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The remotely piloted aircraft systems (RPAS) Conference: Framing the Future of Aviation

MEDIA PROGRAMME

Riga, 5-6 March, 2015

The conference will be conducted in English and all panels will be livestreamed on EU2015.LV
More information on the Conference is available [here](#).

Media are welcome to attend the practical demonstrations of RPAS at Aerodrome *Spilve*. All interview requests and questions on transportation to the venue of RPAS demonstrations* shall be communicated via ilze.sviklina@sam.gov.lv, + 371 22012625.

Media accreditation for the conference is open until 3 March. Questions on media accreditation: mediaaccreditation@es2015.lv

Thursday, 5 March

**Please note that Latvian time is GMT + 2*

13.00 – 15.00 Demonstrations of RPAS at Aerodrome Spilve

Venue: Daugavgrīvas iela 140

Transportation will be ensured, if necessary*. Departure place: form the Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija

- Aerialtronics & DARPAS
- Clear Flight Solutions
- Cyberhawk
- Helico Aerospace Industries
- Royal Military Academy & ICARUS Consortium

13:00 – 15:00 Exhibition at the Conference venue lobby

Venue: Radisson Blue Hotel Latvia, Elizabetes iela 55

- Aerialtronics & DARPAS
- Clear Flight Solutions
- Cyberhawk
- Drones Technology
- FlightPlus
- Flyvision
- Helico Aerospace Industries
- Pilgrim Technologies
- Royal Military Academy & ICARUS Consortium
- UAV Factory

15.00 – 15.30 Registration for the Conference

Venue: Radisson Blue Hotel Latvia, Elizabetes iela 55

Media are welcome to follow the 1st Session of the Conference livestreamed at the Gamma Hall, Radisson Blue Latvia

15.30 – 16.00 **Welcome and Opening speeches by the Minister for Transport of the Republic of Latvia Mr Anrijs Matīss**

DG MOVE Director-General Mr João Aguiar Machado

16.00 – 18.00 SESSION 1 *RPAS: new technologies to produce jobs and growth (Industry debate)*

Discussion points:

- The opportunities for technology development and where will these technologies lead aviation to?
- What is industry response to safety, security and privacy concerns regarding RPAS?
- What is the potential for the RPAS market
- RPAS rules: enabler or obstacle?
- What new infrastructure do RPAS operations require?
- What regulation would industry want?

Friday, 6 March

Media are welcome to participate in the conference sessions

Venue: Radisson Blue Hotel Latvia, Alfa Hall

09:00 – 11:00 SESSION 2 *RPAS: The regulatory answer for the development of RPAS and the challenges of integration into the common airspace (Policy-makers debate)*

Discussion points:

- How do we enable the RPAS market to take off
- What is the balance between safety and the swift introduction of new technologies?
- How to keep rules proportionate to risk
- What is the balance between national and European responsibilities?

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.30 SESSION 3 *RPAS: Challenges caused by protection of citizen's fundamental rights – Perception of the general public (Data protection and security)*

Discussion points:

- Why are RPAS different?
- Are there specific 'RPAS' concerns that need to be addressed?
- What would be 'appropriate' legislation?
- What about security or data protection?
- How to facilitate the link between the competent authorities (and Data protection authorities) – link between safety and operation

13.30 – 13.40 **DRAWING CONTEST AWARD**

Minister for Transport of the Republic of Latvia **Mr Anrijs Matīss** and European Commissioner for Mobility and Transport **Ms Violeta Bulc** will present an award to the pupils with the winning drawings



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13.40 – 14.00

Conclusions for "Framing the Future of Aviation" – The Riga Conference

Minister for Transport of the Republic of Latvia **Mr Anrijs Matīss**
European Commissioner for Mobility and Transport **Ms Violeta Bulc**

14:00 – 14:30

PRESS CONFERENCE

Venue: Gamma hall, Radisson Blue Hotel Latvia

Participating:

Minister for Transport of the Republic of Latvia Mr Anrijs Matīss
European Commissioner for Mobility and Transport Ms Violeta Bulc

The Riga Conference will set the tone for the policy promoting further steps in automation in aviation and move towards remotely piloted aircraft systems. New technologies make innovative operations and services possible. However, there is a need for a consistent regulatory framework to allow for RPAS operations in a way that respect high levels of safety, security and privacy. This conference is gathering captains of industry and high level regulators to lay down the principles of the future RPAS rules.

More information on conference [here](#).