

Bid for organizing the

40TH FAI WORLD GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS

in 18-metre, Open and 20-metre Multi-seat classes

July - August 2026



Rudniki Airport - POLAND



Executive Summary

Organising club:

Aeroclub of Czestochowa is an aeronautical association which main goal is popularisation of aviation among general public and facilitation and promotion of aviation activities of its members. We gather aviation enthusiasts in the airplane, glider, paragliding, microlight, aeromodelling and parachute sections. Remarkable aviation training achievements, multiple sports successes and experienced staff attract more and more people who want to start their adventure with aviation. Thanks this we are one of the largest aeroclubs in Poland associating over 500 members. We are also experienced organisation - in 2025, the Aeroclub will celebrate its 80th anniversary.

- **The team.** Aeroclub of Czestochowa has an enthusiastic team with extensive experience in organising large and successful competitions at national level. We also expect support from former organisers of FAI category I events in Poland.

- **Infrastructure.** The airfield is very well suited for gliding competitions offering large landing area including 1800 metre paved runway as well as two grass runways making it great option for competing in heavy classes. The airfield provides also comfortable parking area with easy access to the water for ballasting purposes which can easily be adapted to host an event for 100+ gliders.

- **Safe operations.** Large landing area as well as obstacle free approach and climb-out areas provide for safe operations. These are supplemented by mainly cultivated terrain around and in the competition area which within proposed competition dates should allow safe outlandings.

- **Gliding conditions.** The competition area offers great gliding conditions where both weather and airspace accessibility are attracting glider pilots from hundreds of kilometres away.

- **Easily usable airspace.** The airspace in the competition area is one of the most friendly for gliding in Poland. The airfield is uncontrolled and no airspace restrictions exist over the airfield.

- **Location.** Rudniki airfield is located in southern Poland and is easily accessible by road as it is neighbouring A1 motorway connecting it with other European countries. The major airports in vicinity are Katowice and Kraków. Warsaw with its biggest connections network in Poland is also within driving range.

- **Community support.** We are cooperating closely with local community and authorities which are always very supportive for our airsort initiatives.

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Proposed Competition Director:**[Jacek Dankowski](#)**

Jacek was born in 1963. He started gliding in 1976. He has flown 2200 gliding hours and 15000 power hours. Badges gained: Silver in 1976, Gold in 1978, Gold + three diamonds in 1979.

His biggest sporting success was in his first competition when in the age of 15 he became the National Junior Champion in Club class. His last sporting success was a third place in the Open Class Nationals in 1991.

Since 1994 he has been a member of the Polish Gliding Commission and the coach of the Polish gliding team.

Since then he has also participated in organisation of many gliding championships in Poland, where he usually held the function of a Sporting Director or a Competition Director. Among the most important championships to organisation of which he has contributed are: Junior European Gliding Championships in 1995, European Gliding Championships in Std, Open and 15m class in 1998, Women European Gliding Championships in Std., Club and 15m class combined with the World Championships of the World class in 1999, and the most important gliding event in his life – the World Gliding Championships in Std, Open, 15m and 18m class in 2003, where he was the Championship Director. All these competitions were held in Leszno.

Since 1994 Jacek has also taken a great joy in being the coach and the team manager for the Polish gliding team during European and World gliding events.

Proposed Organisation of the event:

Competition is intended to be held on 25th July - 8th August 2026. During the event local and national aero club funds will be used with a support from government and local authorities. We expect also some interest of sponsors.

Airfield: Rudniki Airport (EPRU)

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1. Event and Year**1.1 Name of Competition**

40th FAI WORLD GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS, in 18-metre, Open and 20-metre Multi-seat classes.

1.2 Year of event

2026

2. Site**2.1 Name of the airfield**

Rudniki Airfield (EPRU)

2.1.1 Co-ordinates

Latitude: 50° 53' 10.8" N

Longitude: 019° 12' 08.9" E

2.1.2 Direction and distance to nearest town, population of this town

032° GEO - 9.5 km, 5.1 NM in relation to the city of Czestochowa, population: 200'000.

