The Role of Mobile Networks in the Future BVLOS Drone Operations: Safety, Compliance and Innovation

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Modernizing 4G

Building new 5G

Removing old Copper, 2G and 3G

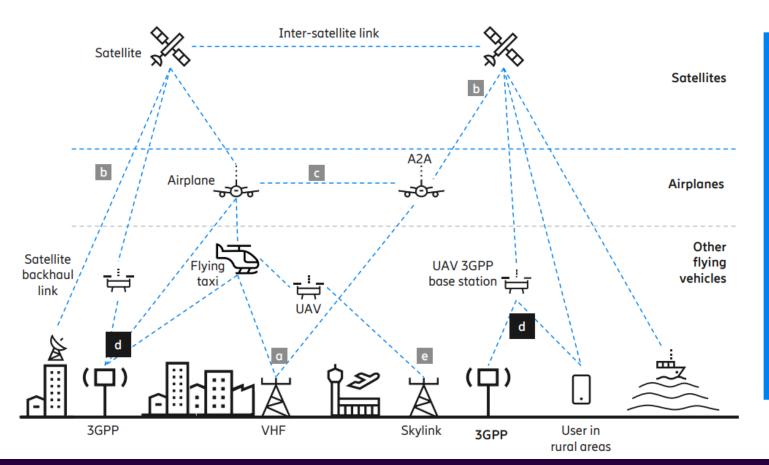
We invest billions in future capabilities!

Strengthening the best networks in Sweden – upgrading 4G and build new 5G networks

>77% av befolkningen

4GEE5G

Communication Technologies in Digital airspace



Conventional technologies

- a Aircraft Communications Addressing and Reporting System (ACARS), VHF 108-137 MHz
- **b** Satellite communication SATCOM (data and voice)
- c Automatic Dependent Surveillance – Broadcast ADS-B (978 MHz or 1090 MHz in US)
- Emerging technologies
- d 4G/5G/6G (3GPP) communication for digital airspace
 - Proprietary technologies, e.g. 5030-5091 MHz

The beauty of the public mobile network - it is standardized to connect equipment that moves around

Emerging connected use-cases have similar need for control and payload and remote management



Phones/PADs/PCs

Pod

Trucks



Cars



Boats



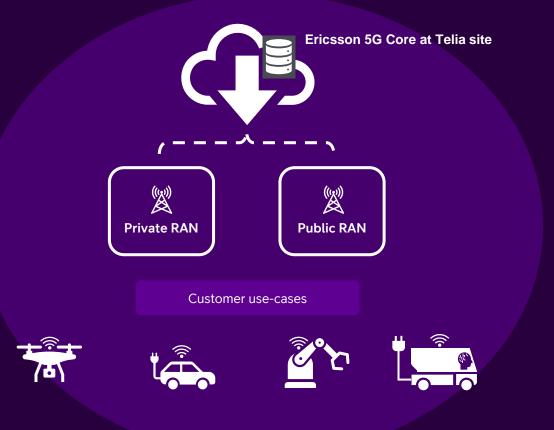
UAVs

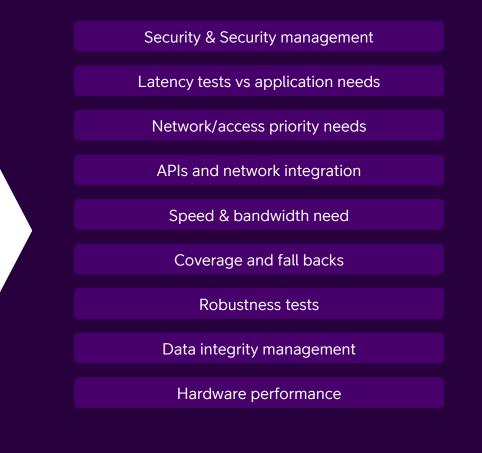
AGVs/Robots

All use-cases have dedicated need for predictive connectivity characteristics to function properly

Robustness	Speed	Latency	Security	APIs
Integrity	Costs	Priority	Coverage	Regulation

Providing state of the art 5G technology – bring the lab out on the road or up in the air





Keeping Sweden at the forefront of innovation

- NorthStar is a unique collaboration between Telia and Ericsson
- Providing access to next-gen 5G network and computing technologies
- Connecting industry, academia and the public sector
- Accelerating the development of monetizable and more sustainable solutions

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+ leading brands in automotive and transport industries

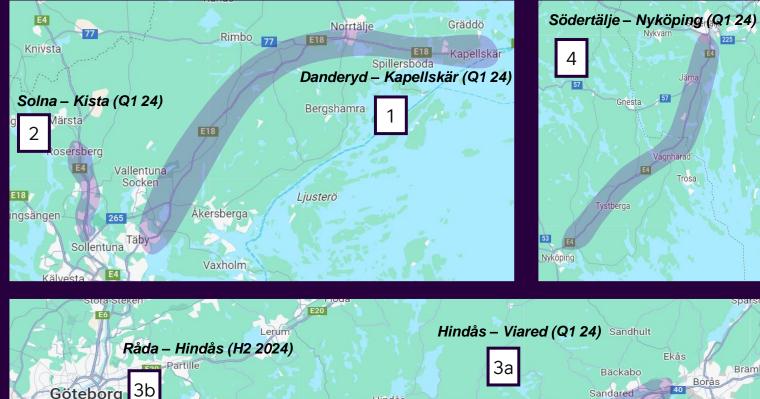
As part of EU CEF2 ambition to enable 5G innovation, we now build 150 km transport network corridors



