

Boeing signs EU Network Manifesto of U-space Demonstrators, an initiative launched by the European Commission

Oct. 19, 2018 -- Today, Boeing joined the European Network of U-Space Demonstrators, a Europe-wide platform for aggregating early Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) airspace management initiatives, launched by Violeta Bulc, European Commissioner for Transport.

By signing the EU Network Manifesto, Boeing deepens its existing partnership with the European Commission, the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), the SESAR Joint Undertaking (SJU), Eurocontrol and others, and adds a global dimension to the newly established European Network of U-Space Demonstrators.

The Network's objective is to step up future technology and the associated regulatory framework, triggering a whole spectrum of new and highly innovative businesses and service opportunities in the UAS marketplace, in particular Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) and automated operations.

"With increasing urbanization, a growing global population, aging infrastructure and the explosion of ecommerce, there is a need for new, sustainable and accessible modes of transportation. Boeing has more than a century of experience safely introducing and integrating new technologies and vehicles," said Mildred Troegeler, director, Global Airspace Integration Strategy & Execution. "The EU network of demonstrators will allow regulators and industry to learn from each other and to make the new frontier of transport a reality without compromising safety."

"Aviation matters, and the future of aviation matters even more," said Brian Moran, vice president, Government Affairs Europe, Boeing. "That is why we are proud to support the Commission and its partners on important initiatives like these, building on our growing footprint and regulatory engagement here in Europe."

Boeing is leading the charge in creating fundamental changes to solve for the transportation challenges of the future. Perhaps the biggest challenge is the need for a new kind of global airspace that is safe, reliable and robust enough to accommodate diverse vehicles, whether they are piloted or autonomous. Through the company's technology development and investments, as well as work with industry leaders, new and existing partners, and regulators, Boeing is uniting the key enablers and stakeholders to make the future mobility ecosystem a reality.
