WP 8 – Drones in Arctic Environments

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Aim of the WP 8

- Increase knowledge on drone technology and current legislation, for the use of drones among station managers and scientists
- Identify UAV sensors specifically for arctic research or currently underrepresented in the Arctic
- Making industry aware of innovative potential users requiring drone and sensor development
- Produce a best practice scheme for use of drones at arctic research stations





Partners involved in the WP

- INTERACT community users, scientists and station managers
- Industry partners such as manufacturer of drones and sensor technologies
- Organizations related to drone business
- Other stakeholders on the market e.g. authorities
- Universities and schools





- Collected information from several different companies providing different drone technology and sensors to be carried by drones
- Collected information from several scientists at various INTERACT stations and their typical applications where drones could be used
- All these information has contributed into the deliverables





- Field study in Tarfala
 Research Station.
 Established relation with
 University of Stockholm.
- Established partnerships with drone companies for future research and development





- Arranged several external and internal drone seminars
- Participated in seminars and workshops as speakers
- Drone webinar for Interact members





- INTERACT drone workshop Svalbard
- Overview of drone technology
- Legislation report
- Drone pocket guide
- Demonstration and exhibition





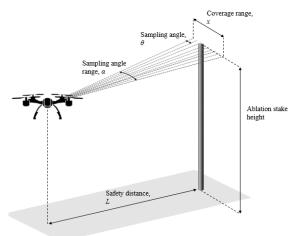


- Excellent media response, nationally and internationally
- Major social media outreach
- Extensive
 collaboration with
 KTH Royal Institute of
 Technology six
 master thesis
 students contributed





- Automatic water sampler for aerial drones
- Snow Change Tracking Aid with a drone
- Typical examples of how development project can be combined with drone technology







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Report after the Svalbard meeting. Summarized the drone workshop. Included presentations. Workshop included "Drones Pocket Guide".



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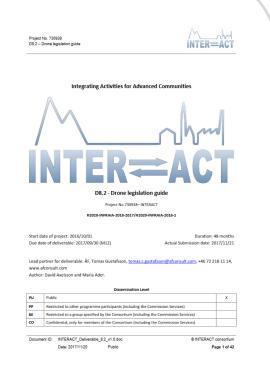
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Legislation report. Completed prior to the Svalbard meeting October 2017. Summarize regulations for all applicable countries of INTERACT.

Legislation is examined and fact checked. Interact homepage —> Using drones.







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Large report. Gives a detailed description of the drone technology. Typical examples of projects, hardware and applications.





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Conclusions and suggestions for new sensor development. Includes ongoing and future sensor projects where drones can be used.





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Guidelines for pilots, Arctic context. First document to start with before operating a drone. Popular scientific approach.



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WP8 and WP5 webinar in Januay 2018. 50 participants from 11 countries. Based on Svalbard workshop.



Added value

- Two projects funded by Sweden's innovation agency -Vinnova
 - Snow4All
 - > Avalanche rescue with drone
- Navigation issues in Arctic regions apply for financing from ESA
 - > Interact led us on this track.
- Commercial Drone Operator program
 - Swedish National Agency for Higher Vocational Education, University of Lund, ÅF
 - Unique opportunity for you to use their knowledge during their work placement



Deviations from workplan

- Postponed four deliverables
- Allowed to include two master thesis work
- No major impacts for the end users

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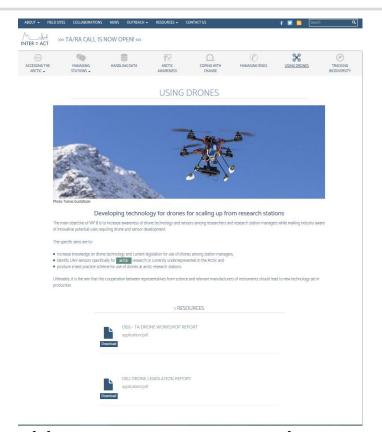


Expected impacts

- Lower barrier to adopt drone systems
- Improved research results for scientists
- Future development of robust drone systems
- ÅF will still be a strong future partner
- Follow the Interact from aside potential contribution to Interact from other projects
- Outreach to other partners and projects (conferences, media, workshops, etc)



Thanks for your attention



https://eu-interact.org/using-drones/

