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CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR EUROPEAN U-SPACE SERVICES - EXTENSION FOR URBAN AIR MOBILITY

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Divisions (each ranging from 25 to 50 persons):



Controller Assistance



Pilot Assistance



ATM-Simulation



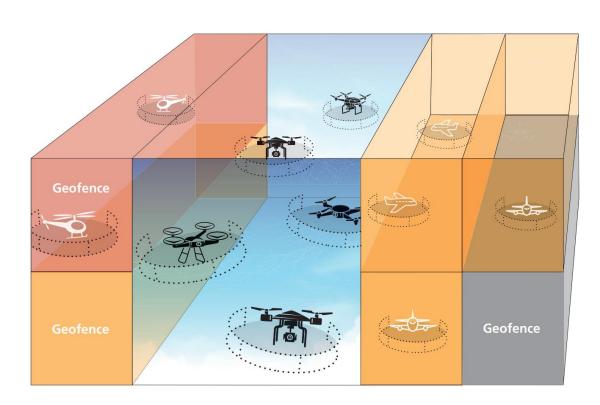
Human Factors



Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Urban Air Mobility Optimised use of airspace for all users





Integration of UAS into controlled airspace

Optimised mission planning and execution

Testing new procedure and concepts

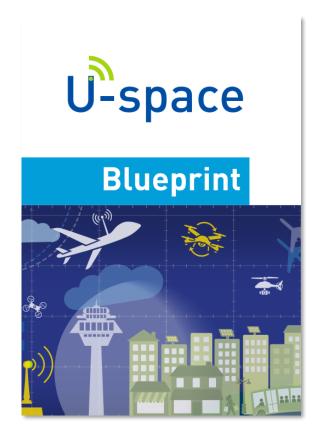
- Current U-space projects: AREA U-space, EUREKA, SAFIR-Ready, etc.
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Progress from U-space Blueprint to ConOps Edition 3 to 4



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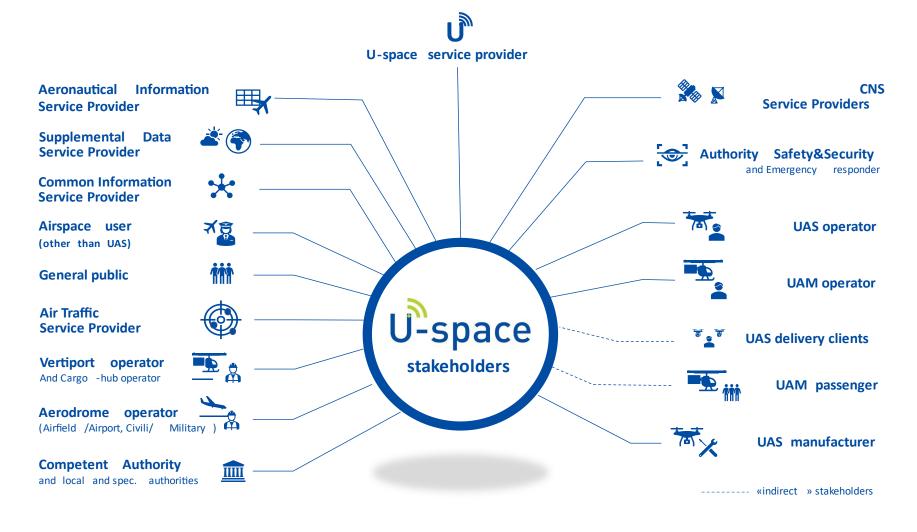






Who and What is U-space?





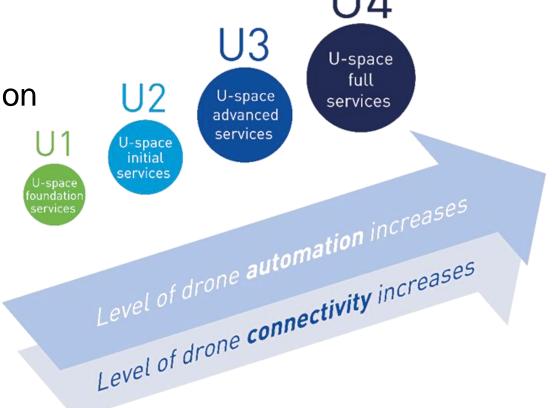


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U-space evolution eras

- Before 2023: the foundation of U-space
- 2023-2030: Initial U-space implementation
- From 2030: General U-space
- Advanced U-space
- Full U-space Integration



