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Avtrain

Julie Garland is the founder and CEO of Avtrain, an online learning and certification body for drone operators and pilots across Europe for all fixed wing, hybrid, single and multi-rotor drones up to 75kgs. Avtrain currently holds an approval as Registered Training Facility issued by the Irish Aviation Authority for the grant of a Pilot Competence Certificate and Specific Operations Permission.

Julie is a former airline training captain and aircraft maintenance engineer. She is also a Barrister at Law, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and an accredited mediator. Prior to setting up Avtrain she was the CEO of Thunder Tiger Aviation, a Chinese Investment Company and drone pilot training organisation, and prior to that the Director of Compliance for Norwegian Air International. She is an Irish Aviation Authority Authorised Examiner for all drones up to 75kgs and is the founding Chair of the Unmanned Aircraft Association of Ireland. Julie's technical background and her operational experience as a captain of both manned and unmanned commercial aircraft, combined with her vast understanding of aviation regulations, give her an unsurpassed depth of domain knowledge.

To date Avtrain has certified over 170 pilots and operators. New European drone regulations become effective on the 31st December 2020 which will allow for the certification of drone operators for all European Aviation Safety Agency countries. This will see the market increase significantly from Ireland to Europe and beyond. Avtrain will launch increased online certification programs to serve this major growth in their potential market.

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