

Krushevo through Krushevo is a European Paragliding Centre: 130 Pilots from 38 Countries Compete for the European Title

The 18th FAI European Paragliding Championship is taking place in Krushevo, with 130 pilots and around 200 participants from 38 countries.

Krushevo is once again living and breathing paragliding. From 8 to 19 August, the city is hosting the 18th FAI European Paragliding Championship, one of the most significant international events in the Paragliding Cross Country discipline.

The championship brings together 130 pilots from 38 countries. Together with their teams and support staff, around 200 participants directly involved in the competition are currently in Krushevo.

The main take-off takes place from Mechkin Kamen, while landings and the completion of competition tasks take place at designated landing sites across the wider area, depending on the specific task and flying conditions.

According to the organisers, the European Championship confirms Krushevo's quality as an international paragliding destination, while also creating an opportunity for further development of infrastructure and the local tourism offer.

“The organisation of the European Championship in Krushevo confirms the quality we offer, while also providing an incentive for further development. By constructing new take-off sites, we are creating the conditions to host major international events in the future. Krushevo is not only a flying location. The entire local community, hospitality sector and atmosphere all contribute to welcoming our guests,” said Goran Dimishkovski, representative of the Organising Committee and President of the Paragliding World Cup.

Beyond its sporting significance, the championship provides an opportunity for further international promotion of Krushevo. Participants and their teams have the opportunity to experience the city's nature, cultural heritage and tourism offer.

The development of paragliding infrastructure is also continuing through the IPA CBC project “Krushevo and Elbasan, Journey in Nature and Adventure”. As part of the project, two new take-off sites are being constructed at Crn Vrv, with the aim of improving conditions for paragliding and creating additional opportunities for the development of active and adventure tourism.

The 18th FAI European Paragliding Championship is organised by Paragliding Club Extrema and Delta Paraglider Club, on behalf of the Air Sports Federation of Macedonia. The event is supported by relevant national institutions, the Municipality of Krushevo and the Tourism Organisation of Krushevo.

Following the European Championship, Krushevo will host another major international sporting event. From 24 August, the city will host the “Krushevo 2026” Junior World Paragliding Championship.

With two major international events taking place in August, Krushevo is strengthening its position as a significant European destination for paragliding and active tourism.

The signing of the Partnership Agreement marks the start of a joint initiative that will contribute to sustainable economic development, an improved tourism offer and stronger links between local communities in North Macedonia and Albania.

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