2.1.3 Experience of airfield staff in organising championships

2011 - Polish Gliding Championship in Open class

2012 - Polish Gliding Championship in 18mtre class

2013 - Polish Gliding Championship in the 15m class, Women's Gliding Championship, Polish Gliding Championship in Open class

2015 - Polish Gliding Championship in the 15m class

2016 - Polish Gliding Championship in Club class

2.2 Proposed period for the event

2.2.1 Training Dates

First Training Day July 10, 2026

Last Training Day July 23, 2026

Opening Ceremony July 24, 2026

Competition Dates

First Competition Day July 25, 2026

Last Competition Day August 07, 2026

Prizegiving Ceremony August 08, 2026

Alternate dates for training

First Training Day July 31, 2026

Last Training Day August 13, 2026

Opening Ceremony August 14, 2026

Alternate dates for competition

First Competition Day August 15, 2026

Last Competition Day August 28, 2026

Award Ceremony August 29, 2026

2.3. Airfield operating data

Link to google map: <https://goo.gl/maps/GRcHjFKB11J7D7s8A>

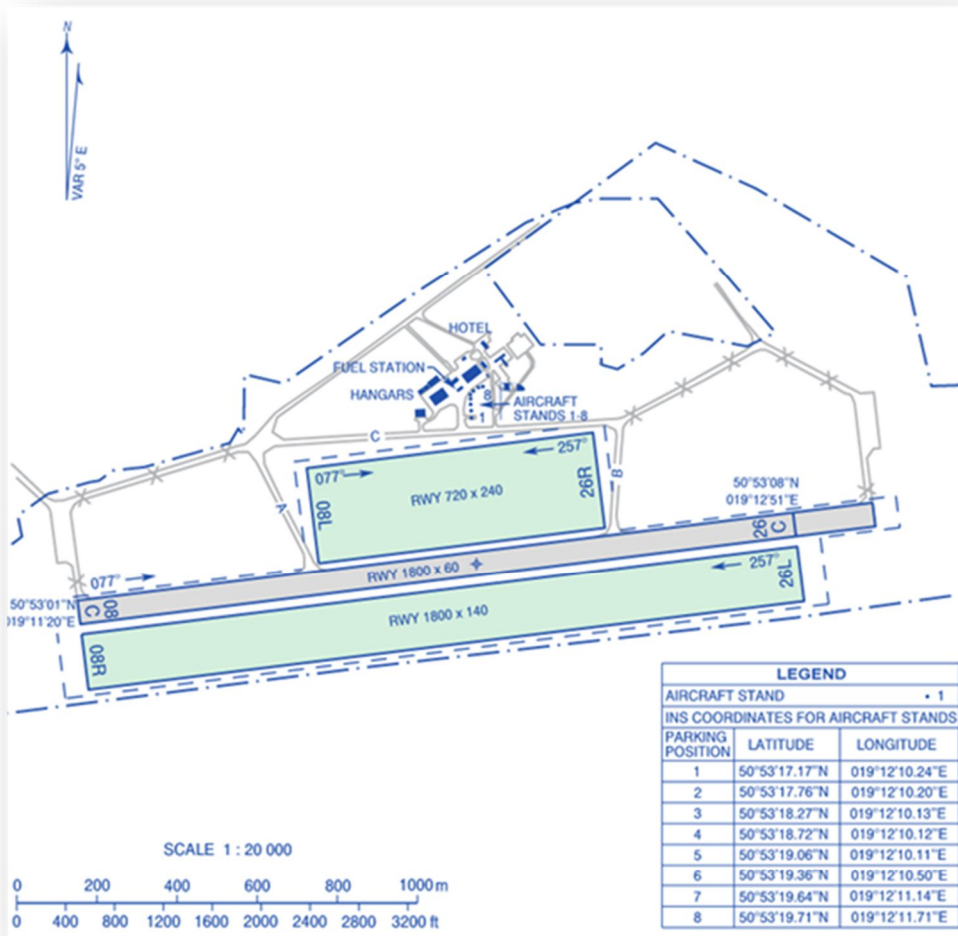


2.3.1 Surface of airfield, number and directions of runways

RWY 08/26 720x240, grass

RWY 1800x60, concrete

RWY 1800x140, grass



2.3.2 Number of towplanes that will be employed

One towplane per 10 non-motorized gliders.

2.3.3 Meteorological facilities that will be provided

Experienced gliding weatherman will be providing weather briefings based on IMGW and DWD data as well as popular and not so popular gliding weather sources (TOP Meteo, fcst24.com, etc.)

2.3.4 Parking facilities for gliders

Aeroclub of Czestochowa has an ample open space for parking of 120 gliders and their trailers. A grass tie down/parking/assembly area is available, with full facilities for water ballast.

