

Our Speaker



Kenneth CHIRCOP

Current Position & Organization

Executive Director, Air Operations, Dronamics

Educational & Professional Background

Dr Kenneth Chircop is the Executive Director of Air Operations at Dronamics, an innovative aerospace company specializing in unmanned aerial systems. He was previously CEO of Malta Air Traffic Services (MATS). He maintains a strong link to research as a part-time resident academic at the University of Malta and serves as the Chair of the Aviation and Aerospace Committee for the Government of Malta

Key Achievements or Career Highlights

National Leadership: Successfully led MATS through the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring the continuity of essential air navigation services—a critical lifeline for the delivery of vaccines and medical supplies to the Maltese Islands.

Dronamics Operations: Currently responsible for the air operations side of the Black Swan drone platform, driving the operational rollout of Europe's first large MALE (medium altitude, long endurance) dual-use UAS.

Global Recognition: Recipient of the prestigious William E. Jackson Award from the RTCA in Washington D.C. for his research in aircraft trajectory optimization.

Hobbies & Personal Interests

A tech enthusiast with a deep interest in digital logic and electronics. When time permits, Kenneth is an avid reader and an aspiring (though admittedly unsuccessful) fisherman—a pursuit he continues to chase despite living literally across the street from the sea

Motivation

Kenneth is driven by the challenge of the 'impossible.' When faced with a complex or seemingly insurmountable hurdle, he finds motivation in breaking it down into manageable and surmountable components to achieve a successful outcome. Specifically, he is motivated to enable advanced air mobility by reaching and maintaining the rigorous safety standards of manned aviation