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The Future of Counter-Drone Technology in Switzerland

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Drones are spreading into every corner of industry, public service - and the military domain. Drone warfare is now the key component of both defence and offence on the frontlines in Ukraine... and low-cost drones are the perfect vehicles for hybrid warfare: On 5 August 2026, drones carrying explosives attacked Leipzig Airport, nearly hitting a Ukrainian Antonov cargo aircraft and striking a DHL aircraft in flight.

Switzerland is now answering at scale: Innosuisse and armasuisse have launched a Flagship initiative to fund research on “Resilient and Secure Technologies for Defence and Mobility”, with Counter-UAS named as one of three strategic technology areas.

During this lecture, five senior experts from research, government and industry will discuss the latest technological developments in anti-drone technologies and and whether Switzerland can field a layered defence before the next incident is over Swiss airspace.

We look forward to welcoming you to this event. Guests are most welcome!

Best regards,
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