2.3.5 Repair facilities for gliders

Aeroclub of Czestochowa has dedicated space available for repairs (workshop) and staff for help in minor repairs.

2.3.6 Repair facilities for radios and instruments

Minor electrical or pneumatic system repairs are possible on site.

2.3.7 Oxygen requirements and supply facilities, if required

Oxygen will not be required due to expected altitudes of competition flights well below 4000 m AMSL.

2.3.8 What plans do you have to implement the FAI Environmental Code of Conduct during your event?

The FAI Environmental Code of Conduct will be implemented mainly by:

- Promotion of environmental awareness in air sports through promotion of gliding.
- Waste management with selective bins.
- Electricity for airfield operation provided by own solar power installation.

2.4 Airfield Infrastructure

Rudniki airport ICAO code EPRU is a public use airport of limited certification. Rudniki airport is located ca. 10 km northeast of the city of Czestochowa and covers an area of 232 hectares.

The airport is certified for takeoffs and landings performed in VFR by day and night, in uncontrolled traffic, for aircraft with a maximum take-off weight (MTOW) of up to 6000 kg.

26C/08C - main runway with paved (concrete) surface .

Dimensions of the runway - 1800 x 60 m,

Runway surface - artificial (concrete slabs).

It has daytime markings and a portable runway light system for night flights.

26R/08L – unpaved runway

Runway dimensions - 720 x 240 m, runway surface - grass.

It has marking of the boundary of the flying field with flat markers of white rectangular shape.

(26L/08R) – unpaved runway

Runway dimensions - 1800 x 140 m, runway surface - grass.

It has markings of the boundary of the with flat markers of white rectangular shape.

Taxiways with paved surface and dimensions:
ALFA - 320 x 12 m,
BRAVO - 250 x 12 m,
CHARLIE - 900 x 13 m



Apron

Located in front of the aircraft hangar. Parking areas for aeroplanes (8 stands) - designated directly on the turf surface with dimensions of 15 m x 10 m marked with white flags.

The landing area is separated from the side of the buildings, access road and parking lots by a fence and marked with warning signs. Access to the landing area is possible through two sliding gates.

Aeroclub building (a)

Situated in the northern part of the airport, it serves social and office functions. Part of the building functions as a cafeteria for about 40 guests.

Hostel and social building (b)

Located in the northern part of the airport. It serves as a hotel and social building for flight crews and guests of the Aeroclub. The building contains rest rooms, as well as showers and toilets. Maximum number of users - 25 people.

Aircraft hangar (c)

Located to the west of the Aeroclub building. Serves as a hangar for aircraft. Auxiliary and social workshop rooms are directly adjacent to the hangar area on the east, north and west sides.

Maintenance hangar (d)

Located to the north of the fueling station. The hangar is used for aircraft maintenance.

Fuel station (e)

Located to the west of the aircraft hangar. Designed for refueling aircraft, helicopters and Aeroclub vehicles.

Glider hangar (f)

Located to the west of the fuel station. Mainly club gliders hangar in this building.

Hangars of private users (g)

Located to the north and west of the glider hangar.

2.4.1 Briefing Room

Briefings will be held in one of the hangars located at the airport.

2.4.2 Common Room(s) for the competitors

Aeroclub of Czestochowa will rent a tent of the appropriate size.

2.4.3 Meeting Room for the International Jury

A dedicated meeting room will be made available with all the necessary equipment and internet access.

2.4.4 Press Centre

Working places for journalists will be arranged in the designated press centre and equipped with internet connection. A tent will be dedicated for this.

2.4.5 Communication and internet equipment

Aeroclub of Czestochowa has a fiber optic internet connection. Internet access is now widespread in the area via either mobile telephones and hotspots or by dedicated service at the airfield and in the tiedown area.

2.4.6 Post and Banking

ATMs and Post Office available in neighbouring villages. Wider choice of services is available in the Czestochowa city.

2.4.7 Insurance availability

There are numerous insurance companies present in Poland including large international companies. Assistance with personal health insurance will be provided before the competition on request.

2.4.8 Toilets, wash rooms and shower rooms

Toilets and washrooms are currently available in several buildings and will be supplemented by sanitary container for the contest period.

2.4.9 Car parking

There is parking lot adjacent to aeroclub building for a few dozens of cars. For the competition, the existing car park will be extended to around 200 cars.

