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## **DRONES: MORE THAN 2.500 FIRMS IN ITALY BUT STILL BIG UNFAIRNESS AT "ROMA DRONE" ENAC REPORT ABOUT THE UAV MARKET**

More than 2.500 companies are operative in Italy in the drones sector. Most of them, such as 1.939 are operators working through "no critical flight", without overflight on crowded and urban zones or sensible infrastructures. 395 companies, on the contrary, realize "critical operations" that need some procedures to ensure the necessary security level. 197 operators use under-300grams mini-drones considered innocuous and useful also in city areas. These are some figures that will be presented by Italian Civil Aviation Authority (ENAC) during "Roma Drone Campus", the new event about training and business in the drone sector, that will take place on next February 21 and 22 at the Department of Engineering of Università Roma Tre (Via Volterra, 62)

"Professional drones market in Italy has been registering a big growth since the last three years, since the first issue of ENAC regulation in December 2013", as explained by Luciano Castro, Roma Drone Chairman. "The utilization of these UAV involves many applications concerning different professionals, even if it regards the use of drone realized abroad and above all in China. The important unfairness matter remains, regarding small firms operating without necessary authorization often without respecting security rules, spoiling the serious and regular operators. At Roma Drone we will present the perspective of this sector and compare ENAC with the specialized firm associations. The program foresees also a briefing for a group of foreign diplomats about drones market and technology in Italy".

The program of "Roma Drone Campus 2017" will open on February 21<sup>st</sup> with "Roma Drone Conference 2017", the inauguration plenary session where the main Italian experts in this sector will take part. During this conference the ENAC Report will be presented and the "Roma Drone Award 2017" will be assigned, first edition of a prize that will reward public entities, companies/start-up and experts for their important contribution to development of UAV utilization in civil and military sector in Italy. During the two-day event 80 courses and workshops will take place. Among them also specific training courses about drones utilization in cooperation with professional Associations as engineers, surveyors, journalists and land surveyors. On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, the "FPV Drone Racing Convention" is foreseen: a round table with the participation of Aero Club D'Italia about the new sport with racing mini drones, that registers a real success in Italy and all over the world.

"Roma Drone Campus 2017", organized by Ifimedia and Mediarkè, has received numerous sponsorships: the Ministries of Defence, Economic Development and Environment, ENAC, ANSV, CNR, ENEA, CIRA, ENAV, Aero Club d'Italia, Lazio Region, Metropolitan City of Rome Capital and the UAV Associations UASIT, ASSORPAS, FIAPR, AIDRONI, EDPA. Scientific partners are the Department of Engineering of Università Roma Tre and the Link Campus University. The event is supported by a group of partner companies, that will organize courses and workshops, and that will be present with their stands: Laser Navigation (sponsor), Aerovision, AirVision/Neutech, Drone Aviation, iDroni, Microgeo, Mr.Ideas, Nimbus, Pagnanelli Risk Solutions, Tecnofly2008, Urbe Aero, Virtual Robotix Italia, Yuneec. Further information on [www.romadrone.it](http://www.romadrone.it)

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