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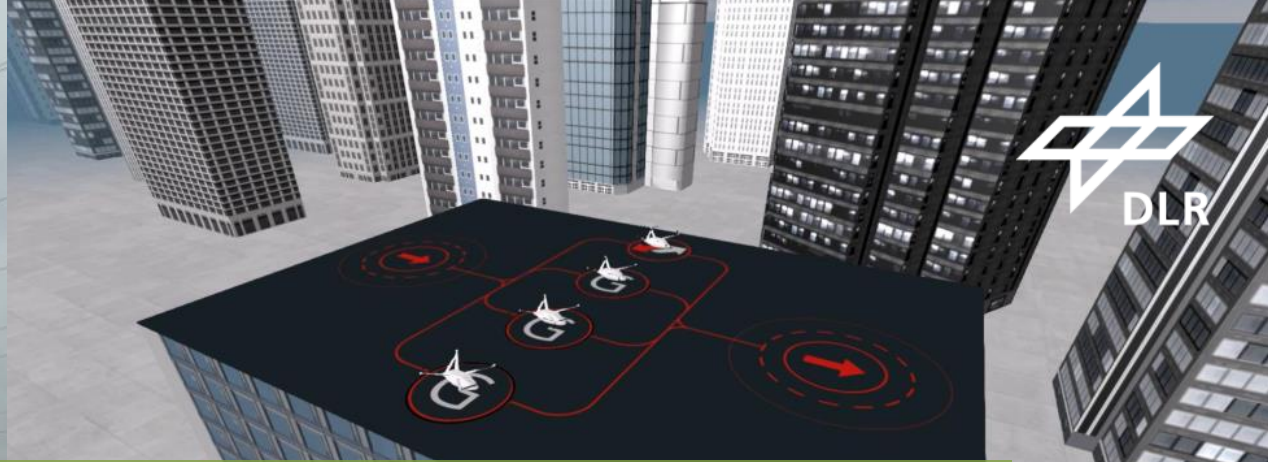
# **FROM URBAN TO INNOVATIVE AIR MOBILITY**

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## Innovative Air Mobility (IAM):

the safe, secure and sustainable air mobility of passengers and cargo enabled by new-generation technologies integrated into a multimodal transportation system

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# UAM as subset of IAM



- **Urban Air Mobility (UAM):**  
the subset of IAM operations conducted into, out of or within urban environments.
- **Regional Air Mobility (RAM):**  
the subset of IAM operations conducted outside of urban environments.
- **Advanced Air Mobility (AAM):**  
Synonym to IAM, mainly used in North America since 2020.



# BACKGROUND: HORIZONUAM



# Urban Air Mobility Research at the German Aerospace Center (DLR)



## Objective:

**Assessment of opportunities and challenges of air taxis and urban air mobility (UAM) concepts**

## Main content

- Forecast of UAM market share
- Model-based UAM system simulation
- Air taxi vehicle system development
- Flight guidance concepts for vertidromes
- Airport integration of UAM traffic
- Public acceptance
- Scaled flight demonstrations in model city

📅 Duration: 07/2020 – 08/2023 (38 months)

👤 Scope: 52.1 person-years (9.1 M€)

🤝 Participants: 10 DLR institutes, cooperation partners NASA and Bauhaus Luftfahrt

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[www.horizonuam.dlr.de](http://www.horizonuam.dlr.de)

