

# Drones & Public Safety Summit

20 September – Brussels, Belgium

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## CONTEXT

The potential benefits of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) during emergencies are undeniable. But few emergency services organisations are using drones in their everyday operations. Along with the significant value that drones can bring to emergency services, they can also create issues on technical, legal and operational levels that need to be brought to light to potential users.

As a result of the growing influence of drones and of the relevant outcomes highlighted by the [EENA Working Group on Drones](#), EENA has specifically designed this **Drones & Public Safety Summit** to debate and discuss the latest issues, trends and technologies in the sector.

**Language of the event:** English

**Event venue:** SIAMU building (Fire and Emergency Medical Service of the Brussels-Capital Region) - Avenue de l'Héliport 15, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

More info on the EENA website: [www.eena.org/events/drones-public-safety-summit](http://www.eena.org/events/drones-public-safety-summit)

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## PROGRAMME

\* TBC: to be confirmed / TBA: to be announced

**08:00 – 09:00** **Registration & coffee**

**09:00 – 09:05** **Welcome and introduction**

- SIAMU Representative – TBC
- **Demetrios Pyrros**, President, EENA

**09:05 – 09:30** **Report on EENA/DJI Pilot Test Programme**

*In 2018, EENA and DJI partnered to understand and evaluate the use of drones in civil protection/first responder scenarios in a number of pilot sites in Europe. This session will present the outcomes of the first months of the test programme.*

- **Romeo Durscher**, Director of Public Safety Integration, DJI
- **Alfonso Zamarro**, Drones Activities Manager, EENA

**09:30 – 10:30** **How emergency and rescue services use drones in Europe**

*This session will highlight the best practices among European rescue services on the use of drones in their operations and underline the potential of this technology.*

Chair: **Vendelin Clicques**, Firefighter Officer, SDIS 78

- **Steve McLinden**, Group Manager, Transformation2020 Digital Programme Manager, Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service

- TBA, End-user
- TBA, End-user

**10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break and networking time**

**11:00 – 11:30 Team management in drones operations**

*In this session, speakers will present how they manage their teams when a rescue operation using drones is ongoing.*

- **Elías Bayarri**, Head of Civil Protection Service DG Civil Protection and Emergencies, Dirección General Protección Civil y Emergencias de Cantabria (TBC)
- *Unidad Militar de Emergencias* ("Military Unit of Emergencies") (TBC)

**11:30 – 12:00 Training emergency and rescue services on the use of drones**

*This session will focus on the training of the emergency and rescue services and will highlight the different programmes and academies that exist.*

- **Thomas Sylvest**, Fire Captain, Fire Brigade Copenhagen (TBC)
- TBA, Academy

**12:00 – 13:30 Lunch break and networking time**

**13:30 – 14:00 Dealing with drones legislation**

*As many drones operators might fear new legislation on drones, this session will highlight how public safety professionals managed to take benefit of a new legislative framework to maximise the impact of their work.*

- Irish Aviation Authority (TBC)
- TBA, civil aviation authority

**14:00 – 15:00 The future of legislation on drones**

*This discussion panel will focus on the remaining legislative challenges that need to be tackled and will give an overview on what to expect in the upcoming years on the regulatory matters.*

Chair: **Marc Valls Estefanell**, Legal expert on drones and autonomous machines

- **Joshua Salsby**, Member of the cabinet of the European Commissioner for Transport Violeta Bulc, European Commission
- TBA, Eurocontrol
- European Aviation Safety Authority (TBC)
- TBA, Drones Manufacturing company
- TBA, End user

**15:00 -15:30 Coffee break and networking time**

**15:30 – 17:25 Technologies available to ensure the best use of drones**

*In this session, manufacturers and developers will present the technologies that can be of particular help to the emergency and rescue services when they are using drones.*

- **Markus Bornheim**, Consulting Sales Engineer, Avaya
- **Pablo González Fernández**, Senior Researcher - Developer, Gradiant

**17:25 – 17:30 Closing remarks**

- **Demetrios Pyrros**, President, EENA

**17:40 – 18:30 Live demonstration**

*Manufacturers and software providers will here be able to show their technologies in live conditions.*



**18:30 – 20:00 Social event – Belgian beer tasting**

*Join us in an informal social event to network with old and new friends while enjoying world-renowned Belgian beers.*