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*Paragliding over the chalk cliffs (photo Grant Oseland)*

Note - abbreviations and their explanations are shown in full and in green, so that you can more easily find the full meaning of the abbreviations.

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

During the earlier part of this year several of your representatives at Europe Air Sports attended a ‘Season Opener’ conference hosted by EASA and we were impressed by the event. We have been pleased to see that EASA and the European Commission have been attentive to the needs of General Aviation and particularly of sporting and recreational aviation. EASA’s GA team is supportive of our needs and we are very appreciative of this positive relationship. I wrote to the Executive Director of EASA, Patrick Ky, to express our appreciation and also to draw attention to our important agenda items for the future, namely the policies relating to U-space and the future sustainability of our sector in the context of the climate crisis.

I was pleased to receive a very positive reply from Patrick Ky, confirming the importance of the relationship between EASA and EAS and recognising the role of EAS on crucial issues for the future of sport flight. We have had similar expressions of support from **DG MOVE** (the **Directorate General for Transport**). These official acknowledgments of the role of EAS confirm the continuity of our role towards the regulatory authorities.

A copy of my letter to Patrick Ky follows and we also include in this newsletter a summary of our text to **DG MOVE** relating to drones and U-space.

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