# **H2020 PROJECT:**



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**ALFA** 



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## **General Project Information**

- Project reference: **700002**
- Project start: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017
- Duration: 3 years
- Total costs/EC contribution: EUR 4,613,831.25
- 9 partners from 6 different European countries
- Mission: ALFA will bridge the existing capability
  gap of current operational surveillance systems
  for border control with respect to detection, classification
  and identification of Low, Small and Slow flying vehicles.
- Website: <u>www.alfa-h2020.eu</u>



# **Project Goal**

The main objective of **ALFA** is the development of a system for timely detection, classification and understanding of the intentions of suspected air targets. The system will also provide a prediction of the landing site or dropping zone. ALFA will contribute to the following EU strategic goals:

- Increasing the EU internal security by the reduction of cross border crime
- The interdiction of drug trafficking
- Assistance in the prosecution of drug trafficking criminals
- The confiscation of drugs and aircraft
- The interdiction of weapon and illicit substance trafficking

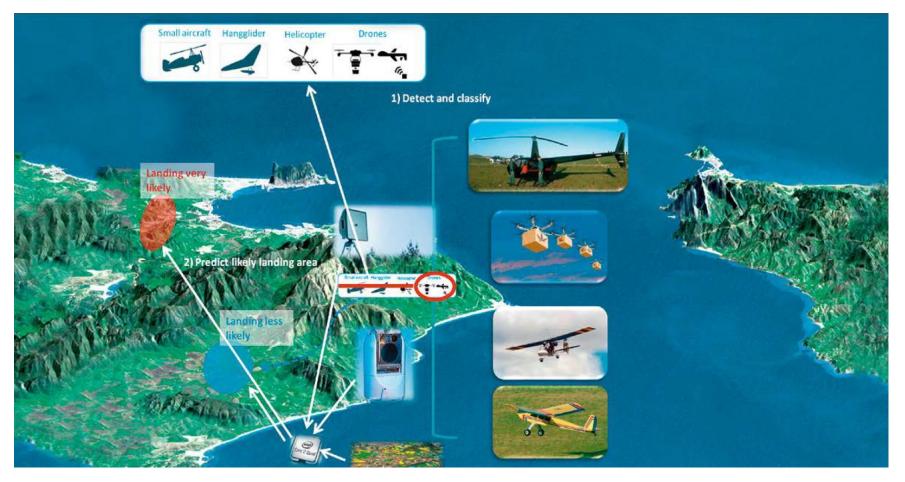


#### **WP Interaction**

WP1: System specifications and operation concept **VP7:** Dissemination, Exploitation and Ethical aspects **WP8:** Project, Risk and Innovation management WP2: System architecture WP4: Situation assessment and **WP3:** Components and technologies landing site prediction **WP5:** System integration and testing **WP6:** Functional Demonstration



# The ALFA system (schematic representation)





## **Impact**

ALFA is expected to **increase surveillance capabilities** contributing to the **prevention of cross border crimes**, in particular in terms of reduction of the traffic of drugs, weapons and illicit substances. The focus will be put on the improvement of the skills for **combating drug smugglers** that exploit a new modus operandi for crossing borders undetected **using small low flying aircrafts** loaded with drugs. According to the intended objectives, the **impact of ALFA** will be measured in accordance to its ability to:

- contribute further to the development of EUROSUR and
- complement existing surveillance tools and strategies,
- be adaptable (the system itself and the developed technologies) in other missions/area of interest



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