2.4.10 Emergency (including fire)

Nearest Medical Emergency Unit is located 4,5 km away from the airport (town Mykanów). Helicopter Emergency Medical Services base is located 73 km away from the airport. Nearest Local Fire Department is located 1,2 km away. In Czestochowa there are 4 Fire Departments (12 engines.)

2.4.11 Medical and First Aid

Medical Emergency Services will be present on site at all times during contest and practice period. For more serious injuries the hospitals (two with emergency rooms that are operating 24/7) are located in Czestochowa. In the 15 kilometres radius around the airport there are 13 Medical Emergency units.

2.4.12 Conference and office rooms for the OSTIV Congress, if required
Aeroclub lecture room with a capacity of 30 people.

3. Accommodation and food for competitors

3.1 Accommodation facilities available in the local area

Within 25 km from the airport there are hotels with a capacity of 500 beds.

3.2 Camping facilities at the airfield

Camping site with sufficient space for tents and caravans will be available on site.

The campsite will accommodate:

- combined 40 tents and 40 caravans or
- 60 caravans with or
- 120 tents.

There will be power connection available for each tent and caravan. Aeroclub will adapt to the needs of the participants.

3.3 Catering for competitors at the airfield

Especially for the needs of the Championship, a restaurant adapted to the number of participants will be opened, open every day morning until evening.

The "Common Room(s) for the competitors" waiting area will be also used to serve meals.

4. Competition area

4.1 Topography in the contest area

Terrain is mostly flatlands with some hilly terrain to the south-east and east-north-east. Foliage is mostly farm-fields suitable for outlandings interspersed by pine forests

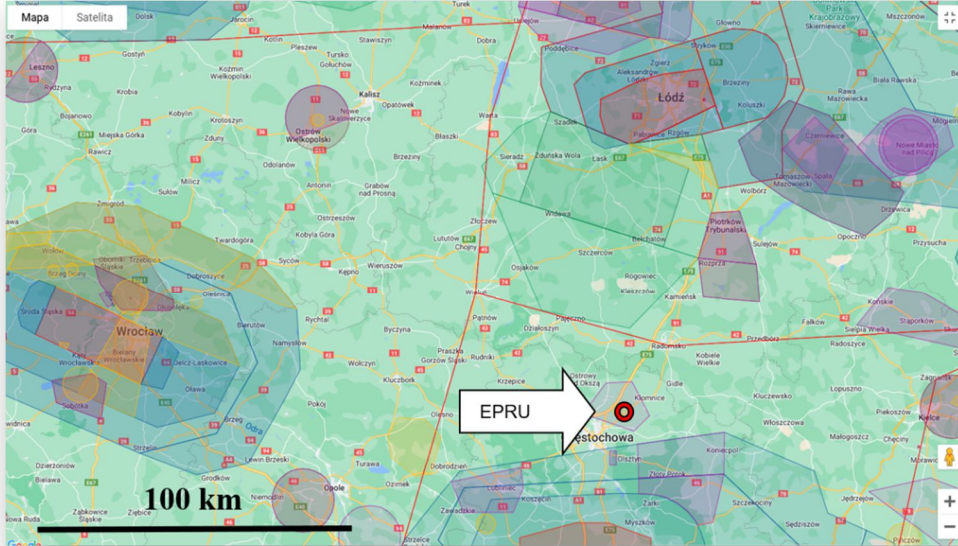
4.2 A comprehensive survey of meteorological conditions

During summer we normally expect best soaring conditions with usually 18 flying days a month.

- Average temperature 25° C
- Average cloud base 1 700 m AGL
- Average Thermal Strength 2,0 m/s

4.3 Airspace restrictions in the contest area

Katowice Pyrzowice Airport (EPKT), approximately 50 km to the south direction, with class C airspace is the closest restriction and limits somewhat task setting in this direction. In the north direction there is military airspace associated with Łask Airport (EPLK). Other directions are not significantly influenced by controlled, restricted, dangerous or prohibited airspaces.



Applying in advance the organiser may negotiate with the authorities access to some normally restricted airspace, including those mentioned above.

4.4 Typical tasks to be expected

Speed and distance tasks from 200 to 500 km.

4.5 Road and traffic conditions



Rudniki airfield [EPRU] is located just a kilometre from A1 motorway connecting southern border of Poland with the Baltic Sea in the north. National, regional and local roads network is dense allowing easy access to any outlanding location within competition area.

