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on behalf of the European Commission
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Operational incident response is the responsibility of Member States, given the strong link with national security and defence matters. However, coordinated actions at EU level can support Member States in the deployment of counter-drone capacities and solutions.

There is no formal reporting obligation in EU legislation for Member States concerning drone security incidents, unless the incident falls within the scope of the Critical Entities Resilience Directive (CER)¹ or Directive (EU) 2022/2555 (NIS 2 Directives²), amongst other relevant instruments. Those requirements do not mandate the sharing of the origin of the incident and the affiliation of perpetrators behind the incident with the Commission. Information sharing between Member States and the Commission for drone-security-related incidents has taken place on a voluntary basis.

The Action Plan on Drone and Counter-Drone Security³ fosters cross-border information sharing between Member States to improve lessons learnt from previous incidents and establish a clear situational picture. The Action Plan considers supporting initiatives from willing Member States to enhance information sharing, for instance at regional level.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2022/2557/oj/eng>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2022/2555>.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52026DC0081>.