

Report of local dialogue
organised by CoR Member Władysław Ortyl (ECR/PL)

Building public trust in the use of drones at the regional and local level
through their use by emergency services



Organised by	Marshal's Office of the Podkarpackie Region
Partners	European Committee of the Regions
Date and time of the event	28-07-2023, 10:00-14:00
Event type	Local dialogue onsite
Location(s) of event	al. Łukasza Ciepłinskiego 4, 35-010 Rzeszów, Poland
Total number of participants	87
Type of participants	Members of the European Committee of the Regions, Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy, local politicians, employees of industry companies, specialists, employees of relevant departments, NGOs, regional airport. National Fire Service, National Police Headquarters, Mountain Rescue Service, Emergency Service, Regional Crisis Management Center, Regional Territorial Observatory and individuals interested in the topic
Name of CoR Members participating	Władysław Ortyl, Lucyna Sokołowska; Józef Jodłowski; Robert Godek;
Name(s) of national ministers participating	Mrs. Matgorzats Jarosinska- Jedynak, Secretary of State at the Polish Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy
Name(s) of Young Elected Politicians (YEPs) participating	Mateusz Cebula

<p>Theme(s) covered during the event</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Climate change and the environment ✓ Health A stronger economy, social justice and jobs EU in the world ✓ Values and rights, rule of law, <u>security</u> ✓ Digital transformation European democracy Migration ✓ Education, culture, youth and sport
<p>Recommendations / conclusions from the debate</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Europe has the most developed legislative space for the use of drones, which allows the safe implementation of these systems into the everyday life of society. At the same time, it is important to watch whether too much legislation will create obstacles for drone manufacturers and service providers. 2) Regional authorities will play a major role in creating a drone reality through the construction of U-Space infrastructure and coordination of related activities, therefore, already today the mentioned authorities should plan activities at the strategic, operational and executive levels, 3) The need for funding R&D activities and U-space related projects has been recognized at the European, national and regional levels. Dedicated funding streams for drones should be created to build Europe's innovation capacity. 4) Drones have multiple applications in the field of emergency management services. Implementing such solutions requires coordination at multiple levels, which should involve regional authorities. 5) The synergy of the civilian and military markets, which is also mentioned in the drone 2.0 strategy, is needed. The region's authorities should enable and promote such activities.
<p>Other relevant messages expressed by citizens or speakers during the event</p>	<p>On the basis of the needs outlined in the Drone Strategy 2.0, the meeting focused on building public trust in the use of drones at the local level by emergency management services, local politicians, NGOs, businesses and citizens. It served to share experiences among stakeholders. The case study was the Podkarpackie Region and local communities, the governmental element was guaranteed by the presence of the Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy. The event met its objectives and consisted of a broad panel discussion, involving all stakeholders and stimulating dialogue. One of the goals was also to raise awareness among local communities about the provisions of the Drone Strategy 2.0, EU law in this area and the activities of the European Committee of the Regions. The result we achieved is a better understanding of how focal and regional authorities could best promote the tools developed by the European Commission, such as a special online platform for increasing public acceptance of drones in everyday life, and adapt them to local realities.</p>

Hyperlinks to web / press / social media coverage

<https://www.podkarpackie.pl/index.php/edukacja/aktualnosci/jak-zbudowac-zaufanie-do-dronow>

<https://www.gov.pl/web/fundusze-regiony/minister-jarosinska-jedynak-o-transformacji-dronowej-na-konferencji-w-rzeszowie>

