

## PRESS RELEASE

### Advances in regulatory framework, artificial intelligence and 5G a promising outlook for drones

- **The drone services market in Europe could reach a value of €14.5 billion by 2030**
- **Benidorm will host Spain's first Airspace Risk Assessment (ARA)**

**Madrid, January 17, 2024.** Within the framework of UNVEX, the leading event in the drone sector, the third **UNVEX LIVE webinar, "Drones, a comprehensive vision"**, was held on Tuesday, highlighting the importance of regulation, anti-drone systems, and the industrial perspective of drones.

**Rodrigo Bedit**, Drone Business Development (U-space) at ENAIRE, emphasized the importance of developing systems that enable drones to share controlled airspace with manned aviation. *"U-ELCOMÉ is a project for the real deployment of U-space in Europe, led by EUROCONTROL and composed of Spain, Italy, and France. Each cluster has different sandboxes with a complete U-space ecosystem and all necessary stakeholders (CISP, USSPs, Operators, Local Authorities, Police, Municipalities, among others). Benidorm is the first U-ELCOMÉ sandbox in Spain"*, he added.

**José Antonio Cebrián**, Head of R&D&I at the Technological Security Center of the Spanish Ministry of the Interior, highlighted the security measures in Spain, stating, *"In terms of security, Spain has advanced technology and a network of antennas that detect drones. We are able to detect the majority of commercial drones"*.

From an industrial perspective, **José Prieto**, Director of Business Development and Institutional Affairs of GMV's Defense and Security sector, emphasized that *"with the right framework established, the drone services market in Europe could reach a value of €14.5 billion by 2030, with a compound annual growth rate of 12.3%, and create 145,000 jobs in the EU."* He added, *"Advancements in the regulatory framework, along with disruptive technologies (AI, 5G, 3D printing, batteries), indicate a promising outlook for the coming years"*.

The UNVEX'24 digital channel webinars serve as a meeting point for designers, manufacturers, regulators, users, service providers, and other professionals. **Barcelona will host UNVEX from June 4 to 6, 2024.** In its ninth edition, it promises to be the true showcase for unmanned systems in Europe.

## **UNVEX 2024**

UNVEX'24, supported by public institutions at national and international levels, as well as private entities, will take place from June 4 to 6, 2024, at Fira de Barcelona. This unique event brings together the unmanned systems community to shape the future of this technology and its markets, which are poised to play an essential role in our lives.

Following the success of UNVEX'22, which featured 52 exhibitors, over 2,500 professional visitors, 410 conference delegates, 94 speakers, including authorities from 11 institutions, both national and international, and 5 live demonstration systems, the goal of UNVEX 2024 is to boost the unmanned systems market through technology, cooperation, and the necessary funding.

**FULL VIDEO OF UNVEX LIVE WEBINAR AVAILABLE [HERE](#)**

### **About UNVEX**

UNVEX is a comprehensive event born in 2010 that has demonstrated its ability to generate business in the eight editions held in Spain and the four held in Latin America. Designed and developed by IDS, the largest content provider in dual-use technology markets, including [www.infodron.es](http://www.infodron.es), the most widely read media outlet in the drone sector. A Technical Committee selects the content of the conference program, composed of qualified representatives. The exhibition is the largest held in Spain, and its demonstrations, groundbreaking at the time, include all types of remotely piloted unmanned systems and C-UAS.

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