

**Question for written answer P-000863/2013  
to the Commission**  
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Subject:     Legality of using unmanned aerial vehicles under EU law

With reference to the Commission's ongoing work on regulations concerning air operations, airworthiness, the classification of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and the licensing of air crews, how can natural persons, research centres, companies and state institutions guarantee the safety of UAV flights in the absence of appropriate legal frameworks at both EU and national levels?

This situation begs the question: does the absence of regulation mean that the use of unmanned aerial vehicles is illegal?

The Commission should issue guidelines (standards) aimed at improving flight safety until a suitable legal framework is established. In the context of the increasing numbers of flights in European airspace, will the rules currently being developed include provision for the compulsory fitting of anti-collision sensors to UAVs?