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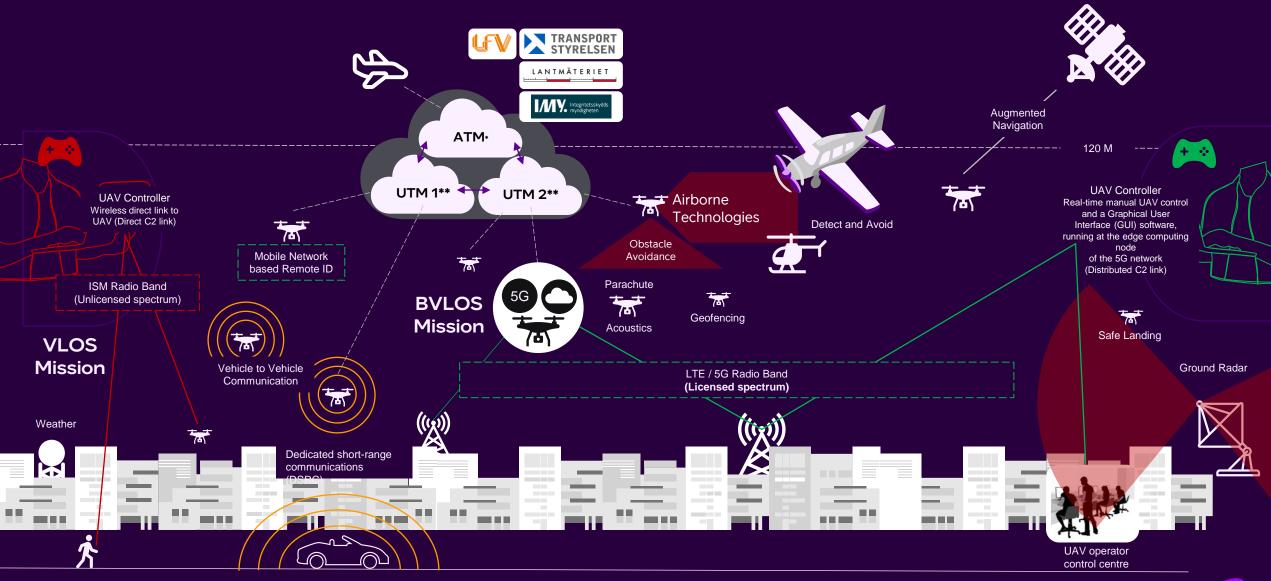
Co-funded by the European Union

- Totally 11 Billion SEK for cross-border 5G corridors in EU
- Enables connected and automated transport
- Supports supply chain efficiency and EU long term competitiveness





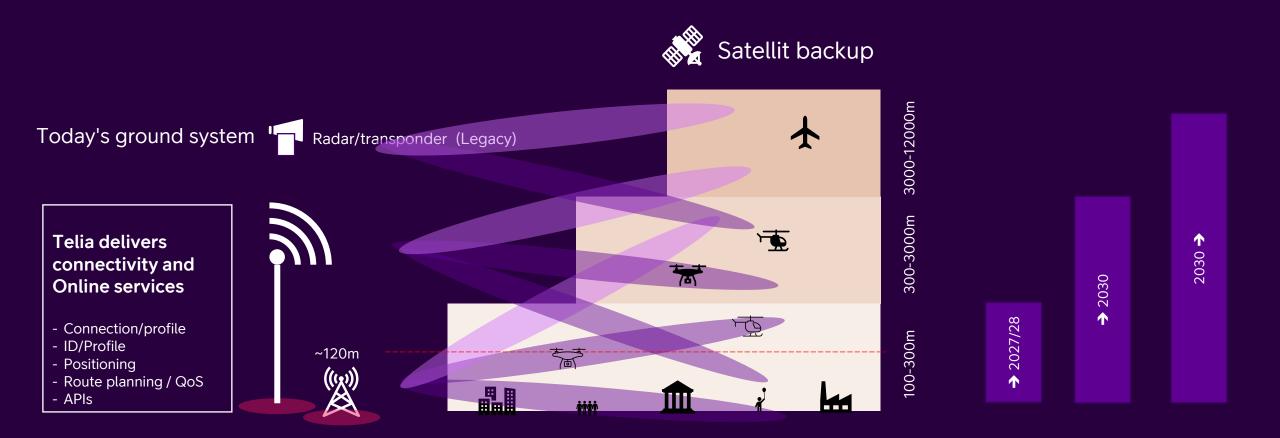
TELCO assets can support enablement of Secure, Collaborative, Federated Interactions and Operations for Air Traffic bellow 120m





