



Position paper on Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena

Recognition and Reporting Protocol for Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) in the European Union

Summary

Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) are objects or phenomena that cannot be (immediately) identified by authorities. The UAP Coalition Netherlands is dedicated to supporting professionals in aviation, the military and law enforcement while generating political attention within the European Union for UAP, due to the absence of EU regulations.

Steps have been taken for research¹, protocols and dialogue in other countries like the United States and Canada where they are receiving approximately 100 reports from trained observers per month².

However, within the European Union no regulation, no protocol, and no formal EU agency for UAP reporting and investigation exists. With 32.000 flights per day in the European Union, this poses a safety risk and requires urgent attention³ as UAP have been reported for over 80 years.

The well being of professionals who had an UAP encounter should also be taken into account.

We plead for an addition to Regulation (EU) No 376/2014, funding for a Pilot project (PP) and Preparatory Actions (PA) and adding UAP to the EU Space Law Initiative.

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<https://www.nasa.gov/news-release/update-nasa-shares-uap-independent-study-report-names-director/>

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<https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/science/en/office-chief-science-advisor/sky-canada-project> ;

<https://science.nasa.gov/uap> ;

<https://www.energy.gov/nnsa/uapufu-resources-and-documents> ;

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-65729356>

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<https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/article/2672732/statement-by-pentagon-press-secretary-john-kirby-on-unidentified-aerial-phenome/>



Content

UAP Coalition Netherlands

The UAP Coalition Netherlands supports professionals who have encountered UAP. With a focus on aviation, the military, and law enforcement, the Coalition aims to:

- Develop a recognized protocol for UAP reporting
- Establish an EU agency for UAP reporting and scientific investigation
- Promote societal dialogue and scientific research
- Collaborate with international partners
- Improve flight safety and airspace security

Safety & Research

With 32.000 flights per day in the European Union, UAP pose a safety risk to aircraft and passengers⁴. Serious scientific research, including more and better instrumental observations, is crucial to understand their origin and potential risks. This research can lead to improved aviation safety and airspace protection.

Technological Innovations

Serious research into UAP can lead to new technological advancements and economic growth within the European Union. Understanding advanced technologies can strengthen industries and create new opportunities for employment and economic progress.

Professionals and Reporting Protocol

The absence of a UAP protocol for more than 80 years has led to reluctance among professionals to officially report sightings. A protocol provides a legal basis for them and promotes a safe working environment. Reporting UAP observations contributes to aviation safety and is essential for maintaining and increasing trust in public institutions⁵.

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<https://www.eurocontrol.int/publication/eurocontrol-european-aviation-overview#:~:text=The%20Network%20recorded%2032%2C514%20average.was%2093%25%20of%202019%20levels.>
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJFLCD7VLgH1UHCzEXT7sSlsczpEK_rOG

⁵ <https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/2021/07/trust-public-institutions/> ;
<https://www.edelman.com/trust/2022-trust-barometer/trust-government-stark-divide> ;
<https://www.eurofound.europa.eu/en/news/2022/trust-institutions-continues-fall-eu-despite-declining-unemployment-and-phasing-out>



Health

Not being able or willing to openly speak about and report their UAP experience(s) can cause health related issues for professionals within aviation, armed forces and police. However, to date, there have been no peer reviewed specific studies conducted on the psychological or physical impact of trained observers when encountering Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP). Nonetheless, the lack of such research suggests that it cannot be denied that UAP experiences could have similar consequences. Emotional suppression appears to be consistently associated with adverse effects on various aspects of health and well-being. General studies indicate long-term consequences such as increased levels of inflammation, a risk of premature death, higher blood pressure with repressive emotion regulation, and adverse intrapersonal and interpersonal consequences.

International Collaboration

Several countries, including the US and Canada, have initiated research into UAP and advocate for international collaboration⁶. Five Eyes briefings have occurred⁷. The European Union cannot lag behind in addressing this issue. Clear regulations, a harmonized reporting protocol, and an EU agency are urgently needed to systematically and effectively investigate UAP.

Solutions

Within current EU regulations there are no specific solutions for the UAP situation. However, adding a sub e to EU Regulation 376/2014 - Article 4(1), namely; *sub (e) occurrences related to objects or phenomena that cannot be directly identified* will create clear possibilities. Before the process of amending EU Regulation 376/2014⁸, funding for a Pilot project (PP) and Preparatory Actions (PA) is highly recommendable.

Also the proposed Space Law Initiative⁹ from the EU Committee opens up the possibilities to implement UAP.

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<https://youtu.be/bQo08JRY0iM>

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⁸ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32014R0376>

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https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13971-EU-Space-Law-new-rules-for-safe-resilient-and-sustainable-space-activities_en



Conclusion

The UAP Coalition Netherlands calls for recognition of the UAP issue and research and clear regulations within the European Union. This is long overdue as UAP have been reported by trained observers for more than 80 years.

Establishing a reporting protocol and central agency for reporting and investigation is essential for flight safety, airspace security, technological advancements and economic growth.

We request your involvement and attention to collectively work toward this solution and ensure a safer European Union. Collaboration is crucial to address the UAP issue and safeguard security across all domains of the European Union.

We look forward to a constructive dialogue to tackle these challenges and achieve these goals.

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