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DAE Joins Member Companies to Participate in High Level Conference on Drones

Welcomes Long-Awaited Release of SESAR JU Drones Outlook Study

WARSAW, POLAND – 24 November 2016 – Drone Alliance Europe (DAE) was invited to speak at the Warsaw High Level Conference on Drones hosted by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), the Polish Ministry of Infrastructure and Construction, and the Polish Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). The conference coincides with the release of the European Drones Outlook Study, which was initiated by Single European Sky ATM Research Joint Undertaking (SESAR JU) in late 2015. DAE recently sent a [letter](#) to European Commissioner for Transport Violeta Bulc urging the finalisation of the long-awaited study and its publication at the high level meeting.

The Drones Outlook Study highlights the tremendous potential of the commercial drone industry and underscores the need for heightened R&D investment, a forward-leaning regulatory framework, an interoperable unmanned traffic management (UTM) system, and the establishment of a single European drone market. The study includes actionable, near-term recommendations for the safe and widespread integration of commercial drones into European airspace. DAE looks forward to continued engagement with public and private stakeholders to advance these recommendations. The timeline for adoption of these recommendations must be expedited to ensure, as the report notes, the social and economic benefits created by drones are effectively enabled and Europe has the opportunity to obtain a significant role in this rapidly evolving global marketplace.

The study findings complement the Conference mission of congregating EU and Member State government officials and key industry stakeholders to identify actions necessary to facilitate drone industry job creation and growth in full respect of safety, privacy, security and environmental protection. DAE Executive Director Andrew Charlton joins member companies Unify and Altitude Angel to present at the event. They all advocate the development of proportionate, risk-based, pan-European drone regulations, as well as the establishment of a low-cost, interoperable unmanned traffic management (UTM) framework that promotes the safe and secure integration of expanded drone operations essential to industry growth.

This Conference will help inform the work of the EASA Expert Group, on which the DAE also serves. The Expert Group has been tasked with providing EASA with guidance on drone industry regulation in anticipation of the finalisation of EASA Notices of Proposed Amendment (NPAs) to be published in March 2017.

DAE is a coalition of leading technology companies representing the commercial drone industry before European political leaders, regulators, and other industry stakeholders, as well as international regulatory and advisory bodies. For more information on Drone Alliance Europe, please visit www.dronealliance.eu, contact press@dronealliance.eu, or follow @DroneAllianceEU on Twitter.

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