

DRONES

European drone powerhouse



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Latvia ranks among the world's largest drone exporters in 2023, (≈1.3% of global exports)



€1.8+ million

the total turnover of Latvia's drone startup companies in 2023



40+ companies

Producing both air, water, and land drones



Battle-proven supply partner

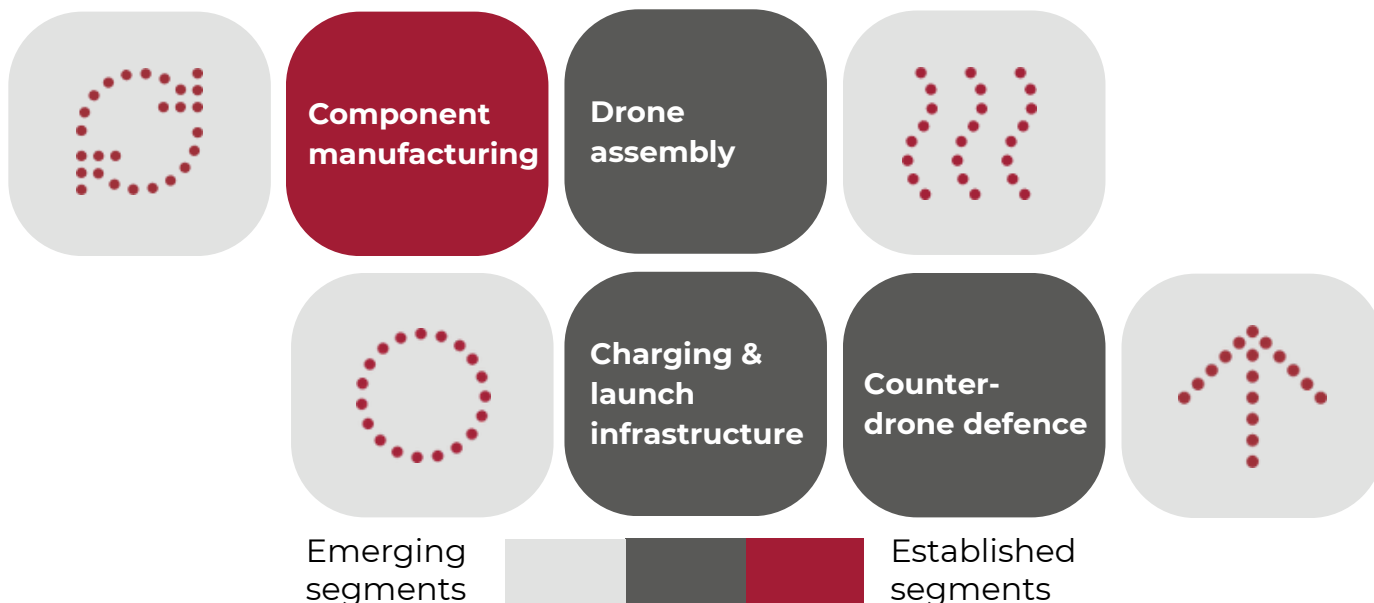
Co-leading the EU Drone Coalition, Latvia supplies drone solutions deployed in real operational conditions within the Ukraine/NATO ecosystem



Real-world drone testing

Dedicated naval testbed in Skede enabling live UAV and defence-tech testing in operational conditions with direct military integration

Drone value chain



Leading companies



A battle-tested, investment-backed drone manufacturing ecosystem

AERONES

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Global leader in robotic drone solutions for wind turbine inspection and maintenance, with €39M+ in venture funding supporting rapid international scale-up across major wind energy markets.

ORIGIN

Origin Robotics

Defence-focused drone developer supplying NATO and Ukrainian forces, backed by €6M+ in venture and public funding to accelerate dual-use UAV platform development.

REDWIRE

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Advanced unmanned systems manufacturer with platforms deployed in allied military operations and civilian missions, including radiation monitoring at Fukushima.



Atlas

Military drone manufacturer delivering defence-grade UAV performance optimisation, with platforms supplied to NATO and Ukrainian forces.

Relevant Education Institutions



National drone R&D and testing infrastructure strengthening talent and scale-up

Riga Technical University

Applied aeronautics and autonomous flight R&D for next-generation UAV platforms.

Industry collaboration

Direct collaboration with defence and aerospace partners accelerates technology transfer from R&D to operational UAV products.

Transport and Telecommunication Institute

AI-based control and navigation research enabling deployment-ready autonomous systems.

Drone Competence Centre

Consolidates R&D, testing and industrial cooperation, providing advanced validation and testing infrastructure for drone manufacturers.