

# Acquiring a fleet of combat UAVs is a procurement priority for Poland

*Network with procurement decision makers at the only conference dedicated to UAV capability enhancement in the Central and Eastern European region.*

PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC, July 6, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Eastern European militaries are increasingly deploying UAVs](#), with governments planning acquisitions and local defense companies developing systems to bid against Western manufacturers. Poland's ongoing 139 billion zloty (US\$37 billion) military modernisation program for 2013 to 2022 includes the purchase of a wide range of combat and reconnaissance drones, with deliveries scheduled to begin in 2016, according to the Defence Ministry's strategic document. In July 2015, Poland's Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Tomasz Siemoniak said that acquiring a fleet of combat UAVs is a procurement priority.

(Source: DefenseNews, 'E. European Countries Eye Drone Acquisitions, Operations')



Against this backdrop, SMi is proud to announce that Colonel Mariusz Jachol, Chief of the IMINT Development Branch, J2 General Staff, General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces will be sharing a case study on Day One at 09:50 titled "IMINT Capability Development Programme - The ISR Build-Up in the Polish Armed Forces". His presentation will cover the following key points:

- Current priorities for the development of IMINT collection capability
- Current assets available for the collection of imagery intelligence
- The potential for the greater usage of UASs/Spaces assets to produce imagery intelligence
- Supporting infrastructure to process and share IMINT to forces - reshape for new command structure
- On-going requirements for air and space ISR capability

SMi's [UAV Technology Eastern Europe](#) conference, taking place on 21-22 September 2016 in Prague, Czech Republic, will explore the tactics and technologies for advancing capability in this important area. Drawing on the experience and ongoing work of regional military experts and those from across NATO, the forum will deliberate operational lessons learnt, from challenging environments such as counter-insurgency operations in the Middle East to ongoing security efforts across Europe. In addition to strategy for UAV use, military programme managers from procurement shall discuss the [requirements and updates for key programmes](#). Importantly, the conference will also benefit from the guidance of technical leaders from research and industry, whose insight into the latest UAV platforms, optronics, sensors, datalinks, ground control centres, airborne weapons and mission support systems

will provide greater awareness of existing and future capability.

Expert Military Speaker Panel includes:

- Colonel Mariusz Jachol, Chief of the IMINT Development Branch, J2 General Staff, General Staff of Polish Armed Forces
- Colonel Adrian Fischer, Commander, 84th UAS Command, Swiss Air Force
- Lieutenant Colonel Vlastimil Vasicek, Reconnaissance and Electronic Warfare Branch, Czech MoD
- Lieutenant Colonel Petr Stodola, Associated Professor, Department of Tactics, University of Defence, Czech Republic
- Chief Warrant Officer Two Michael Pierre, Geospatial Technician, Intergraded Geospatial Intelligence Division, Alpha Company, 24th Military Intelligence Battalion, United States Army
- Lieutenant Colonel Roland Runge, Chief of the RPA/ISR Section, Flying Operations Directorate, German Air Force Command
- Lieutenant Colonel Peter Wester, Head of Research and Development Division, Research and Development Division, Danish Army Intelligence Centre
- Captain Nicklas Fredriksson, Squadron Commander, TUAS, Swedish Armed Forces
- Mr Allan Storm, International Staff Officer, Aerospace Capabilities Section, NATO Headquarters

To view the full speaker line-up and conference programme, visit <http://www.uav-technology.org/einpresswire>

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