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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Horizontal Working Party on Cyber Issues

Subject: EU Action Plan on Drone and Counter-drone Security
- Presentation by the European Commission

Delegations will find in the annex a presentation given by the European Commission at the meeting of the Horizontal Working Party on Cyber Issues (attachés) on 26 March 2026.



EU Action Plan on Drone and Counter-drone Security



Action Plan on Drone & Counter-drone Security



PREPARE

- Techno & **ramping-up industrial production** + industrial forum (D-TECT)
- **Drone Security Package** + U-space deployment + geofencing
- **Coordinated risk assessment & Security Toolbox** + **EU trusted drone label**
- Voluntary **stress testing of** Critical infrastructure + CER Guidelines + voluntary performance requirements + training law enforcement + expand expert group on counter drone
- **EU counter-drone centre of excellence** + network civ-mil testing sites + harmonised testing methodology
- Maritime Security + Balloon threats



DETECT

- **Deploy cellular based drone detection (dual) → Call for Expression of Interest** to willing MS to test and deploy 5G based detection (for connected and not connected drones – cellular sensing)
- Spectrum decision to allow cellular sensing
- Support **multi-sensors system powered by AI**.
- Improve Situational awareness: explore progressive establishment of a **drone incident platform**
- Encourage MS to set up **information exchange** framework between national authorities



RESPOND

- **Voluntary Counter-drone deployment initiative** for Critical Infrastructure (launch of CfEol)
- Home grown, dual use AI powered **C2** systems
- Yearly **EU large scale counter-drone exercise**
- Feasibility study on **counter-drone regulatory framework**
- **Recommendation** on countering drones' threats for law enforcement
- Support **Frontex**
- Explore **Rapid counter drone emergency teams**



DEFENCE READINESS

- Intensify support to MS in **the PCA on drone and counter-drone** (EDIP/SAFE)
- **Support industrialisation** of drones and counter drones for defence (EDIP)
- Launch **Drone Alliance with UA**
- Support exchange and training programmes between UA and MS on pilots, engineer and maintenance
- Cooperation with NATO

Strategic coordination mechanism & National Drone Security Coordinators

