Drone Strategy 2.0
for an improved drone eco-system in Europe

Agenda Item 3

Informal expert group on drones
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General context

• Fast development of the drone industry and services sector; new innovative ways of using drones are emerging regularly.

• 2015 “Aviation Strategy for Europe” focusing on safety, now deployed with the EASA Basic Regulation and the drone specific regulations 2019/945, 2019/947 and the one to come on U-Space.

NEW POLICY

• “Smart and Sustainable Mobility Strategy” (December 2020), including ‘Drone Strategy 2.0’.
SSMS – Drone Strategy 2.0

“The Commission fully supports the deployment of drones and unmanned aircraft, and will further develop the relevant rules, including on the U-space, to make it fit for enhancing safe and sustainable mobility. The Commission will also adopt a ‘Drone Strategy 2.0’ setting out possible ways to guide the further development of this technology and its regulatory and commercial environment.”
“Action Plan on synergies between civil, defense and space industries”
(February 2021)

Flagship on “EU drone technologies”.

• Aims to enhance the competitiveness of EU industry by identifying areas of cross-fertilization so that innovative defence and civil projects can benefit from each other. In particular, it will look at the unmanned aircraft itself as well as the development of technological building blocks needed for further automation of drone traffic. The flagship project will form part of an overall ambition to be further set out in the ‘EU drone strategy 2.0’.
Objective

The Drone Strategy 2.0 will look beyond safety and address issues that are technical, legal or administrative obstacles to the development of a thriving drone economy in Europe.

The communication on the Drone Strategy 2.0 will lay out a vision of the new EU drone policy by formulating a long-term perspective, clear objectives and actions for safe, sustainable, innovative and ambitions European drone sector and its acceptance by the society.
Organisation and planning

- **Commission interservice steering group**
- **Informal Drone Experts Group**
- **Consultations**
- **Study**
- **MOVE EASA**

**Timeline:**

- **June 2021**
  - Study launched
- **July 2021**
  - Roadmap published and consulted
- **October 2021**
  - Public consultation and targeted consultations
- **January 2022**
  - Study results
- **June 2022**
  - Communication on Drone Strategy 2.0
- **End of 2022**
Thank you