

Atlas Centre, the first aeronautical centre in Europe that is specialized in drone trials

LOCATION:VillacarrilloJaén

DURATION:1'40"

SUMMARY:The Atlas Centre, located in Villacarrillo (Jaén), was opened in 2014 as the first aeronautical centre specialized in drone trials. In fact, it is the only one in Spain considered to be a segregated air space by the Spanish Agency of Air Safety, this means that it is only available for a specific type of aircraft. The weather conditions of the area and the absence of interference in its air space have turned it into the test scenario of companies from Spain, France, Great Britain and Germany.

VTR

This drone takes off from the runway of the Atlas Centre in Villacarrillo, Jaén, which is under the Andalusian Foundation for Aerospace Development, boosted by both private and public entities. This is the first airfield in Europe specifically designed to host drone trials.

Anastasio Sánchez
Director of the Atlas Centre

"The services and capacities of this centre are unique in Europe, that's why big and smaller companies come here to conduct their trials".

Companies of the aeronautics sector from Germany, France, Great Britain and Spain are the common users of this centre that has 1,000 square metres of segregated airspace, this means, only available for their users.

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Director of the Atlas Centre

"Prototypes can be tested in a secure way, away from the influence of other users of the air space. That's why this place is so good and its capacity to host this type of trials is almost unique in Europe."

Its specialization, facilities and availability are the most attractive characteristics for its users.

Nicolás Zapata
Founding partner of DroneTools

"Even on a day like today when, on our way here, we have had rain, wind, everything... you arrive in here and discover that the weather is excellent."

Miguel Liébana
Entrepreneur

"To entrepreneurs like me, for example, who will soon open a drones business, these facilities allow us to conduct all our trials and improve all the systems that we want to develop."

Since its opening in 2014, it has become an international referent in the research of drone technologies.

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