

Safety recommendation no. 595

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Safety deficit	On 12 June 2021, there was a collision between a motorised aircraft and a glider west of Piz Neir (GR), resulting in the deaths of all occupants.
	Search and rescue (SAR) tasks are often complex and multi-layered and involve many different organisational partners. The work in the Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC) requires a great deal of experience and expertise, which can only be built up over many years and through the active monitoring of real SAR processes. The investigation revealed potential for improvement with regard to the organisational form and working methods of the RCC. The RCC, which has been under the leadership of the Swiss Air Force since 1 January 2021, has not been the focal point of the SAR operation throughout. The impression was also created, particularly with regard to the experts from Flarm Technology Ltd, that they had not been institutionally integrated in advance and were therefore not sufficiently known to the other partners. The numerous changes in RCC management in the past were not conducive to building up experience and knowledge.
Safety recommendation	The Federal Office of Civil Aviation (FOCA), together with the Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC), should assess and, if necessary, adapt the organisation and operation of the RCC.
Addressees	BAZL Bundesamt für Zivilluftfahrt
Stage of the implementation	No response 90 days after the safety recommendation was issued
Investigation report concerning the safety recommendation	Vorbericht Rapport de première information Schlussbericht Rapport final

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