

PRESS RELEASE

Modern warfare is outpacing traditional defence systems: Sky-Watch introduces RQ-70 Dainn shaped by four years of battlefield experience in Ukraine

STØVRING, Denmark, June 2026, Sky-Watch, a Denmark-based developer of advanced unmanned systems, today announces the introduction of the RQ-70 Dainn, a new long-range unmanned aircraft system (UAS) for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) missions, and target acquisition.

RQ-70 Dainn will be introduced at Eurosatory in Paris, June 15-19, 2026.

Modern warfare has exposed a critical gap: the battlefield is moving faster than the systems meant to support it, and traditional defence models are often too slow to keep pace with the speed and complexity of this new reality. Too much defence thinking is still built for a slower world, defined by long cycles, heavy platforms and requirements far removed from where decisions are made.

After four years of continuous real-world deployment in Ukraine with its RQ-35 Heidrun UAV platform, Sky-Watch introduces the RQ-70 Dainn, built to translate battlefield experience into operational capability that works from day one and evolves alongside the mission.

“RQ-70 Dainn is not built on assumptions. It’s built on the backbone of the battlefield-proven RQ-35 Heidrun UAV platform shaped by continuous feedback loops,” says Martin Schousboe, CEO of Sky-Watch. “The problem today isn’t access to technology. It’s whether the technology works when it matters most, and whether it improves fast enough to keep up with modern warfare.”

From battlefield learning to extended capability

The RQ-70 Dainn builds directly on the RQ-35 Heidrun, which has been continuously deployed and refined through four years of operations in Ukraine.

That experience is carried forward into a system designed to extend range, endurance and mission flexibility, without losing what matters in real operations: speed, simplicity and reliability.

Key system characteristics include:

- up to 8 hours endurance
- deep ISR capabilities beyond the frontlines - operational range up to 62+ miles (100 km)
- support for VTOL
- modular multi-mission payload architecture
- resilience in GPS-denied environments
- deployment by a single operator
- connect to perform in a digital battlefield

The result is persistent ISR capability in contested environments, delivered in a form that operators can use under pressure.

The UAV is not the answer. Capability is

For Sky-Watch, the UAV alone is never the full solution.

“The RQ-70 Dainn is designed as an integrated system, where aircraft, sensors, software, interface and feedback loops work together, continuously improving based on real-world use,” says Schousboe, and explains:

“The effectiveness lies in being part of a larger, connected digital architecture with software connecting sensors to decision-makers to effectors, all in near real time. In the context of modern warfare, it’s no longer just about what the UAV sees. It’s about how quickly the information travels, and how smartly it’s interpreted.”

This gives operators what they need:

- clearer intelligence

- faster decisions
- less guesswork in situations where the cost of being wrong is high

“What matters is not the platform. It’s what it enables,” says Schousboe.

“How quickly you can turn data into decisions, and how fast you can improve capabilities based on real use, because when the cost of being wrong is high, better decisions are what bring people home.”

Shaped by the battlefield

Sky-Watch’s approach has been shaped by the realities of modern warfare, particularly in Ukraine, where systems are tested daily in a rapidly changing environment.

Development of the RQ-70 Dainn has been driven by direct feedback from frontline operators, creating a continuous loop between field experience and system improvement.

This reflects a broader shift in defence:

- from slow procurement cycles to continuous learning
- from standalone platforms to integrated capabilities
- from promises to operational proof

Sky-Watch is part of a new generation of defence companies built for this reality and focused on delivering capability that holds up under pressure and improves as conditions change.

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Full-scale production is expected from January 2027, with initial deliveries planned from 2027 and scaling in subsequent years, subject to market demand and program execution. Operational demos available from July 2026 - book at Eurosatory.

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About RQ-70 Dainn

More info and specs about RQ-70 Dainn [here](#)

About Sky-Watch

Sky-Watch is a Denmark-based developer of unmanned aerial systems shaped by real-world operations. Its capabilities are built close to the field, developed with the operators who use them, and continuously improved through feedback from active missions. By combining aircraft, sensors, software and learning loops into integrated systems, Sky-Watch delivers reliable intelligence and faster decision-making in environments where the cost of being wrong is high.

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