



Swiss Confederation

## Notification

We inform you about an accident in France of a tow plane registered in France towing a glider registered in Germany.

**Place, date and time:** Saint-Pons, France, east of Barcelonnette Aerodrome (LFMR)  
16 August 2025, 11:30 UTC

### Aircraft

**Registration Mark:** F-HRPB  
**Type:** Robin DR400-180R  
**Operator:** Private  
**Owner:** Private

**Pilot:** 1, Swiss citizen

### Flight:

**Flight rules:** Visual flight rules (VFR)  
**Type of operation:** Private  
**Point of departure:** Barcelonnette Aerodrome (LFMR), France  
**Point of landing:** Barcelonnette Aerodrome (LFMR), France

### Damage:

**Crew:** 1 fatal (and 1 fatal in glider plane)  
**Passengers:** None  
**Thirds:** None  
**Aircraft:** Destroyed  
**Ground:** None

**Short description:** The single-seat glider was flying in a high position behind the tow plane. Both aircraft lost control and crashed.

**Remarks:** The Bureau d'enquêtes et d'analyses pour la sécurité de l'aviation civile (BEA), France, has opened a safety investigation.  
(<http://www.bea.aero>)

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