# Can Urban Air Mobility Become Reality?

Opportunities and challenges of UAM as innovative mode of transport



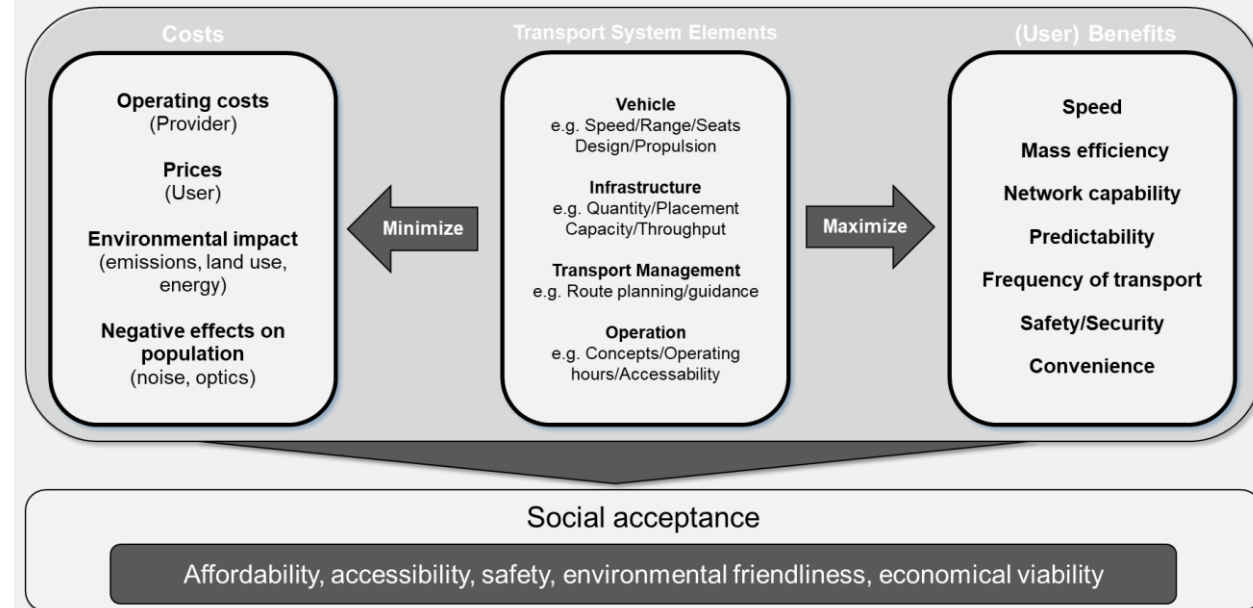
## Overall system assessment

- The results of HorizonUAM indicate that UAM could become technically feasible in the near future.

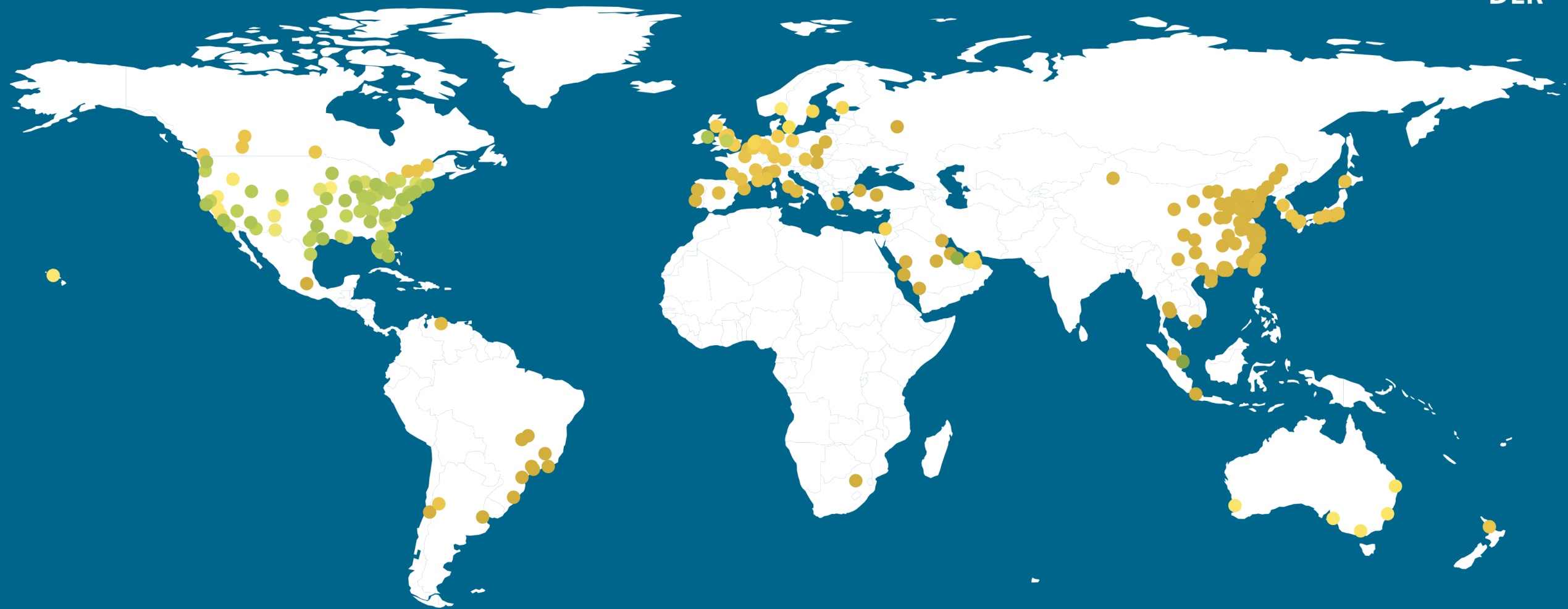
## Key challenges

- Following key challenges need to be addressed:
  - *Profitability*
  - *Complexity of the UAM system*
  - *Social acceptance & community acceptance*

Social acceptance resulting from balancing the costs and benefits of a transportation system



- ▶ Careful optimization of system components and a holistic view on the system are needed to minimize costs and maximize the quality of UAM services in order to contribute to the economic viability and successful deployment of UAM systems.