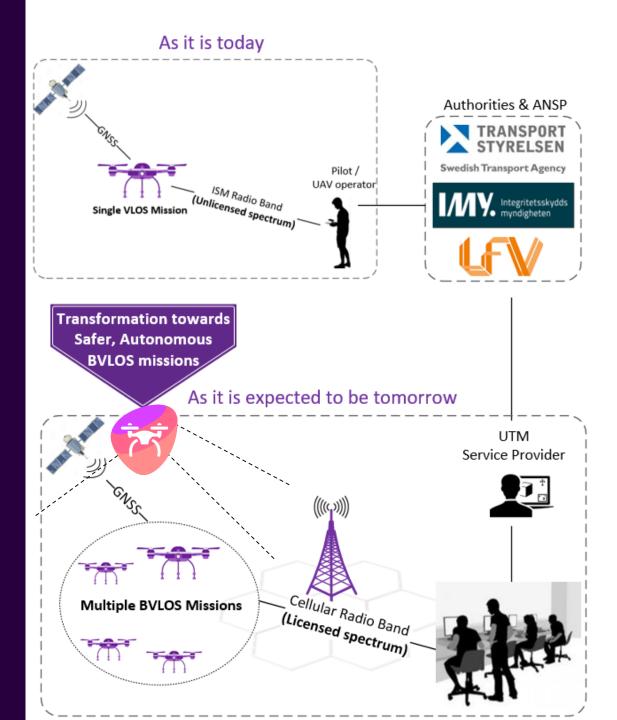
*Aviation Traffic Management System **UAS Traffic Management

The national mobile network is an important platform to enable control of the airspace, initially at the lower altitudes



Enhancing BVLOS Drone Operations with Mobile Networks

Milestone 1 Advanced IOT SIM for C2 and Payload data Coverage Maps in Air



5G enabling BVLOS flights _ Value Added Service

5G network reliable connectivity

How to seamlessly transmit data between drone and ground stations in a reliable way?



Quality of Service

Network Slicing

UAV flight management

How to manage the growing number of drones and UAV in the airspace?



Drone identification

Drone remote control

UAV flight security through 5G

How to fly drone in a secured way and reduce the risks for other aviation and people?

How to mitigate ground risk for Special Operations Risk Assessment (SORA)?







Drone location tracking



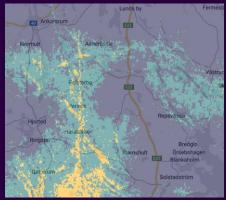
Geographic SIM density

Provide dynamic real-time Connectivity Coverage data for pre, in, and post-flight assessment to mitigate risk

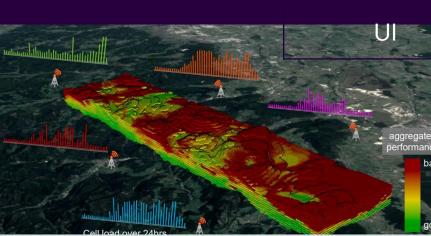


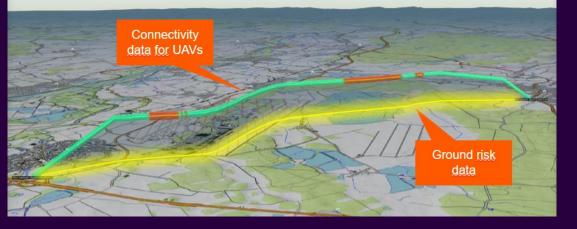
Planning based on the capabalitites of the mobile network to securely carry out mission

Today's tool is a ground-level coverage map









3:rd party app 3:rd p





UAV Operation Control Centre

API API tailored to convey necessary information for various types of external parties

> Parameteters: for Pre Flight, In Flight, Post Flight

- Flight routing
- Drone type
- Traffic demand (C2, Video and/or additional
 - requirements)
- Time of day
- Etc.

Public Network:

- Network with High Precision

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- High Security
- Regional Data _ -



Aircraft data

- Low Bandwith
- Position
- Route
- Control

Local Area Network (LAN):

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- High precision

- High Physical Security
- Local Data Storage 🖉





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VeritPort Take Off & Landing mission (Dataplan):

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- Dedicerad access via slicing
- Encryption or VPN
- High Bandwith Video
- Data Security

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Telia's industry engagement, addressing harmonized and standardized UAS solutions

- Defining technical and regulatory challenges
- Address the challenges as new improvements (standards)
- Increase stakeholders' understanding of benefits the global-standardized cellular capabilities bring for UAS & UTM
- Paving the way for innovation and proof-of-concepts of enhanced and new telco-grade features for aviation





Take Aways:

Mobile Network is already working well for UAV type traffic cases and will be even better in the future.

- Moblie Network technology is evolving
- New tools to understand UAV coverage esterior based on mission needs
- Operators adapting to support market needs.
- New types of value-added services and offerings

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