, Germany and France announced that travelling across borders will be possible by mid-June. An experienced X-Alps pilot from overseas immediately contacted me: "Urs, can I come to fly in Europe and in Switzerland now?" I answered: "As always, you are most welcome. But please be patient. We have a scattered situation in Europe at the moment. Please specify your plans and I will enquire and get back to you. Sorry, this is not a very satisfying answer, but it reflects the current situation."

The countries that restricted public life and flying are implementing their exit strategies now - each country in a different way. For example, flying in Switzerland was always and still is possible, even though it was not recommended for a certain period. Cableway transportation is still restricted, so we practise Hike & Fly and we have had some great flights over the last few days (see picture from my flying buddy Paddy). With this very diverse and patchwork landscape within Europe, we recommend the following:



- If pilots require guidance for particular countries, feel free to ask the respective delegates in our network. This is what a network like EHPU is for!
All the contact details are in the EHPU Internal server > Internal > General Documents > "EHPU Delegate Information"
- We are also exchanging thoughts and details in our new EHPU WhatsApp group, for example the recent protection concepts. Feel free to join, scan the QR code at the end of this letter or email EHPU General Secretary Mark Shaw to add you to the group.

For the time being we posted a statement on the EHPU website, saying: *"If you are planning to travel and to fly a hang glider or paraglider in Europe, please first contact the association to check the flying rules in relation to COVID 19!"* I hope we can replace this statement in a few months.

In the meantime, I wish you lots of patience for those not flying at the moment and safe flights for those who can lift off the ground.

Happy landings at all times!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Urs Frei'.

- Urs Frei -

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