## Cities with market potential for UAM services in 2050

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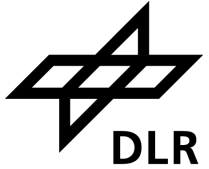
An architectural rendering of a city street scene. On the left is a modern building with a long wooden overhang and large glass windows. In the foreground, a dark, sleek flying car is hovering over a helipad marked with orange and white concentric circles. In the background, a river flows through the city, with a bridge and various buildings, including a church with a tall spire, visible under a blue sky with light clouds.

# OUTLOOK: IAM-OSA



# IAM-OSA

Innovative Air Mobility for Optimal Sustainability and Accessibility



## Objective: Investigate inter-modal and regional air taxi applications

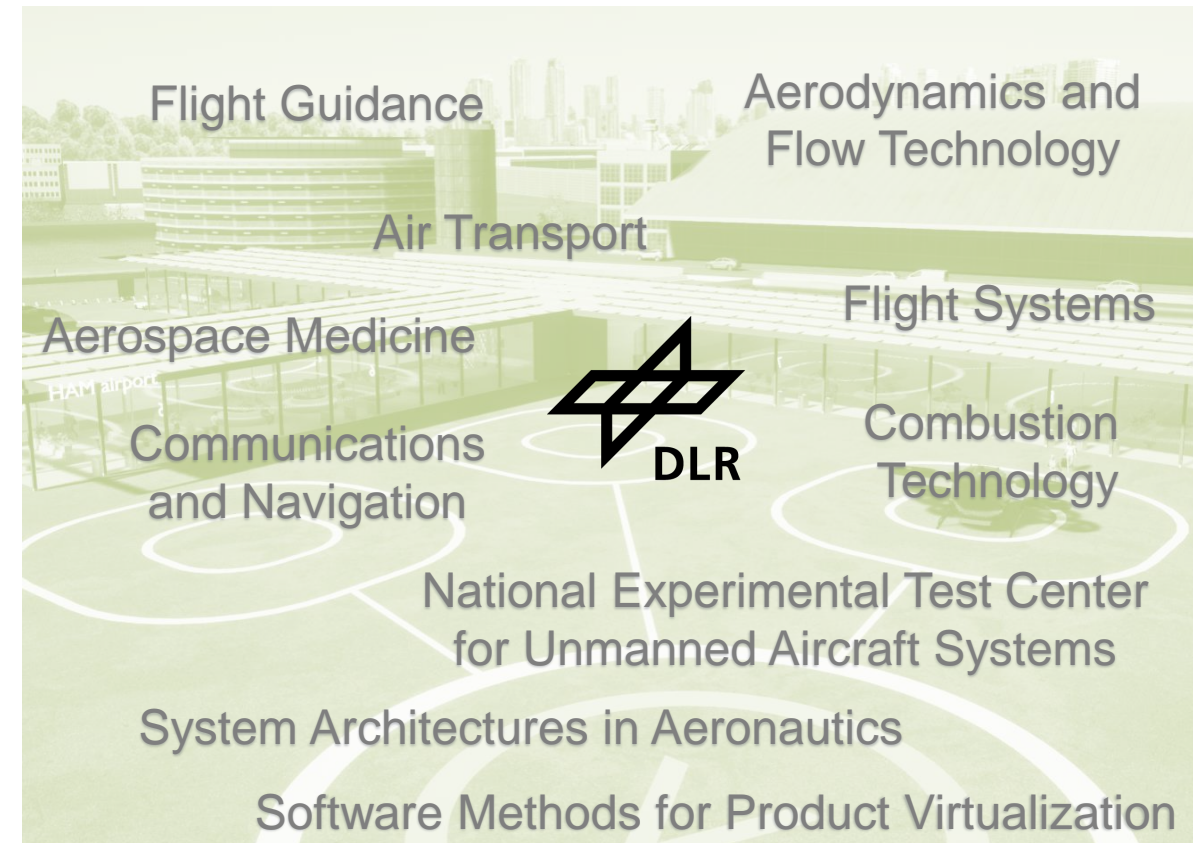
### Main content

- Sustainable integration of IAM into existing mobility networks
- Accessible vertiport placement
- System-of-system simulation
- Air taxi control center conceptualization
- Passenger acceptance for autonomous aircraft
- Safe and secure autonomy functions
- Aircraft acoustics

📅 Duration: 01/2025 – 12/2027 (36 months)

📁 Scope: 7.0 M€ (tbc)

👥 Participants: 10 DLR institutes/facilities



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Questions?



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