5. Rules

5.1 Indicate the options intended to be used from Annex A for:

5.1.1 Starting procedures

Start Line

5.1.2 Tasks

Racing and Speed AAT

5.1.3 Finish procedures

Finish Ring

5.1.4 Scoring

1000 point scoring system

5.2 Indicate any particular conditions or possible restrictions that may be applied:

5.2.1 For pilots and crews

Passport with or without visa depending on the country of origin is required according to EU immigration rules.

For flying an EU registered glider with a non-EASA license a license validation is required, that has to be arranged in advance allowing at least 2-3 months for bureaucratic procedures.

5.2.2 For sailplane and equipment

Amount of third-party liability insurance for gliders must meet European requirements (100'000 SDR for M<500kg and 1'500'000 SDR for MTOM>500kg as of (EC) No 785/2004 European Parliament).

Importing of sailplane and equipment from outside the EU requires customs declaration. Duty deposit or equivalent (e.g. ATA Carnet) may be required.

5.3 Number of competitors:

5.3.1 State the maximum number of competitors that may be entered the competition

Maximum number of competitors that may be entered in the competition is 120.

5.3.2. Provide explanation for this number

This number is based on organisation experience from numerous gliding events and includes safety considerations regarding collision risk in the air and on the ground.

5.3.3 Indicate how the classes will be separated for:

Separation of classes will be achieved by utilizing different start line position for every class and at least 3 km radius finish ring.

6. Costs

6.1 Entry fee 900 EUR

6.1.1 Services included in the entry fee

- organization,
- map,
- welcome gifts,
- turn points database,
- scoring and processing of results,
- meteorological information,
- photocopy of briefing, meteorological and results charts,
- Wi-Fi internet access,
- Polish Day party.

6.1.2 Cost of aero tows

70,00 EUR (including cost of avgas about 30,00 EUR as of December 2022)

6.2 Price of car fuel per litre/gallon

1,50 EUR per litre of gasoline, 1,60 EUR per litre of diesel as of December 2022.

6.3 Rental cars

Ranging from 85 to 125 EUR per day (as of December 2022).

6.4 Accommodation

6.4.1 Hotels

40 – 60 EUR/day

6.4.2 Apartments

80 – 120 EUR/day

6.4.3 Bed and Breakfast

30 – 40 EUR/day

6.4.4 Camping

Camp at the airfield

- 15 EUR/day/tent,
- 25 EUR/day/caravan or campervan.

for up to 5 persons per one tent or caravan, extra person costs 8 EUR per day.

All prices quoted are as of 2022 and can be subject to change.

6.5 Catering

6.5.1 Hotels

10-15 EUR per meal.

6.5.2 Restaurants

10-15 EUR per meal.

6.5.3 Airfield

10 EUR per average meal.

6.6 Provide an indicative example for the expected total costs during the contest period for a pilot with 2 crew members

Cost for the pilot:

	Per day (min)	Per day (max)	no. of days/weeks	Subtotal	Subtotal	Total (average)
				(min)	(max)	
Entry fee	n/a	n/a	n/a	900,00 €	900,00 €	900,00 €
Aerotow (competition period)	70,00 €	70,00 €	14	980,00 €	980,00 €	980,00 €
Glider rental (per week)	700,00 €	1 100,00 €	2	1 400,00 €	2 200,00 €	1 800,00 €
Car rental	85,00 €	125,00 €	16	1 360,00 €	2 000,00 €	1 680,00 €
Camping	15,00 €	25,00 €	16	240,00 €	400,00 €	320,00 €
Hostel (on site)	20,00 €	20,00 €	16	320,00 €	320,00 €	320,00 €
Hotels	40,00 €	60,00 €	16	640,00 €	960,00 €	800,00 €
Food	20,00 €	60,00 €	16	320,00 €	960,00 €	640,00 €
Fuel (5-10 litre/day)	7,50 €	15,00 €	16	120,00 €	240,00 €	180,00 €
TOTAL (camping)				5 320,00 €	7 680,00 €	6 500,00 €
TOTAL (hostel)				5 400,00 €	7 600,00 €	6 500,00 €
TOTAL (hotel)				5 720,00 €	8 240,00 €	6 980,00 €

Cost for the crew:

