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AERIAL CITIES 2024: POST-EVENT REPORT

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A global invitation-only event for decision-makers

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Eszter Kovács

CO-FOUNDER & CEO OF DRONETALKS GROUP

"As the CEO of DroneTalks, I find immense satisfaction in witnessing the continued growth and engagement within the drone ecosystem. Our online platform was established with a vision to spread ideas and educate professionals, and it has evolved into a multifaceted resource offering a spectrum of products and services tailored to the evolving needs of growing organisations."

At the core of DroneTalks is Aerial Cities, and in 2024; the result was incredible. We brought together the most influential regulators, urban environment leaders, and drone service users with C-level executives of drone organisations to bridge the gap between urban environments and the implementation of drone operations.

Over two days of engaging panel sessions and keynotes, participants experienced thought-provoking discussions and exceptional networking opportunities, fostering meaningful connections to drive industry innovation.

DroneTalks offers more services throughout the year for the drone ecosystem. Our training programmes, both in-person and online, are designed to empower aviation decision makers, large enterprises, government associations and anyone else looking for an up-to-date understanding of the drone ecosystem.

The DroneTalks interview series stands as a testament to our commitment to knowledge-sharing. Experienced professionals converge to share insights on emerging technologies, regulatory changes, and insider updates; creating a valuable resource for staying ahead of industry trends.

In essence, DroneTalks goes beyond being a platform; it is a vibrant community-driven initiative that strives to foster collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and professional development to drive drone innovations forward.

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2024 ATTENDEES

170
EXECUTIVES

5+
INVESTORS

50+
DRONE & AAM COMPANIES

20+
CITIES & GOVERNMENTS

45+
FIRST RESPONSE EXPERTS

60+
DRONE, TELECOM & MOBILITY COMPANIES

15+
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PROGRAMME

DAY 1

13 NOVEMBER

Drinks and arrivals
13:00 - 14:00

Opening keynote
14:00 - 14:30

Emerging trends and the evolving landscape of the aerial cities
14:30 - 15:00

Trends and opportunities: An industry perspective on the past successes and challenges ahead
15:00 - 15:45

Break
15:45 - 16:15

Investor views on scaling businesses
16:15 - 17:00

Funding a scalable business model
17:00 - 17:45

eVTOL and AAM - A step closer to reality?
17:45 - 18:30

Slido questions
18:30 - 19:00

Gala dinner
19:00-23:30

DAY 2

14 NOVEMBER

Opening keynote
09:30 - 10:00

Airspace modernisation and the governance layers challenge: How are state, regional and local authorities winning the coordination challenge?
10:00 - 11:00

Enabling BVLOS operations at scale: How do we get the authorities on board?
11:00 - 11:40

Conversation with drone service users: The needs of ports - Can we export their lessons to entire cities?
11:40 - 12:30

Lunch
12:30 - 14:00

Successful proof of concepts are challenging to scale: An insider perspective
14:00 - 15:00

Break
15:00 - 15:30

Adoption of drone technology, BVLOS in focus - What are the users' needs?
15:30 - 16:15

A perspective on smart cities
16:15 - 17:00

The path to SAIL IV operations: The ultimate approval for aerial cities
17:00 - 17:30

Closing keynote
17:30 - 18:00

HIGHLIGHT REEL

Emerging trends and the evolving landscape of aerial cities | Aerial Cities 2024

Lorenzo Murzilli
Co-founder and CEO of Murzilli Consulting

Denise Braemer
Hamburg Aviation's Project Lead for CITYAM (Interreg Baltic Sea Region - Hamburg)

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Thomas Curran
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José Javier Rodríguez Hernández
Deputy Director of Traffic Management and Taxi Service at Madrid City Council

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Dario Di Martino
Founder & CEO of DMD Solutions

Gabriela Matic
Co-founder & Director at Metta/ Venture Partner at Aerospace Xelerated

Gary Cutts
Challenge Director for Future Flight at UK Research and Innovation

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Co-Founder & CEO of Sunflower Labs

GALLERY

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TESTIMONIALS & RATINGS

9.1 ★★★★★
Variety of topics

9.5 ★★★★★
Networking opportunities

9.5 ★★★★★
Overall opinion

"The identification of specific obstacles for scaling UAS operations and their discussion by **qualified experts** on the panels were the standout highlights for me."

Marcel Kägi
Director Aviation Policy & Strategy Division, Federal Office of Civil Aviation Switzerland

"The quality and knowledge of the delegates, range of topics on the agenda, and conversations during the breaks were excellent— most definitely worthwhile attending. **Probably the best drone event of the year."**

John Cartledge
Head of Mapping & GIS, KOREC

"It was a fantastic event and came off flawlessly. I was honored to be an attendee. The panels were educational and well worth the insights from across the globe. **The networking opportunities were priceless.** Thank you for allowing me to be a part."

Emily Demarche
Chief Financial Officer, NUAIR Alliance

Aerial Cities 2025

Aerial Cities returns in 2025, hosted for the first time in Dublin, Ireland, in collaboration with Dublin City Council and the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA).

This exclusive event is invitation-only for decision makers. If you're interested and do not receive an invitation in 2025, please visit our website at aerialcities.dronetalks.online or contact us at info@dronetalks.ch for more information.

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Top reasons to attend

- **Invite-only** C-level audience
- Opportunity to network with top-level decision-makers
- Thought leadership opportunities
- Sponsors gain valuable exposure and strategic contacts leading into, during and post-event
- **Meet peers** in a curated environment to advance business connections and partnership
- Hear what is needed to **help drive your innovations from users**
- Be part of the discussion about the future

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