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## 1. Change Record

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20.02.2026	1	Initial publication

## 2. References

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- Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, Basic regulation<sup>1</sup>
- Regulation (EU) 2019/947, on the rules and procedures for the operation of unmanned aircraft.<sup>2</sup>
- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)<sup>3</sup>
- Irish Aviation Authority Act, 1993<sup>4</sup>
- S.I. No. 24 of 2023, Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) UAS (Drones) Order<sup>5</sup>
- S.I. No. 103 of 2023 Irish Aviation Authority (Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones)) (Amendment) (NO. 2) Order 2023<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1139/oj/eng>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/downloads/110913/en>

<sup>3</sup> <https://gdpr-info.eu/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://revisedacts.lawreform.ie/eli/1993/act/29/front/revised/en/html>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2023/si/24/made/en/print>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2023/si/103/made/en/print>

### 3. Purpose

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The purpose of this advisory memorandum is to:

- a) Specify the parties invited to participate in the UAS Stakeholder Forum ('the Forum'), to include Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) specific category operators in Ireland, UAS Recognised Training Entities (RTE), UAS representative bodies, UAS stakeholder groups, and other interested parties.
- b) *Note: Given the high numbers of open category operators and remote pilots, the current UAS Open Category Safety Forum will continue as the UAS Open Stakeholder Forum to address stakeholder engagement in this category.***
- c) Determine the rules and procedures of the Forum, including the composition of membership to ensure a representative participation from each organisation and the publication of minutes of meetings of the Forum.

## 4. Invited Parties

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The following parties will be invited to participate in the Forum. This list is not exhaustive, and it is subject to update on an ongoing basis in consultation with Forum members.

Parties that feel they are not included in one of the lists below but who nonetheless consider themselves eligible and willing to participate are welcome to contact the UAS Division (UASD) of the Irish Aviation Authority ('the Authority'), at [drones@iaa.ie](mailto:drones@iaa.ie), with the subject title 'UAS Stakeholder Forum, Invitation Request', for an invitation.

### 4.1 UAS specific category operators in Ireland.

- Holders of a Light UAS Certificate (LUC) issued by the Authority,
- Holders of an Operational Authorisation (OA) issued by the Authority,
- Holders of a confirmation of receipt and completeness, issued by the Authority, for standard scenario declarations,
- Holders of a confirmation of receipt and completeness, issued by the Authority, for an application for a cross-border UAS operation, and
- Holders of a Light UAS Certificate (LUC) issued by another European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) Member State, currently operating within Ireland.

### 4.2 UAS RTEs

### 4.3 UAS representative bodies, including the following.

- Drone Professionals Ireland<sup>7</sup> (DPI),
- Model Aeronautics Council of Ireland<sup>8</sup> (MACI), and
- Unmanned Aircraft Association of Ireland<sup>9</sup> (UAAI).

### 4.4 UAS stakeholder groups.

- AirNav Ireland<sup>10</sup> ('AirNav').

Representatives from UAS stakeholder groups, including the following, may be invited to participate in the Forum as appropriate to agenda.

- European Commission<sup>11</sup> (EC),
- EASA<sup>12</sup>,
- Eurocontrol<sup>13</sup>,
- Joint Authorities for Rulemaking on Unmanned systems<sup>14</sup>, and
- Regional airports.

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<sup>7</sup> <https://droneprofessionalsireland.ie/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://maci.ie/>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.uaai.ie/>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.airnav.ie/>

<sup>11</sup> <https://commission.europa.eu/>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.easa.europa.eu/>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.eurocontrol.int/>

<sup>14</sup> <http://jarus-rpas.org/>

#### 4.5 Subject Matter Experts (SMEs).

SMEs and representatives from SME groups may be invited to participate in the Forum as appropriate to agenda.

#### 4.6 Other interested parties

- Department of Transport - Safety and Security Division<sup>15</sup> (DoT)
- Local Government Management Agency<sup>16</sup> (LGMA) Public Sector Drone Network

Representatives from the following other interested parties may be invited to participate in the Forum as appropriate to agenda.

- Air Accident Investigation Unit<sup>17</sup> (AAIU)
- Air Corps, Irish Defence Forces<sup>18</sup> (AC)
- General Aviation Safety Council of Ireland<sup>19</sup> (GASCI)
- Irish Coast Guard<sup>20</sup> (ICG)
- National Ambulance Service<sup>21</sup>
- Data Protection Commission<sup>22</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-transport/>

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.lgma.ie/en/>

<sup>17</sup> <https://aaiu.ie/>

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.military.ie/en/who-we-are/air-corps/>

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.gascl.ie/>

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-transport/policy-information/the-irish-coast-guard/>

<sup>21</sup> <https://www.nationalambulanceservice.ie/>

<sup>22</sup> <https://www.dataprotection.ie/en>

## 5. Consultation

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These draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Forum are subject to public consultation during the first quarter of 2026. The ToRs will be amended following consideration of comments received and are included as Appendix 1 to this Advisory Memorandum.

## 6. Logistics

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### 6.1 Nominations

According to the ToR for the Forum, each invitee is entitled to nominate one member to attend Stakeholder Forum meetings. Invitees may also identify an alternative member to facilitate the case where the member is unable to attend a specific Forum meeting. Where a party falls into more than one category in section 4, they will receive one invitation. The IAA will contact invitees directly to ascertain their interest in participating in the Forum and to obtain their nominations for member/alternative member of the Forum.

The responsibilities and duties of the Forum members are outlined in the ToR.

### 6.2 Organisation of meetings

The ToR address how the Forum will organise its activities on an ongoing basis. Meetings will normally be planned as in-person meetings.

Timelines for the organisation of the first meeting of the Forum are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Action</b>
Feb 2026	ToR published Authority issues invitation to participate and participants nominate members
Apr 2026	Authority organises first meeting and issues draft agenda
May 2026	First meeting of the Forum

Thereafter, future membership of the Forum and arrangements for subsequent meetings will be agreed as part of normal Forum activities (See Appendix 1).