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**First JARUS Plenary Meeting in 2016
11th-15th April (Madrid, Spain)**



The first plenary meeting of the Joint Authorities for Rulemaking on Unmanned Systems (JARUS) in 2016 was hosted in Madrid (Spain) by the Agencia Estatal de Seguridad Aérea (AESA) from 11 to 15 April.

87 experts from 28 JARUS member countries gathered in Madrid representing Australia, Austria, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Malta, The Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom and USA.

For the first time at a Plenary Meeting, JARUS welcomed the industry representatives of the recently created Stakeholder Consultation Body (SCB). Their participation aims to provide strategic and policy advice related to the activities and deliverables of JARUS. This collaboration will facilitate the development of proportionate regulatory proposals, to cover the unique features and characteristics of RPAS for the safe integration into the airspace. The SCB members represent the following organisations: AIA, ASD, AUVSI, CANSO, COCESNA, EUROCAE, IFATCA, IATA, IAOPA, IBAC, IFALPA, RTCA and UVSI, as well other nominated At-Large members.



On Monday 11th April, Isabel Maestre Moreno, AESA Director and José Maria Ramirez, AESA Coordinator for International and Strategic Safety Activities opened the plenary session at the Headquarters of the Spanish Ministry of Public Works and Transport. During the first day, the SCB members were welcomed and a series of briefings given on JARUS WG-6 publication of AMC.1309 criteria for RPAS, progress on the Specific Operation Risk Assessment (SORA) and updates on national events from Denmark, EASA, Malta, Spain and USA. Tuesday and Wednesday were dedicated to the JARUS Working Groups to coordinate their current work on the different deliverables and to establish a timeline and work plan to be published shortly in the JARUS website. On Thursday, the Technical Working Groups' Leaders presented the current working plan status: objectives, schedule, coordination with other WGs, risks and challenges, deliverables as well as an update on the WGs' milestones.

During the last day the Czech Republic, Italy and Japan presented their current RPAS legislation. The European Global Navigation Satellite Systems Agency (GSA) explained the added value EGNOS and GALILEO have for RPAS and Air Space Drone (ASD) showed how to integrate RPAS into the airspace.

The 2nd JARUS plenary meeting in 2016 will take place in Washington DC in late September or early October (date to be announced).

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Note to editors

JARUS is a group of experts from 44 National Aviation Authorities (NAAs) and regional aviation safety organizations, as well as EASA and EUROCONTROL.

JARUS aims to recommend a single set of technical, safety and operational requirements for the certification and the safe integration of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) in airspace and at aerodrome. Seven Working Groups provide guidance material and recommendations to facilitate national aviation authorities to develop their own requirements and avoid unnecessary duplication of effort.

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