

SAM - Sweden Air Mobility

JEDA – Joint European Drone Associations

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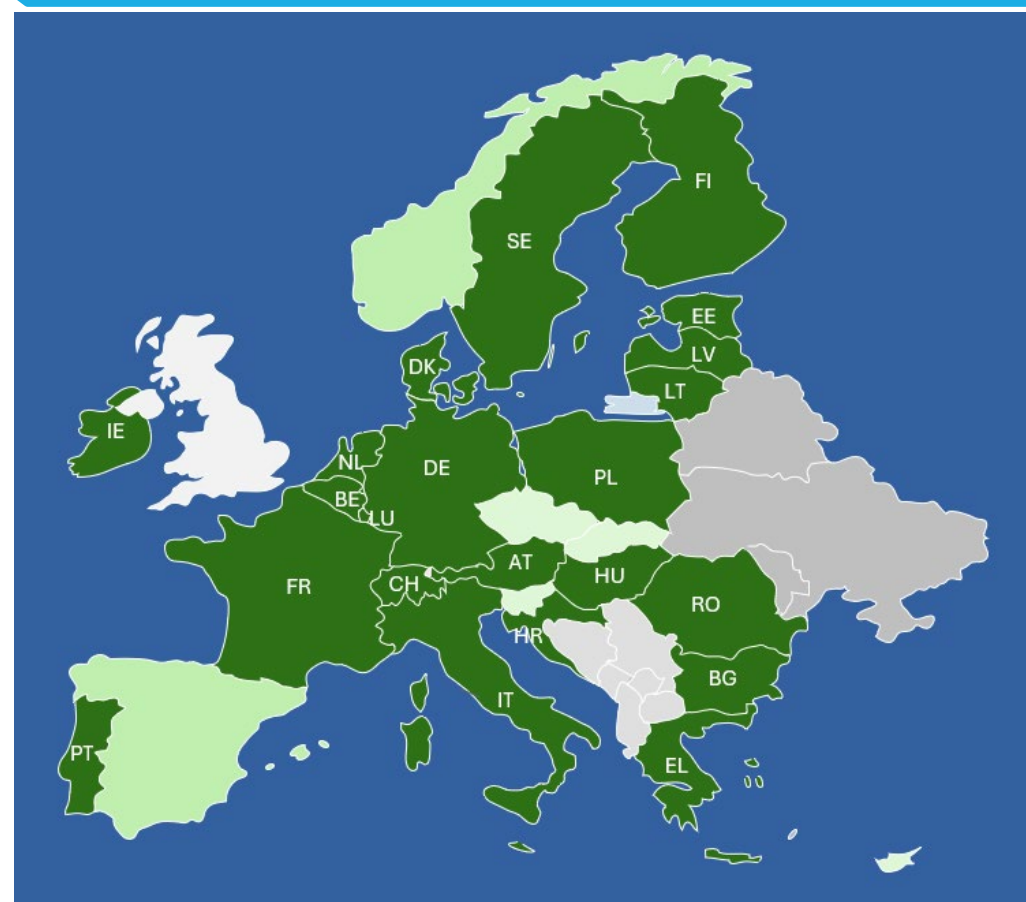


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elected until
Feb 2026

JEDA – Who we are

- JEDA founded in 2021
- 23 national associations from 22 states
- ~ 5.000 members
- Seat and headoffice: Brussels
- EU-Transparency register
- Recognised by EU-COM, EASA, EUROCONTROL, EDA, SESAR 3 JU, ICAO, JARUS, EUSCG ...



JEDA – Who we are

- **Umbrella organization** for the national associations of Unmanned Aviation in Europe
- Contributing to an **unified voice** for the European Drone Economy
- **Point of Contact** for European Commission, EASA, other International aviation authorities and professional organisations
- **Network for JEDA-members** (national associations and their members) also by its **competence groups (4)**



JEDA – What we are doing

- JEDA promotes research and development, design, production, funding, and operation of all kinds of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)
- JEDA unites the European drone community comprehensively and consensus-oriented and represents a common understanding for the fair integration of drones into the air traffic
- JEDA represents the diversity of drone applications in Europe considering international and global aspects, and acts as a focal point for the exchange of expertise about UAS/RPAS, especially through events and competence groups

JEDA – Competence Groups

Gathering and sharing information and working for a better drone economy

CG 1:

European regulations Implementation in the MS

Head of CG: Vidmantas Kairys

CG 2:

Training – Program and organisation

Head of CG: Roel van der Wal

CG 3:

Technical issues – Manufacturing, certification, consultations

Head of CG: Nathanel Apter

CG 4:

Occurrence Reporting Group

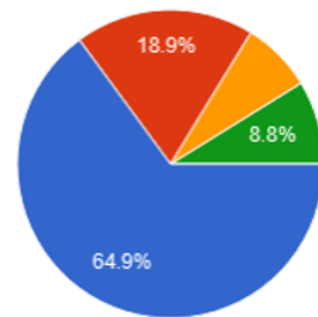
Head of CG: Pieter Franken



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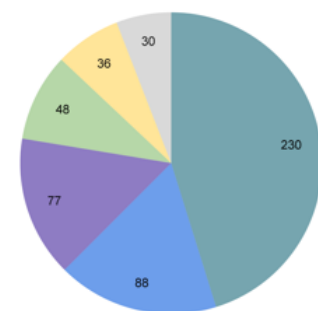
JEDA – 2024 survey

