



General Cherry and Orqa Partner to Bring Ukraine's World-Leading Counter Drone Capability to NATO and Allied Nations for the First Time

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OSIJEK, Croatia, April 7, 2026 /PRNewswire/ - Ukrainian defence-tech company General Cherry and Croatian drone manufacturer Orqa - Europe's leading UAV company - have signed a pioneering memorandum of cooperation. The deal will combine General Cherry's operational excellence with Orqa's technological expertise in a partnership that reflects the deep respect between both companies and countries.

Made possible by Ukraine's generous decision to share their unrivalled know-how in C-UAS interceptor drones and Orqa's proven production capabilities, this agreement will maximize NATO resilience and enable European-built defenses to protect European skies, without depleting Ukraine's own capabilities. The partnership between leading Ukrainian and Croatian businesses is significant as both nations share a profound respect for sovereign independence, and will initially focus on the development and manufacture of interceptor drones, components, and other C-UAV systems. Work is already underway to establish joint manufacturing facilities in Croatia and Ukraine, with the first products expected in the near future.

"Today marks the beginning of a new chapter for our company and Ukrainian defence-tech as a whole. We are launching a major and promising partnership with a company that brings over a decade of experience and leading expertise in the UAV industry. Our shared goal is clear: to help build a new architecture of European and global security. Ukraine's unique battlefield experience, combined with Orqa's technological expertise, creates a powerful synergy. Together, we are ready to change the game," said Yaroslav Gryshyn, co-founder of General Cherry. Srdjan Kovacevic, Co-Founder and CEO of Orqa, said, "General Cherry's real-world combat experience, combined with Orqa's broad technical capabilities, creates a partnership with exceptional potential based on a trailblazing mutual manufacturing model. It is an important step forward for both parties and countries, enabling General Cherry's highly effective interceptor drone capability to be available outside Ukraine for the first time. The result will strengthen the security framework of all allied nations."

About General Cherry General Cherry is among the leading UAV developers and producers in Ukraine, ranking #1 in interceptor drones and #1 among all FPV drone developers according to official data from the Army of Drones Bonus program.

About Orqa Orqa is one of the largest UAV/drone manufacturers in the world, producing components and integrated systems for customers in over 50 markets worldwide, including 24 NATO member states. All Orqa products are made without any Chinese parts; the company's vertically integrated production model ensures every key element is designed, engineered, and built in-house, making their supply chain immune to geopolitical tensions. In 2026 Orqa was ranked #135 overall and #2 in Aerospace & Defense in The Financial Times' FT1000 list of Europe's 1000 fastest-growing companies.

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