

**Question for written answer E-003472/2026**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** Drone deliveries to prisons and attacks on emergency services

In Strasbourg, the use of drones to deliver illicit items to a remand centre led to a ban being introduced from the end of July 2026<sup>1</sup> on night landings for emergency services helicopters at the hospital. Patients have already had to be diverted. The same phenomenon has been documented in other countries too.

Regulation (EU) 2019/947 regulates the use of unmanned aircraft systems<sup>2</sup>, but does not lay down specific provisions on the neutralisation of a hostile drone flying over a prison.

Article 15 of that regulation establishes that to the Member States are responsible for setting the geographical areas in which overflight by drones is restricted or banned.

Bearing in mind that the Commission is planning to publish a drone package towards the end of 2026<sup>3</sup>:

1. Does it intend to include penal establishments among the sites eligible for the voluntary initiative to deploy counter-drone systems and to enable funding to be provided, under domestic security programmes, for nets and drone detection and neutralisation systems?
2. Has it carried out a security assessment<sup>4</sup> of drone intrusions into prisons and identified best practices in Europe (metal nets, staff procedures and powers, jammers, etc.) in cooperation with the European Union Aviation Safety Agency, Europol, the European Organisation of Prison and Correctional Services, and the Member States?
3. Will the planned recommendation for law enforcement agencies give specific details on the role of prison staff and procedures for intercepting drones flying over a prison?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.dna.fr/faits-divers-justice/2026/08/18/survol-du-chu-de-hautepierre-par-des-drones-vers-la-maison-d-arret-deux-hommes-condamnes-a-18-mois-de-prison>.

<sup>2</sup> Unmanned aircraft systems: drones, but also equipment: software, payload, remote controls, etc.

<sup>3</sup> Commission communication of 11 February 2026, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52026DC0081> European Parliament resolution, [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-10-2026-0020\\_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-10-2026-0020_EN.pdf).

<sup>4</sup> On the basis of Article 19 of Regulation (EU) 2019/947, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02019R0947-20210805>.