## **URBAN AIR MOBILITY** 10 KEY SURVEY RESULTS

Urban Air Mobility (UAM) is a new mode of air transport of goods and passengers in urban environments, using electric aircraft taking off and landing vertically, with or without a pilot on board. First operations will be a reality 3 to 5 years from now.

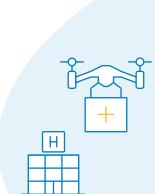
A POSITIVE INITIAL ATTITUDE TO UAM THROUGHOUT THE EU 83% express an initial positive attitude towards UAM

64% and 49%

ready to try out drones and air taxis respectively



Very homogeneous replies and no major differences across cities and respondent groups



Emergency and/or medical transport use cases receive greatest public interest. Top three use cases:

**41%** transport of injured person to hospital

**41%** drone delivery of groceries of medical supplies to hospitals

**36%** transport of emergency medical personnel

STRONG SUPPORT FOR USE CASES THAT ARE VALUABLE TO ALL

**TOP 3 EXPECTED BENEFITS:** FASTER, CLEANER, **EXTENDED CONNECTIVITY** 

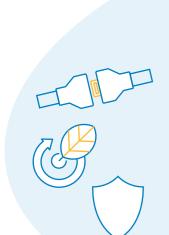
**71%** improved response time in emergencies

**51%** reduction of traffic jams

**48%** reduction of local emissions

**41%** development of remote areas





**Concerns on drones Concerns on air taxis** 

**44%** safety **38%** environmental **39%** security **38%** noise

**35%** environmental **37%** safety **29%** security **28%** noise

**TOP 3 CONCERNS: SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT/NOISE AND SECURITY** 

**SAFETY: EXISTING AVIATION SAFETY LEVELS ARE THE BENCHMARK** 



Citizens expect that operations are as safe as current aviation

Concerns increase with age of respondent



## Most concerns are on:

Negative impact on animals 62% for drones **56%** air taxis

**52%** for drones

Noise pollution

**53%** air taxis

43% for drones Environmental and climate impact from production, **42%** air taxis incl. battery

**ENVIRONMENT: PRIORITY IS PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE** 

**NOISE: ACCEPTABLE AT LEVEL OF FAMILIAR CITY SOUNDS** 



Level of annoyance varies with lack of familiarity with the sound; familiar city sounds at same decibel levels are better accepted



Level of trust on security and cybersecurity of UAM

technology just slightly above 50%

Half of the respondents would better trust UAM if security and cybersecurity regulations were adopted by all levels of European authorities working together

**NEED TO BUILD CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN CITIZENS** 



## **GROUND INFRASTRUCTURE: MUST INTEGRATE WELL**



Vertiports to be integrated within local mobility network

Drone delivery preferred close to the house (garden 68%, station in neighborhood 67%)

Concerns on noise (48%), safety (41%) and visual impact to be addressed





Similar trust level towards local, regional, national and European authorities to address UAM

Expectation by respondents is that local actors will contribute in developing the regulations

**REGULATORY AUTHORITIES: MUST WORK TOGETHER AT ALL LEVELS** 

Context: While UAM projects and demonstrators are developing in Europe, EASA wants to anticipate this new mode of transport and provide an enabling comprehensive regulatory environment for the EU to become one of the first movers in this field at global level. To this effect, EASA conducted in early 2021 a study to measure the societal acceptance by EU citizens of UAM operations. Read more at www.easa.europe.eu/UAM