	Per day (min)	Per day (max)	no. of crew	no. of days/weeks	Subtotal	Subtotal	Total (average)
					(min)	(max)	
Camping	0,00 € *	25,00 €	2	16	0,00 €	800,00 €	400,00 €
Hostel (on site)	20,00 €	20,00 €	2	16	640,00 €	640,00 €	640,00 €
Hotels	40,00 €	60,00 €	2	16	1 280,00 €	1 920,00 €	1 600,00 €
Food	20,00 €	60,00 €	2	16	640,00 €	1 920,00 €	1 280,00 €
TOTAL (camping)					640,00 €	2 720,00 €	1 680,00 €
TOTAL (hostel)					1 280,00 €	2 560,00 €	1 920,00 €
TOTAL (hotel)					1 920,00 €	3 840,00 €	2 880,00 €

* minimum cost if the crew uses the pilot's tent or caravan.

7. Glider Hiring

7.1 The availability of local gliders for hire

For training purposes there are many Club class gliders in Poland and Aeroclub of Czestochowa can provide Club Class gliders for rent for overseas pilots and other competitors.

For the competition there are also some privately owned gliders available for hire in Poland in competition classes.

In Europe there are glider rentals e.g. <https://www.gliders4rent.com/>, <https://www.rentglider.com/>. There is also possibility of renting gliders from the private owners. The information is available for example on the following website: <https://www.segelflug.de/osclass/>.

7.2 The costs of hire

Cost of hire varies greatly with the glider. For a modern (18m, 20m, Open class) competition ready glider it is about 1100 EUR per week, for a club class glider it is about 700 EUR per week.

Glider rental costs are to be negotiated between the owner and the foreign team/competitor.

7.3 Any restrictions on hire

An EASA license is required to fly a glider registered in EASA member states (EU + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland). Licenses issued outside the above mentioned countries need to be validated by the authority of the glider registration state. Teams will discuss this on an individual basis with the aircraft owner.

8. Glider Import

8.1 Ports or cities of entry

Main EU ports.

8.2 Customs requirements

Can be guaranteed by ATA carnet.

8.3 Customs brokers

Custom broker:

Certus Gdynia - <https://certus-gdynia.com.pl>

Sea freight:

OMEGA Transport - <https://omegatransport.pl/en/maritime-transport/>

Delivery firms:

UPS - Czestochowa, Bór str. 67/69, tel. +48 801900877, +48 22 4894877

DHL - Czestochowa, Bór str. 66 GH, tel. +48 22 5650000

FedEx - Czestochowa, tel. +48 801001200

8.4 Estimated costs and fees, including cost of transportation

Sample transport costs from New York to Gdynia for one container:

Freight cost from FOB New York to Gdynia cost – 1950 USD / container

Documentation fee DSK – 110 USD / Bill of Lading

Harbor costs THC – 200 USD / container

Customs clearance cost – 60 USD / customs declarations

Transportation cost from Gdynia to Rudniki Airfield – 815 USD / container

The given values do not include VAT.

All prices quoted are as of 2022 and can be subject to change.

9. Training

Airfield will be open for foreign pilots at any time from April until end of August every year. Aerotow and winch launch will be available in this period on prior request or on every aeroclub operation day. There are many other airfields in the competition area operating every day during the summer months.

9.1 Provide details of any proposed training opportunities for teams and individuals prior to the Championships.

In 2024, the Aeroclub of Czestochowa intends to organise major Gliding Championship and in 2025 the International Polish Gliding Championship. Foreign pilots are invited to participate in these events.



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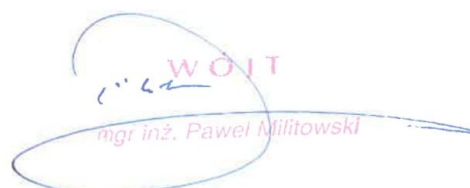
Committee of the International Gliding Commission

On behalf of the Rędziny commune represented by the commune head Pawel Militowski, we would like to express our gratitude and support for the Aeroclub of Czestochowa in the possibility of organizing such an important event as the World Gliding Championships 2026 in Rudniki Airport.

The organization of the Championships would bring a significant impulse to the economy in the entire Rędziny commune, as well as attracting many spectators interested in aviation and the event itself. Rudniki Airport is a brand of our commune and we are happy to support concepts of Aeroclub of Czestochowa in this respect.

We are pleased to be a partner of such event. Additionally, we confirm, we are ready to assist in organizing the Championships.

Yours faithfully,


mgr inż. Pawel Militowski