

Maritime Security Conference

(12-13 November 2015, Nicosia, Cyprus)

The Challenges, Benefits and Opportunities of the European Union Maritime Security Strategy

The conference is co-organised by the

**Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Cyprus,
&
the European Defence Agency**

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, 11th November

1900- 2000 **Cocktail Reception at the Hilton Hotel (Nicosia)**
Hosted by the CY Ministry of Defence

Thursday, 12 November

0830-0900 **Registration**

0900-0910 **Welcome & Introduction**

- ***Christoforos Fokaides, Minister of Defence, Cyprus***
- ***Jorge Domecq, Chief Executive of European Defence Agency***

0910-0930 **Welcome and Keynote Speech**

- **General Michail Kostarakos, Chairman European Union Military Committee**
“The impact of the EU Maritime Security Strategy” (tbc)

Conference Moderator

Peter Round

Capability, Armaments and Technology Director, EDA

0930-1115

Panel 1:

Europe's Sea-lines of Communication – Open and Free or under threat? The impacts of the EU Maritime Security Strategy.

In this first panel the importance of Sea-lines of Communication and Europe's strategic dependency upon these conduits will be addressed. In particular, the panel will assess the current level of 'openness' and will identify the sources of threat – those currently existing and those on the horizon, that could have an impact on Europe's primary maritime routes. Of significance, will be the threats to Europe's maritime infrastructure and the preparatory actions required to ensure the safety of strategic maritime assets. It is within this context that the panel will assess a number of specific geographical areas that have the potential to impact considerably on Europe's maritime security. Finally, the panel will investigate the European Naval response and the impact that the EU Maritime Security Strategy can play in keeping open Europe's Sea Lines of Communication.

Chair: VAdm (rtd) Ferdinando San felice de Monteforte (former IT MilRep to the EUMC)

Speakers:

- **Jorge Domecq, Chief Executive of European Defence Agency**
- **Rear Admiral Gilles Humeau, Head of the French Navy Representative**
- **Rear Admiral Ossama Mounir Rabie, Chief of Egyptian Navy**
(tbc)
- **Rear Admiral Alexandru Mîrșu, Chief of the Romanian Naval Forces Staff**
- **Thomas Kazakos, Director General of the Cyprus Shipping Chamber**

1115-1145

Coffee Break

1145-1330

Panel 2:

Shifting from Navies to Coast Guards? Tasks, Duties, Responsibilities. Sea Blindness vs. Maritime Awareness.

The recent downturn and fluctuations in European economies has seen a corresponding decline in defence expenditure. European Navies, as a result, are now operating within the confines of reduced resource envelopes. A significant challenge for Navies is to be relevant to the taxpayer and this has seen a shift from traditional high intensity activities to more constabulary or coast guard roles. The panel will address the effectiveness of Naval Forces for these roles and the potential consequences in terms of loss of capabilities, in meeting the requirements of the EU Maritime Security Strategy. Finally, what effect could this have on the culture of Europe's Navies and what policies and capabilities should be prioritised for the future?

Chair: Vice Admiral José Luis Urcelay Verdugo (ES MilRep)

Speakers:

- **Vice Admiral Mark Mellett, Chief of Irish Defence**
- **Admiral Giuseppe De Giorgi, Chief of the Italian Navy**
- **VAdm Andreas Krause, Chief of the German Navy**
- **Vytautas Lukas Operational Officer, Sea Border Sector,**

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1330-1445

Lunch (*Hosted*)

1445-1630

Academic Session

- **Welcome: *Christos Malikkides, Permanent Secretary MoD, CY***
- **Moderator - Introduction: *Professor Dr. Demos Petropoulos, Cyprus University of Technology.***
- **Keynote Speech:**
“Maritime Repositories of European Cultural Heritage and European Civilization”.
Prof Dr. Juergen Elvert, University of Cologne and University of Aarhus.
- **Discussion**

- End of day 1 -

Friday, 13 November 2015

0900-1030

Panel 3:

The Future for Europe at Sea - Surveillance, Governance and Protection.

Operating in challenging maritime environments has consistently created a drive for innovation and change. The sea is a wealthy but complex environment and is only accessible with high levels of technology. It has thus created a culture of development and change. Prosperity at sea is linked to the level of innovation. To fully unlock the potential of the oceans, considerable investment and an environment that fosters innovation and cooperation is required. The panel will explore the technological developments that can be expected in the near future and what role cooperation can play in ensuring that we maximise these benefits. Finally, the panel will address the critical role of surveillance and information sharing in policing the oceans.

Chair: Dr. Stephan Lechner, Director of the Institute for the Protection and Security of the Citizen in DG, Joint Research Center

Speakers:

- **Staffan Ekwall (Maritime Security Issues, DG MARE, European Commission)**
- **Mr. Klaus Eisel MBDA, DE (Laser Weapons)**
- **Dr. Michał Wierciński [Polish Armaments Group (PGZ)]**
- **Captain (N) Kyriakos Pochanis, Commander of CY Navy Command**

1030-1100

Coffee Break

1100-1245

Panel 4:

Round table discussion:

The European Maritime Security Strategy – A vehicle for Civilian Military Cooperation?

Chair: Peter Round

Participants:

- **Ambassador Mr. Pantias Eliades, Political Director, CY Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

- Mr. Alain Hoffman (chair of the Presidency Group working on the EU Maritime Security Strategy)
- Mr. François Rivasseau, Special Envoy for Space – Head of Security Policy Division, EEAS
- Rear Admiral Juergen Ehle, Senior Advisor to the DE PSC Ambassador

1245-1315 **Wrap-up of the Conference, Conclusions**

- *Prof. Dr. Sven Biscop, Egmont Institute, Brussels*

1315-1330 **Farewell and close down**

- *Christoforos Fokaides, Minister of Defence, Cyprus*

1330-1445 **Lunch (Hosted)**

- End of the Conference -

Venue:

Filoxenia Conference Center, Nicosia, Cyprus

<http://www.fcc.com.cy/>

Accommodation:

The Hilton Hotel, Nicosia, Cyprus

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/N/NICHITW-GAKAR-20151111/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

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