

Position paper on Improving EU Flight Safety Reporting Systems for UAP

Introduction:

UAP Coalition Netherlands, an independent non-profit NGO, represents aviation, armed forces, and law enforcement professionals who have encountered Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP). Our mission is to promote [awareness](#), research, and improved regulations for UAP.

Background:

Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) is anything in space and air, on land, and in the sea that cannot be identified. UAP, observed across these various domains, pose a [risk](#) to flight safety. Despite advancements in sensor technology, EU reporting systems like ECCAIRS2 lack a dedicated category for UAP, leading to critical data gaps.

Current issues:

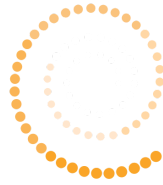
The European Commission's current [stance](#) that UAP incidents can be reported under "unknown airborne objects" is flawed, as this category does not exist in systems like ECCAIRS2. Existing [categories](#), such as "Near Airborne Collision with Other Airborne Objects," do not adequately capture UAP encounters. This misclassification hinders comprehensive data collection and analysis, crucial for flight safety.

International Context:

Countries like, but not limited to the [US](#), [Japan](#), and [China](#) have recognized UAP as a flight safety risk, implementing specific reporting mechanisms. The EU must follow suit to maintain global standards and ensure aviation safety.

Key Recommendations:

1. **Dedicated UAP Category:** The TRAN committee should instruct EASA and DG MOVE to create a dedicated UAP category in ECCAIRS2 and all relevant flight safety systems in the EU.
2. **Data Standardization:** Ensure EU-wide harmonization of UAP reporting to facilitate international data exchange and analysis.
3. **Professional Support:** Develop and fund awareness campaigns and training for aviation professionals regarding UAP.



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Conclusion:

Incorporating UAP into EU flight safety reporting systems is [vital](#). It enhances data accuracy, promotes a just culture amongst aviation professionals, and ensures the safety of EU airspace and its citizens. The TRAN committee's support is crucial for this initiative.

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