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## **European Drone Forum: Conference on the future use of drones in Europe.**

How can the European drone market be brought to life? How do visions become viable business models? The participants of the 6th European Drone Forum want to find answers to these and many other drone industry critical questions on October 26 and 27 in Cologne, Germany. At one of the most important conferences of its kind in Europe, manufacturers and operators of drones will discuss directly with decision-makers from politics and authorities.

Participants especially appreciate the direct exchange on a level playing field at the European Drone Forum. The industry because it can communicate wishes and hopes directly. And the participants from national and European regulatory authorities value the direct feedback from the field. „A unique mix of decision-makers and those who will later work on the basis of these decisions meet in Cologne,“ says Dr. Gerald Wissel, Chairman of conference host UAV DACH. „With EASA, the German Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport as well as representatives from national regulatory authorities, we bring decision makers from politics and administration together with drone manufacturers and UAS operators.“ For this reason the critical issues for the drone economy in Europe, can be discussed freely and controversially at the conference.

As the most important and therefore sometimes most controversial issues regarding unmanned aviation are to be addressed and positions should be clearly defined in Cologne, the constructive search for the best solutions will be further institutionalized this year. In various town hall debates, two panelists each will take an in-depth look at topics such as the future design of U-Spaces, possible solutions

to the challenges of BVLOS operations, and the fair coexistence of manned and unmanned aviation. „In particular, EASA would like to see even more intensified debates in order to identify clearly where the specific problems are in practice and into which direction the work needs to be continued“, adds Dr. Gerald Wissel.

However – despite all differences, the participants share one common mission: To find solutions to successfully shape the future of the drone economy in Europe.

The European Drone Forum will take place on October 26 and 27, 2023 at the Dorint Hotel An der Messe Köln. The leading conference for unmanned aviation in Europe is the only place where so many decision-makers from national and European regulatory authorities will meet with representatives of the drone economy for a direct exchange. The conference is organized by the UAV DACH association in cooperation with the European Aviation Safety Agency EASA. The number of participants is limited to 250. Further information and tickets are available at [www.eudroneforum.org](http://www.eudroneforum.org)

### **About UAV DACH**

UAV DACH is the most important association for unmanned aviation in Europe and is committed to shaping the framework for the European drone economy on behalf of its more than 200 members from industry, science, and research. Its objective is to promote the safe, commercial, and sustainable operation of uncrewed aerial systems. As a strong alliance, the European association based in Germany organizes networking and information for all relevant stakeholders from industry, politics, and society.

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## **About the European Drone Forum**

The European Drone Forum is the leading expert conference for unmanned aviation in Europe. It is the only event where so many decision makers from national and European regulatory authorities meet directly with representatives of the drone economy for a direct exchange to discuss the most important issues for the future of unmanned aviation. The conference is organized by the UAV DACH association in cooperation with the European Aviation Safety Agency EASA.

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The European Drone Forum (Picture of the event in 2022)