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Dear Commissioner Violeta Bulc,
Dear Members of the Committee on Transport and Tourism,

the European Airspace is common property that is used for more than a century by manned aviation. In this period, aviation has grown a worldwide solidly united community.

Meanwhile, a new user in our common airspace is on the rise. Unmanned aviation should become a part of our aviation community, but therefore we need to know the thoughts, intentions and experience of each other much better.

Unfortunately, the ongoing U-Space rulemaking process is predominantly led by the interests of the new unmanned participants in the airspace. The U-Space must integrate itself into the existing airspace and ATM structures, keeping the whole airspace usable for manned aviation without unnecessary restrictions and technological standards that are specified by the drone industry only.

Segregated unmanned aviation leads in the wrong direction and cuts off the needs and interests of air sports, general aviation, commercial aviation and the considerable number of emergency-, safety- and security-related flights.

Also, segregation is problematic for more than a few airspace users with special concerns like police, military or ambulance operations. These missions are unlikely to be compatible with segregated airspace, as they are subject to be of very short notice as well as sudden changes in mission and flight path.

The future of our European Airspace can only be shaped with all stakeholders working together. The trend of isolated applications and pursuance of goals that are in opposition to SERA jeopardizes the idea of Single European Sky.

We are concerned that the regulation process compromises flight safety and the free access to airspace. Manned aviation and its stakeholders must be involved in every part of U-space regulation in any case.

We need to keep the skies open to everyone, but the goal of safe, affordable and fair integration of unmanned aviation into the airspace can only be attained with the knowledge and professionalism of the existing aviation community.

Therefore, we suggest holding a European inter-aviation workshop with all affected stakeholders. Aviation gets a new teammate, let us win this match together.

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