

In-Progress Safety Investigation Statement

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This document informs about the initiation and progress of a safety investigation that is being conducted by the Air Accident Investigation unit (Belgium) in accordance with Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation and Regulation (EU) No 996/2010.

The information may still be subject to change

SYNOPSIS

Occurrence class	Accident
Occurrence category	Loss of control - inflight (LOC-I)
Date and time ¹	06 August 2022 13:45 UTC
Location	Runway 11 – Aerodrome of Tournai/Maubray (EBTY)
Aircraft	Schleicher K6Cr
Aircraft category	Fixed wing - Sailplane - Non-powered
Location of departure	Aerodrome of Tournai/Maubray (EBTY)
Planned destination	Idem
Type of operation	Non-commercial - Cross-country
Phase of flight	Takeoff
Injuries	1 fatal
Aircraft damage	Destroyed

During winching take-off, the sailplane stalled and crashed, killing the pilot.

PROGRESS OF THE INVESTIGATION

For the investigation sources like such as witness statements, an inspection on the wreckage, ATC communications and other elements are used.

The investigation has currently not identified systemic safety issue that could lead to a safety recommendation at this time.

¹ All time data in this report are indicated in UTC, unless otherwise specified

In accordance with ICAO Annex 13 standards and EU 996/2010 regulation, the report will be forwarded to the following organisations to receive their comments and remarks:

- The EASA,
- The DGTA/DGLV, the Belgian Civil Aviation Authority, as the state of registration and operation of the aircraft,
- The BFU of Germany, as the state of design and manufacture of the sailplane.

After reception of the comments and remarks, the final report will be published on the website of the Federal Public Service for Mobility and Transport.

The final report is expected by end 2023.