## **Unmanned air vehicles**

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### RISKS

• Mid-air collisions with manned aircraft

• Harm to people

 Damage to property, in particular, sensitive infrastructure





### EUROPE

#### European Commission

- 150K jobs in 10 years
- Strict rules on safety
- Protect the citizens rights, surveillance, monitoring
- Tough controls to ensure security
- Guaranteed third party liability and insurance
- EASA Safety approach
  - Open category
  - Specific Operation
  - Certified
- CAA
  - Certification authority <150Kg
  - CAP 722, Edition 6, Mar 2015
  - Dronecode



European Commission





### USA



**Milestone announcement** 22 June 2016

"\$82B, 100,000 jobs in a decade"

- Small drones <55lb
- Visual Line of Sight in day and twilight
- Speed and over flight restrictions waivers from online portal
- Pilot certificate > 16 years old, tested every two years
- Operators responsible for safety visual checks, comms
- All pilots given 'privacy' training

# Dronecode

- **D**on't fly near airports or airfields
- **R**emember to stay below 400ft (120m) and 150ft (50m) away from buildings and people
- Observe your drone at all times
- Never fly near aircraft
- Enjoy responsibly



#### Airspace Design for Small Drone Operations







#### "Clarity From Above" May 2016



Total	\$ <b>127.3 Billion</b>
Mining	4.4
Telecommunication 6.3	
Insurance	6.8
Media & Entertainment	8.8
Security	10
Transport	13
Agriculture	32.4
Infrastructure	45.2
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### The detection challenge

Drone targets - Small, low and slow



# Holographic Radar

Software based, scalable radar – wide application



### Holographic radar for drone detection and tracking



- "Floodlight" transmit, planar array of receivers
- Digital beamforming on receive
- Detection of 0.01m<sup>2</sup> target to 5km
- 3D location and tracking
- 90° sector coverage
- No moving parts
- 0.25s update rate (variable, can be increased)
- Continuous staring at all targets, all the time very fine Doppler resolution
- Micro-Doppler resolves rotor motion, distinguish from birds

### Drone tracked incoming from 5km





## Autonomy





















### Drones are an increasing part of everyday life, but they are not taking over the world.

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