



European Union Aviation Safety Agency

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### FAQs:

#### Higher Airspace Operations (HAO)

### Question:

**Are there already operations taking place in the higher airspace in Europe?**

### Answer:

Yes, operations have been taking place from European continental territory and in European airspace for some time, e.g. scientific/weather stratospheric balloons<sup>1</sup>, sounding rockets or military HALE RPAS transiting above Europe at FL550-FL600.

[1] Sounding rockets and stratospheric balloons have been launched from Northern Europe (SE, NO) for more than 50 years.

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