

Hélicéo Introduces Itself to Worldwide Geomatics Audience



At Intergeo there were various new companies showcasing their latest geospatial technology. One of the new kids on the block was Hélicéo, a French start-up that designs, develops and implements innovative UAVs for use in geomatics applications. The company, which is based in Nantes, France, raised funds of EUR1.5 million earlier this year. This financing will encourage Hélicéo's development by boosting the company's design office as well as its international expansion.

The Hélicéo engineering company, founded in 2015, demonstrated the versatility of its know-how at Intergeo in Hamburg, with vertical take-off plane UAVs, two multi-rotor UAVs (Fox 4 and Fox 6), the Drone Box concept, the very innovative FoxyWalk (a tool for the acquisition of geo-localized data for terrestrial photogrammetry by foot), HASK software for processing GPS data, and a big data solution. From design through to distribution, it offers professional imaging systems – mainly for use in the topography sector. Its UAVs are the crucial link in a complete value chain that includes the equipment, software, maintenance, training, image processing and final analysis, as well as making these available via a web platform.

Future for surveyors

The UAV is the future for surveyors. It offers them unrivalled working conditions, allowing them to significantly improve accuracy, safety and productivity in one fell swoop, Jean-François Baudet, CEO, Hélicéo, explained. The company's approach has been to concentrate on this market, constructing its own industry packages to offer surveyors a turnkey solution that is a perfect match for their needs.

Hélicéo's expansion is set to stretching well beyond the French market. Following its presence at Intergeo, Hélicéo will be opening in Germany and the UK this year, and in the US in 2017.