



## **UVS INTERNATIONAL**

### **Federating & Promoting International Coordination, Cooperation, Harmonised Regulations + Information Dissemination Relative to Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS)**

#### **Background**

Started in 1995, as EURO UVS (European Unmanned Vehicle Systems Association), this non-profit organisation is registered with the Chamber of Commerce in The Hague, The Netherlands and operates out of offices in Paris, France. In January 2000, the association changed its statute and its name to UVS International, in order to better reflect its global character and reach.

#### **Membership & Geographical Coverage**

UVS International has corporate & institutional members & federates, through the International RPAS Coordination Council, 32 national RPAS associations in Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium<sup>(2x)</sup>, Canada, Colombia, Czech Rep., Finland, France, Germany<sup>(2x)</sup>, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy<sup>(3x)</sup>, Japan, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, South Africa (+ Botswana, Namibia), South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK<sup>(2x)</sup>.

#### **Representation**

The association represents over 4100 companies & organisations from 41 countries. Its members represent all areas of industry [manufacturers (systems & sub-systems), operators, pilots, service suppliers (incl. flight schools, test ranges, insurance companies, legal offices, specialist consultancies, risk assessment organisations)], government (civil & military), research organisations, academia, and private persons with an interest in RPAS.

#### **Dedicated To Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems**

UVS International is the leading international organisation dedicated to the promotion of RPAS, and it places a strong focus on non-military RPAS operations (commercial & non-commercial) and the required rules, regulations & standards.

The high level objectives of the association are to:

- Study & examine possible solutions to any problem relating to RPAS, in particular scientific, technical, socio-economic, social, documentary, regulatory & legal problems;
- Facilitate the exchange of information & promote co-operation in the field of RPAS & the concerned

technologies, between industry, academia, research & development centres, government authorities, national, regional & international aviation regulatory authorities, European Commission agencies, the European Commission, with international harmonization as the goal;

- Instigate & co-ordinate national & international promotional efforts with regard to RPAS, their applications, related technologies, safe RPAS operations, community education, and public awareness creation;
- Advocate & promote the establishment & adoption of national & international rules, regulation & legislation with respect to the safe use of RPAS, and to promote the establishment & introduction, on a national & international level, of acceptable insurance policies, norms, standards, and classifications relevant to such systems.

#### **Recognition**

UVS International is recognized as a representative of the international RPAS community by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), European Parliament, European Commission (EC), European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), Single European Sky Air Traffic Management Research (SESAR) Joint Undertaking (JU), EUROCONTROL, European Defence Agency (EDA), European Organisation for Civil Aviation Equipment (EUROCAE), Joint Authorities for Rulemaking on Unmanned Systems (JARUS), NATO, as well as multiple national regulatory & military authorities.

#### **Representation**

UVS International is a member of:

- ICAO RPAS Panel
- ICAO Space Learning Group
- European Commission's European RPAS Roadmap Implementation Coordination Group
- EASA's General Aviation Sectorial Committee
- EASA's RMT.023 Expert Group
- JARUS Stakeholders Consultation Body
- SESAR U-Space Working Group

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