

**Report of the Chair of the IFATCA  
Remotely Piloted Aircraft Task Force (RPATF)**

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**SUMMARY**

*The Remotely Piloted Aircraft Task Force (RPATF) has supported the IFATCA's positions on UAS operations by participating in conferences, events, demonstrations, and working groups at regional, and international levels.*

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. This report covers the activities of the Remotely Piloted Aircraft Task Force (RPATF) from May 2024 to March 2025. Integrations to this report about new elements or on ongoing activities will be provided at the Conference.

**2. DISCUSSION**

- 2.1. The RPATF (Remote Piloted Aircraft Task Force) was first established after the Conference of Ghana 2018 as a specialized team on UAS operations and the introduction of the concept of Task Force in the Administrative Manual in the Conference of Costa Rica 2019 provides a recognized status to this working group. Mr. Eugenio Diotalevi (ANACNA) has been the RPATF Chair since September 2019.

**2.2. ACTIVITIES**

- 2.2.1. The 2024/25 Task Force's activities have been conducted not directly but under the umbrella of other main IFATCA activities: SESAR, EASA, ICAO, and others. For this reason, the allocated budget hasn't been used.

- 2.2.2. RPATF members are involved in international working groups, and they provide comments and inputs following the TPM's policy statements. Main areas of interests are:

- EASA: meeting in June '24 to discuss the Dynamic Reconfiguration of Airspace (as per recommendation of WP156 IFATCA '23), future involvement in RMT for updating U-space regulations
- European Expert Group on Human Dimension (EGHD): support to UAS papers' development
- EUROCAE: WG 105 Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS): activities related with NIS (Network Information Service, Flight Authorisation Service), 8 meetings.

- EUROCAE: WG 115 Counter Unmanned Aircraft Systems (C-UAS)
- ICAO: Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems Panel (RPASP): see report
- ICAO AAM-SG: see report
- JARUS Automation WG: 2 meetings
- JARUS ISB (Industry Stakeholders Body): 2 meetings
- SESAR ECHO 2 (European Concepts High Altitude Operations)
- SESAR U-ELCOM (U-space European Common deployment): Advisory Board Member, 3 meetings
- SESAR IRINA (IFR RPAS Integration into European Airspace) → Advisory Board Member, 4 meetings (+ other 2 scheduled June '25, October '25)
- SESAR EUREKA (European Key solutions for vertiports and UAM) → Advisory Board Member, 8 meetings (AB + sub-WGs)
- SESAR OPERA (OPERate Anywhere): 4 meetings + 2 in-person demonstrations
- SESAR Master Plan Campaign: representing European PSO in WG4–U-space 2.0, 6 meetings.
- European Network of U-space Stakeholders: 2 meetings

2.2.3. No Guidance Material has been produced or updated in the period covered by the report. However, there have been occasions to exchange information and comments with IFATCA TOC and PLC.

## 2.3. COMPOSITION

2.3.1. Following the requests for TF support delivered by the TF Chair at Singapore's Conference, 6 new members were added to the TF mailing list. RPA-TF Chair would like to thank all members for the support and for the commitment.

2.3.2. However, due to the very limited geographical distribution of the activities (Europe), only a few members have been involved or asked for real support.

## 2.4. TASKS

2.4.1. After initial contacts with some MAs following in-person exchanges at Singapore's Conference, the TF was not involved or invited to perform any activities.

2.4.2. MAs which might need support from the expertise gained by the RPA- TF, can contact [eugenio.diotalevi@ifatca.org](mailto:eugenio.diotalevi@ifatca.org) or [rpas.tf.lead@ifatca.org](mailto:rpas.tf.lead@ifatca.org).

## 3. **CONCLUSION**

3.1. The amount of work carried on by the RPATF in the last year has been significant.

3.2. Despite the current lack of tasks, MAs which might need support from the expertise gained by the RPA-TF, can contact [eugenio.diotalevi@ifatca.org](mailto:eugenio.diotalevi@ifatca.org) or [rpas.tf.lead@ifatca.org](mailto:rpas.tf.lead@ifatca.org).

## 4. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1. It is recommended this report be accepted.

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