



UNVEX aims to be the one-stop event for the drone sector in Europe

- The Spanish Secretary General for Transport and Mobility, Ms. María José Rallo opened the first UNVEX LIVE webinar
- Promoting innovation and development of the drone sector is one of the challenges of the regulatory framework

Madrid, 8 November 2023. UNVEX organizers announced their intention to be the event of reference in the European drone sector on the occasion of the first webinar of its online channel UNVEX LIVE. The first webinar "Perspectives on a <u>multi-domain reality</u>" has been inaugurated by the General Secretary of Transport and Mobility of Spain, **Ms María José Rallo**, who has highlighted that "UNVEX has become the event of reference in the field of security and defence", and emphasised that it is an event where "companies of the sector show the most complex and innovative technologies and not only for security and defence but also commercial applications".

The webinar was held on Tuesday to kick off the launch of UNVEX 2024, a unique event where the unmanned systems community will come together to shape the future of this technology and its markets across all its applications and domains. **Ángel Macho**, director of the event, in his welcoming remarks, highlighted that "*the new challenges of UNVEX 2024 will be internationalization, especially at the European level, and transversality. Our aim is to be the true meeting point for the entire European sector, including all stakeholders, whether commercial, transport or security".*

From the Ministry of Defence, José Agrelo Llaverol, acting head of the International R+D+i Planning Unit of Spanish MoD, stressed that "the integration of multi-domain operations with unmanned systems, or vice versa, is transforming defence to face complex challenges, which require an integrated military superiority in all warfare domains in response to the evolution of geopolitical dynamics. Communication and information-sharing capabilities are the key elements to enable multi-domain operations. Numerous technological challenges need to be addressed to achieve multi-domain capabilities".

Marta Cejuela Martín, **Senior Safety and Regulatory Consultant at Abionica** Solutions, spoke about the importance of regulation explaining that "*the challenges of the regulatory framework are to promote innovation and development of the drone sector; to guarantee a level of safety; to ensure safe operations in U-space/UTM airspace". Also stated "Harmonise the regulatory framework in all Member States*





and promote a regulatory framework that is operationally focused, proportionate and based on risk and performance".

Ed Alvarado, Head of Global Communications and Alliances at **Drone Industry Insights**, spoke about research his company has conducted on the use of commercial drones, comparing the market in Spain with the rest of the world.

NINTH EDITION OF UNVEX 2024

UNVEX 2024, which has the support of the Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda as stated by the Secretary-General, will take place **from 4 to 6 June 2024 at Fira de Barcelona**. A unique event where the unmanned systems community will come together to shape the future of this market.

After the **success of UNVEX 2022** counted with 52 exhibitors, more than 2,500 visitors, 410 conference Delegates, 94 Speakers, including authorities from 11 institutions, both national and international, and 5 systems in live demonstration, the objective of **UNVEX 2024 is to boost the international market, through technology, cooperation and the necessary financing**.

VIDEO WEBINAR, <u>HERE</u>.

About UNVEX

UNVEX is a comprehensive event, born in 2010, which has demonstrated its ability to generate business in the seven editions held in Europe plus the four held in Latin America. Designed and developed by IDS, which also publishes one of the most widely read digital dailies in the sector <u>www.infodron.es</u>. The content of the conference series is selected by a Technical Committee made up of qualified representatives. The exhibition is the largest ever held in Spain and its demonstrations, pioneering at the time, include all types of remotely unmanned systems.

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