

#### **Drone Accelerator Finland**

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- 1. Development of a joint learning-by-doing center
  - Business-oriented pilot and PoC initiative development
- 2. Finding drone pilots from across relevant existing domain ecosystems
- 3. Innovation actions for companies facilitated by research institutes
  - Initiative workshops, think tanks, impact assessments, service concepts, etc.
- 4. Active and continuous piloting and testing
  - R&D projects support piloting → "Cookbook for Doing Drone Business"
- 5. Commercialization of new innovative drone-related business models

#### Top themes in drone area

- EU regulation 1.6.2020
  - Specific category (hw requirements)
- Connectivity, 5G radio to replace dedicated LOS radio
- Low emissions
- Autonomity, Al
- Fleet mgmt, swarms
- UTM U-Space
- New energy options: hybrid, fuelcell (longer flight times)
- Drone as a service, operation capability 365 days / yr
  - All weather capabilities
- Multidrone
- Higher payloads
- UAM
- Landing pads, automatic recharge, automatic load/unload
- Advanced sensoring
- Antidrone

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# **Drone usecases (now)**

- Military Filming video or still pictures
  - Real estate
    - Car selling
    - Movies
  - Advertisement
  - Indie movies
  - Travel guides
  - Sport event
  - Measurements
  - Weather

  - Air quality Gas
  - Sample pickings
  - - 3D modelling
    - Lidar

    - Construction

    - Quality checks/

      - Progress monitoring
      - Infrastructure work fields

- - Architecture design

- - Animals

Roof

Security/surveillance

Industry areas

Public events

Parking slots

Fire departments

Search for the lost

Situation monitor

Road conditions

Water towers

Power lines

Windmills

Border control

Parks

Police

**Ports** 

**Bridges** 

Inspections

**Authorities** 

Blue-green algae

**Traffics congestions** 

- Environmental observation

- Water / heat / oil pipelines

- Beach monitoring
  - Deliery Fast food

Mobile nw measurements

Agriculture

Forestry

Marine

Irrigation

Fertilization

System control

Growth measure

Fire detection

Pest detection

Ice thickness

Leakage, gas

Fish farm monitoring

Storm damage analyse

Ferry condition checks

- Medicines

- Small parts

- Audio analyses

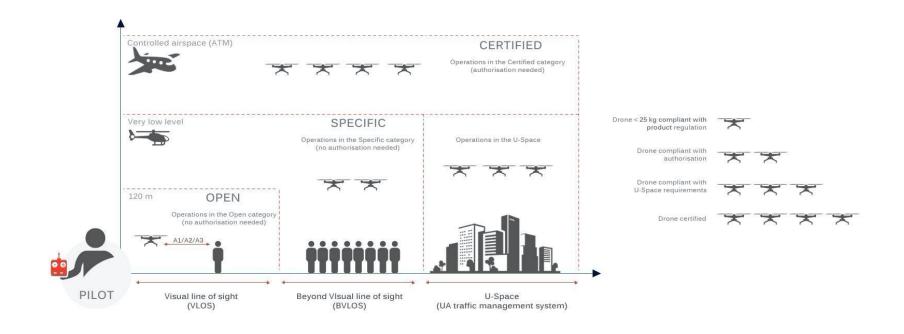
Anti Drone systems

- Noise levels
- Predictive maintenance
- Mapping

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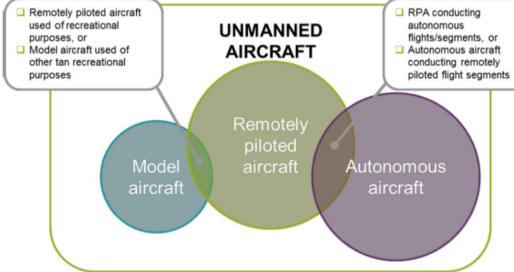
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#### New EU regulation is coming, replaces national rules Specific/certified categories (professional usage drones)













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## **DroLo Project focus**

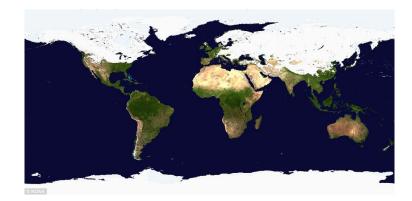
- From basic pilots to bigger system solutions
- Autonomous systems, fleets
- UTM in use
- 5G radio usage
- EU regulation needs for products
- Specific category features
- Multidrone
- Surveillance, monitoring
- Several drone hw manufacturers

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## The international market potential

- Finnish products are typically associated with good quality
  - Drone technologies validated in the challenging Nordic conditions will set an even greater safety margin when applied in the rest of world
    - Development of relevant know-how will also form the basis of a sustainable export potential from Finland
- Canada, Denmark, Iceland, Northern USA, Norway, Russia, Sweden, and some Asian countries have similar weather conditions as Finland has
  - Organisations in these countries utilise drone technologies in the same application areas as some of the Finnish drone users
- USA is one of the leading countries in the area of AI use in drones
  - Al technologies are utilised to compliment and substitute human actions in drone missions as well as process the data collected by using drones





### **DroLo project partners**

- The project partner network consists of different actors in the value chain:
  - Developer organisations:
    - Fleetonomy.Al
    - Company x
    - Company x

- End-users:
  - Securitas
  - Company x
  - Company x

- Research organizations:
  - VTT
  - FMI
- Public orgs. :



#### **Key contacts of the DroLo project**

- Mika Aro & Matti Helén, Securitas
- Hannu Karvonen (RAAS Coordinator) & Virpi Oksman, VTT
- Timo Lind, VTT
- Anne Hirsikko, Finnish Meteorological Institute
- Markus Kantonen, Fleetonomy.Al



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PROBLEM: FOR ANY COMMERCIALLY VIABLE DRONE FLEET OPERATION YOU NEED UTM, & MVP OF MULTIPLE DEDICATED AND INTEGRATED SERVICES

PROBLEM: REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS UNDER DEVELOPMENT AND OUT OF SYNC WITH ECOSYSTEM SERVICE LEVEL CAPABILITY

PROBLEM: OPERATIONS ARE MANUAL, INEFFICIENT, BENEFITS HARD TO UNDERSTAND AND EXPENSIVE

PROBLEM: REPLICATION AND SCALING OF OPERATIONS OUTSIDE OF HELSINKI AND FINLAND

#### **Partners:**

RumbleTools Securitas Avartek



### Research project scope

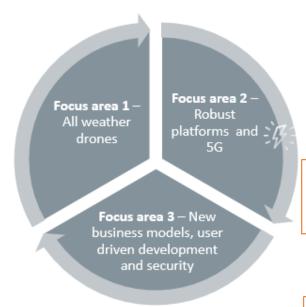
- The aim of the project is to produce research data, international market research, experiments and case studies to support business decision making.
- The research project is based on the growth prospects of the Finnish drone business, according to which drone utilization in business will grow strongly
  - The project is carried out by VTT and the Finnish Meteorological Institute and an international consortium (AIST, MOU/Japan)
- The focus areas of the study are: Focus Area 1 Drone Weather Resistance, Focus Area 2 - Robust Platforms and 5G, and Focus Area 3 - Business Models, International Markets, Customer Focused Solutions and Social Acceptance



### Research project focus areas



- Solution
  - All weather drones
    - Predicting weather
  - Longer flight time
  - Autonomic operation



Solution



- · Customized data solutions
- · Power from cell fuel
- 5G





- · New business models
- User driven development, ease of use
- Acceptance and security