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## Pro-choice activists are planning to distribute abortion pills via drone



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The drone's maiden voyage is from Frankfurt to an undisclosed location in Poland (Picture: Getty Images)

A pro-choice activist group is planning to distribute abortion pills via an 'Abortion Drone' into countries where terminations are illegal.

Which might upset a few people.

Dutch group Women on Waves collaborated with a number of other European pro-choice organisations for the Abortion Drone's maiden flight, which will take it from Frankfurt, Germany, to an as-yet-undisclosed location in Poland, one of the few European countries where abortion is not legal.

For obvious reasons, Women on Waves are keeping quiet about the drone's exact destination. Yet they remain confident they are not breaking any laws.

'As the Abortion drone weighs less than 5 kg, is not used for any commercial purposes, will stay within the sight of the person flying it and does not fly in controlled airspace, no authorisation is required under Polish or German law,' group founder Rebecca Gomperts told [ScienceAlert](#).

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'We want to create awareness about women's right to a safe abortion.

'The drone is another way to use the different laws in different countries in order to draw attention to the social injustice that women who are living in places where abortion is illegal are subject to.

'In Poland, even women who could have an abortion under Polish law are often denied it because Catholic hospitals don't help them, even if their life is in danger. Rich people can go to Germany or the UK to have abortions, but it's the women who don't have the means or access to information who are suffering.'

According to the [Guardian](#), some pro-life groups have threatened to shoot down the drone if it goes ahead with its mission.

Gomperts, however, isn't too concerned.

'It's not easy to shoot down a drone,' she said.

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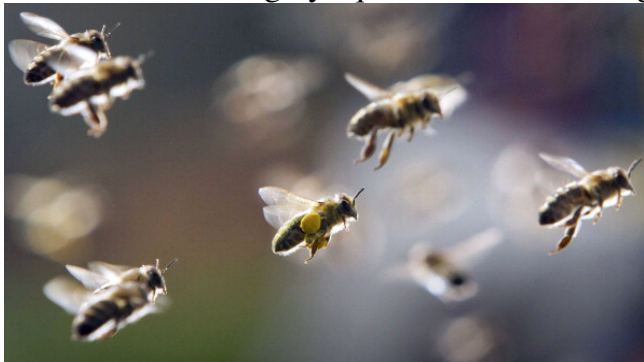
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