

Maritime Security Conference

(15 – 16 November 2017, NMIOTC, Crete)

The importance of an innovative approach for Maritime Security

European Defence Agency

Updated Draft Agenda

Wednesday, 15th November

1900 – 2100 **Icebreaker Reception**

Thursday, 16th November

0830 – 0900 **Registration**

0900 – 0915 **Welcome & Introduction** – Commodore Georgios Tsogkas

0915 – 0930 **EDA Deputy Chief Executive Mr. Rini Goos** – Introductory Speech

0930 – 0945 **Keynote Speech - EL CHOD, Admiral Evangelos Apostolakis**

“Maritime Security – Challenges and opportunities for the EU”

0945 – 1115 **Panel 1:** *The impacts of the EU Maritime Security Strategy.*

The EU Global Strategy and the EU Maritime Security Strategy's vision for Maritime Security in Europe is mirrored by significant security political challenges such as the revival of peripheral crises and conflicts bearing the potential to directly affect Europe. Challenges such as territorial conflicts, political extremism, failing states, international rivalry over access to primary resources as well as human and drug-related trafficking or the proliferation of arms and threats to cyber security require European partners to unite and to collectively shoulder their responsibility in the maritime domain.

To identify risks as early as possible, to develop adequate counterstrategies, and to prevent such risks from materializing into concrete threats as well as to initiate the societal and political process to shape the maritime domain is the prime motive of a value-oriented and responsible maritime security policy as laid out in the EU Maritime Security Strategy. In view of current challenges an increase in defence budgets is not the sole and simple answer to achieve maritime security. The panel will discuss options for implementation of the EU Global Strategy, as well as the EU Maritime Security Strategy in a cross sectoral manner so as to ensure a security domain for Europe that is more than ever dependent on the secure sea lines of communication. Specific attention will be paid to capability aspects in a lifecycle approach.

Chair: Tony Lawrence International Centre for Defence and Security – Estonia

Speakers:

- Rini Goos, EDA Deputy Chief Executive
- Vice Admiral Pavlopoulos, CINC Hellenic Fleet
- Ingo Alvermann, Federal German Police, Chairman German Project Office ECGFF Presidency 2017-2018
- Christos Malikkides, Permanent Secretary of the CY Ministry of Defence

1115 – 1145 **Coffee Break**

1145 – 1315 **Panel 2: Maritime Technology and Innovation:**

Military and technological innovation is a multifaceted phenomenon that concerns the development of new products and processes, the application of new ideas to practice and ultimately leads to new ways and means of doing business. The successful adoption of innovative technologies is not dependent solely on those technologies but rather it incorporates a corresponding change in organization structure and in doctrine/concept of operations. Panel 2 will assess the success or otherwise, on the incorporation of Unmanned Maritime Systems into Naval forces and whether the concepts of operation have been developed that harness and integrate both new and legacy systems. The role and challenges for industry will also be discussed and what opportunities exist to de-risk investments. Finally, the panel will consider what effect the adoption of unmanned systems will have on larger platforms that currently sit as the corner stone of European Navies.

Chair: Paul O'Brien EDA

Speakers:

- Brig. Gen. Petros Kyriafinis, Director, Defence Investments and Technological Research, EL
- Heiko Borchert, Borchert Consulting & Research AG
- Nils Størkersen, Director of Research, FFI
- Daniel Scourzic, Managing Director, Systems of Robots ECA
- Cdr. Jeroen de Jonge, Business Director Naval Programmes, TNO

1315 – 1430 **Lunch (Hosted)**

Panel 3: *Maritime Situational Awareness – the key to Maritime Security?*

The timely detection and neutralization of any threat arising in or approaching via the maritime environment is a key element in Maritime Security. In view of very limited Member States assets and the vulnerability of sea lines of communication as well as of maritime infrastructure vital for Europe's security and prosperity this seems to be evident. However, there appear to be significantly different approaches to Maritime Security by different Member States, military and civilian service branches and entities. While concurrent efforts appear to be well suited in dealing with every day challenges there still seems to be no common views and understanding of a European Maritime Situational Awareness. Are potential threats adequately covered by existing surveillance mechanisms and networks? Is there a need for a growing level of information exchange, analysis and distribution? How should an adequate information management be designed? Centralized or decentralized? Are there opportunities to improve the cooperation between civilian and military led Operations, e.g. Triton, Operation Sophia etc.? Which role can the EU Preparatory Action Program play in this context? Is this the push to a cross sectoral all-encompassing Maritime Situational Awareness?

Chair: Prof. Dr. Luis Simon, Research Professor International Security
Institute of European Studies - VUB Brussels

Speakers:

- Rear Admiral Gilles Boidevezi, Deputy Commander EUNAVFOR
MED Operation Sophia
- Rear Admiral Jean-Frederic Plobner, FR
- Rear Admiral Müller-Meinhard, DE
- Daniel Vincen, Airbus Defence and Space GmbH, R&T Management

1630 – 1700 **Wrap-up of the Conference, Conclusions**

- Closing Remarks - Commodore Georgios Tsogkas

- End of the Conference -

Venue : NATO Maritime Interdiction Operational Training Centre, Souda Bay Crete, Greece

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Logistic Information

1. Lodging and Transportation

A selection of recommended hotels is listed below. Transportation to and from the NMIOTC premises and specified pick-up points in the city of Chania will be provided during the conference. Participants are responsible for their own transportation from the airport to the hotel and vice-versa. More detailed instruction will be issued in due course.

- SAMARIA 4* www.samariahotel.gr email: reservations@samariahotel.gr, Tel: +30 2821038600
- KYDON 4* www.kydon-hotel.com email: info@kydon-hotel.gr, Tel: +30 2821052280
- Akali 4* www.akali-hotel.gr email info@akali-hotel.gr, Tel: +30 2821092872
- PORTO VENEZIANO 3* hotel www.portoveneziano.gr , Tel: +30 2821027100
- ROYAL SUN 4* hotel www.royalsunhotel.com, email hotelroyal_sun@gmail.com, Tel: +30 2821046363

2. Badges

A welcome package that includes security badges and all the necessary information will be delivered to the participants upon arrival at NMIOTC. There is strict access control to secure entry via Marathi main gate and the NMIOTC main building. You will be required to carry your national identification card during check in and your time in the NMIOTC.