

Unmanned Aircraft for Border Surveillance Tested



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News

At the end of September, Frontex started testing the use of [Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems \(RPAS\)](#) to monitor the EU's external borders. The RPAS carry surveillance equipment, including thermal cameras and radars. The system is being tested for several different operations:

- Sea surveillance;
- Support of search-and-rescue operations;
- Detection of vessels suspected of criminal activities;
- Information sharing with multiple users in real time.

The tests are taking place in Greece, Italy, and Portugal.

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