



Beyond the Individual Weapon: The Beretta-Auryn Strategy for Drone Tactical Supremacy

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PARIS – Eurosatory 2026 marks a turning point for Italian land defense. Fabbrica d'Armi Pietro Beretta S.p.A. has announced a strategic partnership with Auryn Aero, an innovative company specializing in autonomous aerial systems. The agreement is not just a technological collaboration, but the industrial response to the increasingly pressing need to equip the foot soldier with tools that are both technologically advanced and inherently "attributable," as suggested by an article from [Brigatafolgore.net](https://brigatafolgore.net) a few months ago.



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From Doctrine to Reality: The Drone as a Structural Component

The integration of unmanned systems at the lowest command levels is the challenge characterizing the Multi-Year Programmatic Document (DPP) 2025-2027. Lessons learned from recent war scenarios, particularly from the conflict in Ukraine, have reiterated that micro-UAS and FPV systems are no longer mere "accessories," but structural components of battlefield survival.

As highlighted in Beretta's *White Paper* published earlier this year, the foot soldier remains the most adaptable element on the ground, provided they are integrated into an ecosystem capable of ensuring:

- **Situational Awareness (ISR):** Real-time vision beyond the line of sight.
- **Lethal and Non-Lethal Effectiveness:** Precision targeting supported by artificial intelligence.
- **Resilience:** Ability to operate in electronically contested environments thanks to integrated cUAS systems.

Beretta: The Guarantor of the "National Supply Chain"

The partnership with Auryn Aero confirms Beretta's intention to position itself as a *prime contractor* and industrial guarantor of this new capability. The added value of the collaboration

lies in Beretta Defense Technologies (BDT)'s ability to transform experimental research into standard equipment.

It's not about "reinventing" the drone, but about **industrializing** it. The model undertaken sees Auryn Aero providing cutting-edge know-how in terms of flight system architecture and AI, while Beretta ensures:

- **System Integration:** Incorporation of drones into the individual equipment portfolio, ensuring interoperability and integrated logistics.
- **Standardization:** Overcoming industrial fragmentation by coordinating the excellence of Italian SMEs into a cohesive ecosystem.
- **Security and Governance:** Sovereign control over data, software, firmware, and radio links, essential requirements for national and NATO security.



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Towards a European Defense Ecosystem

The alliance fits perfectly into the debate on European technological sovereignty. The goal is twofold: to make the micro-drone the "new individual weapon" of the Italian soldier, equipping them with an attritable system — economical, numerous, and upgradable — and, at the same time, to strengthen Italy's position in European defense programs (EDF).

"The soldier of the future no longer acts alone", reads the strategic lines of the partnership. With this move, Beretta not only consolidates its global presence but defines the new operational standard for ground forces, making the man-drone duo the keystone of modern multi-domain

combat.

Note: This article integrates current strategic analyses indicating that the standardization and industrialization of micro-drones are the obligatory route for the modernization of the Italian Armed Forces.