- Obtain **feedback from operators and all stakeholders** regarding the implementation of European drone regulation
- Enable **EASA** to facilitate listening to drone operators, by **centralizing feedback**,
Part of 2024 EASA/JEDA
MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION
- was reported on at October 22, 2024
EASA High Level Conference



■ 300 responses, with distribution by **structure size**

- Micro (1-9 employees)
- Small (10-49 employees)
- Medium (50-249 employees)
- Large (250+ employees)



■ Diversity reflecting **diversity of market activities**

- Operator
- Service provider
- Training organization
- Manufacturer
- Research Institution
- Other

JEDA – 2024 survey

Summarized challenges

- ❖ **Inconsistent implementation** of drone regulations across EU countries.
- ❖ **Additional** country-specific **restrictions** and complicated cross-border operations.
- ❖ Complexity & lack of enforcement → **unfair competition** by non-compliance.

- ❖ Cost & complexity of regulations **disproportionate to actual risks**.
- ❖ Restrictions in Open Category and buffer zones hindering **business operations**.
- ❖ Time-consuming and costly **authorization processes discouraging investment**.

- ❖ **Excessive Geozones** inhibiting operations in Open & Specific
- ❖ Not fast enough progress on **specific use cases** like agriculture, tethered and swarming drones.

JEDA – and now

and now how to participate in the solutions !

- ❖ participate in the **working groups** initiated in July 2025 by EASA **Stakeholders Advisory Board** (SAB)
- ❖ follow the priorities defined during EASA workshop on **UAS simplification** (1-3 July 2025)
- ❖ respond to **EASA consultations** (latest : SAIL III Means of Compliance 12/09)
- ❖ **coordinate with 6 European drone associations**, in particular for the organization of a European Drone Forum (EDF) in March 2026
- ❖ work on **European funding** for our drone activities

JEDA – EASA SAB Plenary meeting (1-2 July 2025)

Following the presentation at D.COMM, the creation of four dedicated Action Groups (AGs) has been officially approved :

- ❖ Open Category – 5 WPIs - Work Package Items
- ❖ Specific Category – 24 WPIs
- ❖ Certified Category & UAM – 7 WPIs
- ❖ Airspace Integration (including U-space) – 12 WPIs

---- >> It remains to define the WPIs subjects which will be prioritized.

All members of JEDA member associations are welcome to join these working groups.
Please, apply through your association.
All members who volunteered will be contacted directly by the AG leads/Co-Leads.

JEDA – EASA workshop on UAS simplification (1-3 July 2025)

- ❖ **Aims :**
 - ❖ **reduce the workload** for NAAs
 - ❖ **accelerating access to market** for UAS operators
- ❖ The further simplifications include
 - ❖ Long-term solutions (2028), requiring a **change to the UAS regulation** that may be included in the notice of proposed amendment (NPA) to the UAS regulation planned for the next year (includes the amendment for **existing STS** and the creation of **new ones**)
 - ❖ Short-term solutions (2025) proposing that Member States submit **exemptions** according to Article 71 of the Basic Regulation
 - ❖ Very short-term solutions (2025) reducing the level of scrutiny from NAAs authorisations for several UAS operations classified in **SAIL II**.

JEDA – responses to EASA consultations

- ❖ **JEDA Competence Group No. 3 (CG3)** is collecting input for all EASA consultations and calls for comments on new regulations or MoC
- ❖ And recently is collecting input for a coordinated response to EASA 's newly published draft Means of Compliance (MoC) related to airworthiness requirements for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) operating under a declarative model (SAIL III), and under design verification (SAIL IV).

All members of JEDA member associations are welcome to propose remarks.
Please, inform us through your association.
Deadline for comments: 12 September 2025

JEDA – coordination with 6 European drone associations

- ❖ 6 associations representing the different stakeholders in the European drone industry, **AME, DAE, GUTMA, ASD, UAV-Dach and JEDA**, decided last July a :
- ❖ joint preparation with EASA of the next **European Drone Forum in March 2026**
- ❖ Associations are also encouraged to contribute to the program by **suggesting topics and speakers**

All members of JEDA member associations are welcome to propose topics.
Please, inform us through your association.

JEDA – develop funding for the drone industry

- ❖ **Observation and facts** : Recently the European Commission published the results of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) Transport 2024 call. Out of 94 selected projects and a total allocation of **€2.8 billion**, only three initiatives concerned aviation — and notably, **none involved drones**.
- ❖ **Surprising and concerning !?**
- ❖ So in the coming weeks, JEDA will reach out to the key bodies at European institutions to open a structured dialogue on the inclusion of drones in EU transport and infrastructure frameworks and **funding**.

Thank you

Go raibh maith agat

Merci vilmal

Köszönöm szépen

Grazie

Kiitos

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Merci

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Hvala

Vielen Dank

Obrigado

Dank u wel

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Благодаря

Villmools merci

Gracias

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