

# EUROPEAN FEDERATION HISTORIC AVIATION

saving the European aviation heritage for all Europeans



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The EFHA is an initiative by the National Federation Historic Aviation (NFHL), founded in 1992 to bring historic aviation in the Netherlands together and jointly address problems with legislation, maintenance and rising costs. NFHL has been very successful on a National level, resulting in a special regulation for historic aviation in the Netherlands, allowing it's members "self control" around a quality handbook. This special regulation enables regular flights with vintage aircraft for which a fee can be asked to cover expenses. These are so called non-commercial operations for a compensation fee.

When we started with the European Federation Historic Aviation we expected the need for a formal, well registered organization with a board and official members. Soon we concluded that too much time would expire in putting this formal organization together. Instead we decided on a less formal organization or community ran by the existing NFHL commission for EU affairs, bearing in mind:

- low cost
- actual information
- easy accessible platform for all historic aviation in Europe.

Our position paper, in which we announced the founding of the internet based European Federation Historic Aviation, was sent to as many organizations and private persons flying or owning historical aircraft in Europe as we could find. The EFHA-website, direct e-mail contact and the appearance of a regular newsletter are proof of the easy access we are able to offer at no costs or obligations to you, the aircraft owner or operator.

In the future EFHA supporters (you) can decide in favor of another organizational structure or whatever else is desired.

In our world it is not uncommon to form an organization *after* threats have materialized or have been identified. EFHA decided, without underestimating the problems already felt in general, to raise its voice *before* threats materialize.

**We want to discuss *law and regulations* in the first place, not *law enforcement and fixing regulations afterwards*.**

In reality this means, that we want to inform the EU legislators what rules and regulations the historical aviation community can thrive by. After all, we are the guardians of the European aviation heritage and the ones with the expertise.

Through our position paper we warned you for the dangers that could arise when shifting from National aviation regulations to European rulings. Your responses so far confirm that we do not stand alone on this subject.

In our experience historic aviation is often overlooked by politicians and governmental organizations and we do not want to let that happen this time. We want lawmakers to know what historic aviation is all about. We want to convince them that it would be simpler to maintain and *streamline* the present regulations for historic aviation. By streamlining we mean the need for all EU-member countries to have comparable National historic aviation rules as a basis for unrestricted flights of historical aircraft within the EU.

**So what is happening now:**

Right now we are concentrating on getting as many "*joins and votes*" as we can, just to make certain our voice will be heard. **We need your input for that, tell all your friends about [www.efha.eu](http://www.efha.eu) and have them join or vote.**

- We expect to offer translations of the position paper in French, Spanish and Italian. (French and Spanish translation on the website this week)
- We are maintaining and expanding the EFHA website [www.efha.eu](http://www.efha.eu) and improving an EFHA forum site which will open soon. The forum will offer an easy to use communication tool where you can say what you want and communicate with others that have the same interest.
- We already have good contacts via commercial aviation channels through which the EU and EASA are approachable. We are in contact with our government officials to help us get access to the EU through them as well. They've been very helpful already.
- We want to expand our international aviation network and have exchanges of



expertise. We want to find out what National regulations you all work with.

- We are looking for funds so we can organize an international symposium about historic aviation during which we hope to meet many of our supporters, our lawmakers, politicians and other governmental organizations.

All this is done simultaneously and there is a lot of effort put into the EFHA by the EFHA team to make all this happen. We will keep you informed.

Once again: **GUIDE OTHERS TO THE [WWW.EFHA.EU](http://WWW.EFHA.EU) WEBSITE**, we need everybody on board! WE NEED HUNDREDS OF INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED WITH HISTORIC AVIATION TO JOIN!!!!

Thank you for your support and keep our European heritage flying!

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