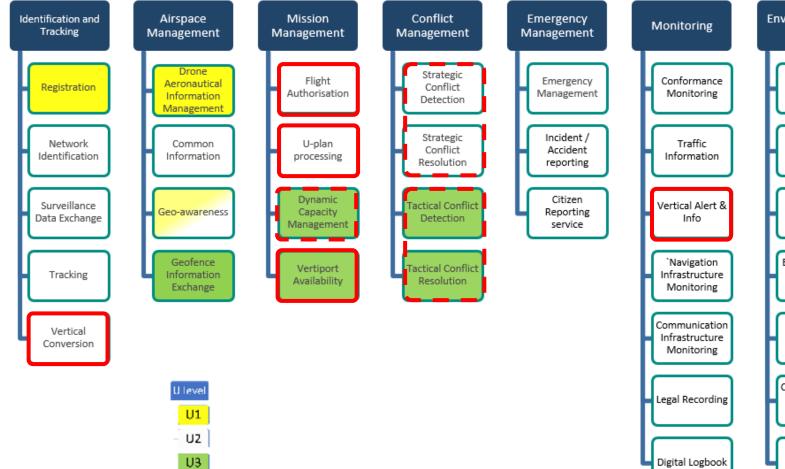


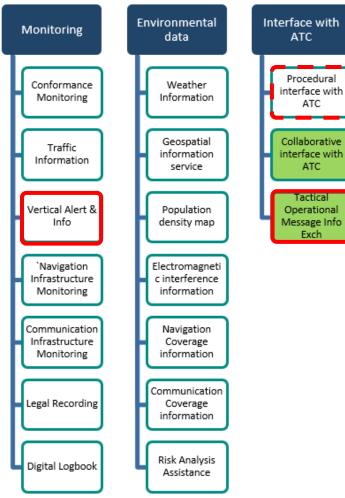
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What's new?

U-space Services







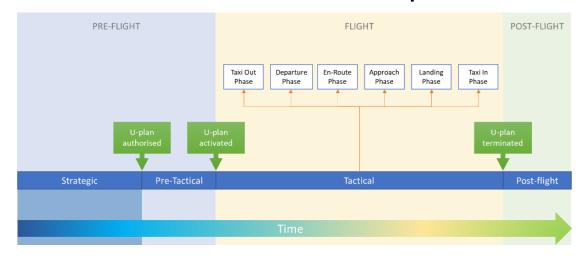
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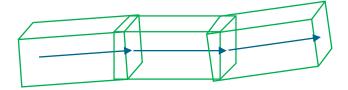
What's new?

U-plan

Different tasks in different phases



4D Trajectories/Volumes



Pre-defined U-plan states:
 authorisation, activation, termination

 Strategic and tactical conflict detection, prediction and resolution

Vertiports play important part in Uplan



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What's new?

Vertiports

- Important part of the U-plan and its lifecycle
- Real-time tracking of vertiport availability and capacity constraints
- Selection of alternate vertiports
- Vertiport Traffic Zone (V-TZ)





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What's new?

UFR: U-space Flight Rules*

- Proposal of a dedicated set of flight rules uniquely applicable for users of U-space services in U-space airspace
- The principle behind UFR is to enable aircraft operations that cannot conform to VFR, SVFR or IFR in all operational conditions"
- Standardized U-space equipment, interfaces and protocols
- Aircraft operating under UFR are not expected to receive voice communications from ATS units

^{*}Low maturity

Open Questions at ConOps Level



- Fairness in conflict resolution & demand capacity balancing
 - What does fair mean?
 - Can cost be part of a fairness mechanism?
 - Where else should cost be discussed?
- Human factors
 - Crewed vs. uncrewed operations
 - How does that impact the design of tactical processes?
- Flight rules
- Responsibilities
- Detect and Avoid
 - Independent safety net or part of U-space
- How does weather impact strategic and tactical decision making processes

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