

ELEVATED THINKING

Drones for a Changing Ireland.

09 OCTOBER 2026

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Time	Duration	Session	Speaker / Participants	Format
09:30-09:45	15 min	Registration, Welcome & Conference Framing	Ian Kiely, CEO, Drone Space	Welcome
09:45-10:05	20 min	The Future of Drones: Where Ireland and the EU Are Headed	Máté Pusztai, Irish Aviation Authority, UAS inspector	Talk
10:05-10:25	20 min	Uniting the Industry, Elevating the Standard	Brian Whyte, Chairperson, Drone Professionals Ireland	Talk
10:25-10:45	20 min	Coffee Break		Break
10:45-11:05	20 min	Elevating Environmental Stewardship	Trevor McHugh, CEO, Veon Forestry	Talk
11:05-11:25	20 min	From Farm to Fork: Drones in Precision Agriculture	Stephen Scrivener, Sales & Marketing Director, Farmhand Ltd	Talk
11:25-11:45	20 min	Counter UAS - in an age of AI & Quantum Computing: From detection to predictive defence	Fahad ibne Masood, MRaES, Squadron Leader (R), Capt., MBA, MPhil - TU-DUBLIN	Talk
11:45-12:05	20 min	Airspace, Integration and the Future of Drone Operations in Ireland	Cathal Mic Criostail, AirNav Ireland	Talk
12:05-12:15	10 min	Specific Category in 10 minutes - What you need to know	Colm O'Donnell FRAeS FRIN MNI, UspaceAero	Talk
12:15-13:15	60 min	Lunch		Break
13:15-13:35	20 min	Trusted Ground Infrastructure for Scalable Drone Operations	John Goudie, Director, SLINK-TECH	Talk
13:35-13:55	20 min	Aviotix's Journey From Elevated Data to Decisions: Managing Ireland's Changing Landscape in a Changing World	Elena Stoeva, Co-founder & CEO, Aviotix Ltd	Talk
13:55-14:15	20 min	From Space to Air: Funding, Earth Observation and the Wider Innovation Ecosystem	Patricia Moore, Founder, Irish Space Association	Talk
14:15-14:35	20 min	Drones as an Emerging Threat: Protecting Ireland's Airspace in a Changing Security Landscape	Prof. Matthew Moran, Queens University, Director for Peace, Security & Justice Joe O'Flynn, Drone Space, Risk & Security Specialist	Discussion
14:35-14:55	20 min	Coffee Break		Break
14:55-15:15	20 min	Current threats, future threats and what is happening on the battlefield - why this matters for Ireland	Capt. Stephen Donovan, Irish Defence Forces	Talk
15:15-15:35	20 min	The Drone War: What Ukraine Is Teaching Us About the Future of Conflict	Cathal Berry, Director of Public Affairs, Red Flag	Talk
15:35-15:55	20 min	The Next Five Years: Ireland's Drone Industry across the built environment	Genevieve McGuirk, IPAV Keelan Keogh, Engineers Ireland Padraig Hession, PHE Engineering & Architecture	Panel
15:55-16:00	5 min	Closing Remarks & Key Learnings	Ian Kiely, CEO, Drone Space	Close