

# European Federation Historic Aviation

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Dear friend of historic aviation,

With this Newsletter we want to inform you about a pretty significant step we've taken towards political representation in the European Union. As published in previous newsletters, we think political support is crucial to the future of historic aviation in Europe.

Some time ago we contacted a European politician from a Liberal party in the EU parliament. We selected her because we knew she had a good heart towards aviation since she writes articles on a pretty famous Dutch aviation website. I also write columns for that same website. Anyway, in an email we asked her if she wanted to be a "friend of European historic aviation" in the EU parliament. She responded by sending us an invitation to visit her in Brussels.

On Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February we visited her at the EU parliament building. We were greeted with a lot of interest. This lady impressed with her knowledge of aviation topics. We were allowed to present our EFHA organization and explained why it all came about. "Do you want to be our special friend in the EU parliament and help us establishing a political network of friends in that same parliament", we asked. She replied, "YES, with pleasure" and immediately wrote down names of members of parliament that she was going to contact. Furthermore she intends to direct her personal friends, 4000 of them, to the EFHA website and ask them to take notice or join our worthy cause.

Although the meeting was originally organized to facilitate an exchange of information, we managed to bring one topic to her attention. This was all about Annex II historic airplanes not being able to freely overfly the borders of EU countries. This practice is costly, time consuming and plain crazy in an united Europe. She agreed to our statement and promised she was going to ask questions about this in the parliament in a few weeks time.

This was a very worthwhile visit and if we do succeed in getting this political network off the ground we will all benefit. As said many times before; the

politicians are the people's representatives; the only ones with the power to protect the interests of historic aviation in situations where overanxious lawmakers lack the proper knowledge.

Something else: The amount of registrations on the [www.efha.eu](http://www.efha.eu) website is increasing by the day. Our ambassadors do a great job in finding more people to join and approach media through which we can communicate. As said before, the EFHA needs to grow BIG to be noticed and that is why we keep asking you to direct all your friends and acquaintances with passion for historic aviation to our website. We hope that this newsletter inspires you to help wherever you can.

We also want to refer you to our [www.efha.eu/forum](http://www.efha.eu/forum) where subscribers can meet, talk, post and discuss. There is an extensive event list on the forum and it is easy to find out which aviation events will be held, where and when.

Talking about events; We've received an invitation from the harbormaster of Teuge airport (EHTE). On the 26<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup> of June there will be an event commemorating the airports 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. All EFHA airplane owners are welcome to this event and get their landing free of charge. There is also camping space available. Visitors please mail to: [c.munk@teuge-airport.nl](mailto:c.munk@teuge-airport.nl). The harbormaster will fill you in on the details and answer all your questions. Let's be there in great numbers and enjoy a nice EFHA meeting!

Our being in Brussels coincided with the presence of Munkelt Gonçalves, EFHA's ambassador in Portugal. He was in Brussels visiting a meeting of the European Airshow Council. We enjoyed an interesting exchange of EFHA-related information and talked about the future of historic aviation. It was a pleasure for us to meet this outstanding gentleman, historic aviator, airline pilot and, on top of that, aviation museum owner.

Well, that is all friends. Be well, fly safe and until the next letter!

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