



**Risks and Challenges in a Dynamic Maritime Domain:
Strategy adaptation, Technology innovations and the Operational Landscape of the future**

FINAL AGENDA

Tuesday 4 June 24		
TIME (EEST)	TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:10	Registration – in processing	
09:10	Admin / Safety Brief	Cdr Konstantinos PAPANASTASIS GRC (N) Head Student Admin Affairs
09:20	NMIOTC Welcome Address	Cdre Efstathios KYRIAKIDIS GRC (N) NMIOTC Commandant
	Host Nation Senior Representative Welcome address	General Dimitrios CHOUPIS GRC (A) Chief of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff
09:30	Honorary Guest Remarks Address	Admiral (ret.) Panagiotis CHINOFOTIS GRC (N) Honorable Chief of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff
09:35	Keynote Speaker	Vice Admiral Michael Utley CB OBE GBR (N) Commander of NATO's Allied Maritime Command
09:55	Group Photo - Coffee Break	

	SESSION 1: Academic regional perspective	Moderator: Dr. Marios-Panagiotis EFTHYMIPOULOS Associate Professor in International Security and Strategy
10:10	A holistic approach to strategic security: The current and future landscapes from Caucasus and Southeast Med to the Middle East and Gulf Region. Maritime Security dimensions at risk?	Dr. Marios - Panagiotis EFTHYMIPOULOS Associate Professor in International Security and Strategy
	Net Assessment of the Trans-regional Crisis and Conflict 2024	Prof. James BERGERON Allied Maritime Command, Political Advisor to Commander
	Maritime Security Threats off Africa: Converging Maritime Threats and Vulnerabilities in the Northwestern Indian Ocean	Prof. Francois VREÿ PhD Capt. (ret) Mark BLAINE RSA (N) SIGLA, Stellenbosch University
	Cognitive Dominance, influence and disinformation strategies	Dr Christina SCHORI LIANG Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)
12:00	Lunch Break	
	SESSION 2: Current and future challenges in the Operational landscape	Moderator: CDRE Konstantinos PITYKAKIS Commander of GRMARFOR HQ
13:00	Outline of EUNAVFOR Operation Aspides	Rear Admiral Vasileios GRYPARIS GRC (N) EUNAVFOR Op. Aspides, OPERATION COMMANDER
	Train as you fight reinvented. Synthetic environment Exploitation to enhance NATO IAMD capabilities	B. General Nikolaos MAKRYGIANNIS GRC (AF) Integrated Air and Missile Defence COE, Director
	The Italian Navy's approach in Maritime Security Operations for better leveraging coordination and cooperation efforts at sea.	Rear Admiral Fabrizio RUTTERI ITA (N) Italian Navy General Staff, Deputy Chief of Plans and Policy Division
	Navigating Future Challenges: a Multi-Domain approach to Maritime Security and Technological Innovation	Rear Admiral Ignacio CUARTERO ESP (N) European Union Military Staff (EUMS), Director of Concepts and Capabilities
14:40	Coffee Break	

	SESSION 3: new threats and opportunities in the maritime environment	Moderator: Cdre (Ret) Ioannis KAKAVAS MSSE GRC (N) EFA Ventures, Business Development Manager, Industrial Participation
15:00	Threats and challenges in a rapid changing maritime environment. Hellenic Navy perspective	Cdr Theodore BAZINIS GRC (N) Plans and Policy Division, Hellenic Navy General Staff
	Current operational picture and how this is impacting the future Bulgarian fleet	Capt. Petar DIMITROV BGR (N) Bulgarian Navy Command, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations
	Drone attacks against ships: Security assessment and mitigation	Dr. Iosif PROGOULAKIS Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport University of the Aegean, Chios, Greece Prof. Nikitas NIKITAKOS Sharjah Maritime Academy, UAE
16:20	End of Day 1 – Bus to Chania city center	
20:00	Social Event: Official Reception at SAPEL Hall, Agia Marina	

Wednesday 5 June 24

TIME (EEST)	TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:30	Coffee - Networking	
09:00	Keynote Speakers	<p>Radm (UH) Placido TORRESI ITA (N) OF-7 NATO Allied Command Transformation, Deputy Chief of Staff Joint Force Development</p> <p>Dr. Alison WESTON Deputy to the Director in the SDP Directorate and Head of Division for Maritime Security, EEAS</p>
09:40	SESSION 4: Solutions, capabilities and technology innovation for the new operational landscape	Moderator: Dr. Dinos A. KERIGAN-KYROU NATO Defence Education Enhancement Programme
	Enhancing Maritime Security Adopting an Integrated Intelligence Strategy in the Shipping Sector	Mr. Anastasios-Nikolaos KANELLOPOULOS Athens University of Economics and Business,
	New EU Capability Development Priorities and the implementation Roadmaps	Mr. Jürgen SCRABACK European Defense Agency, EU Maritime Domain Capability Development, Head of Unit
	Underwater Security HORIZON EUROPE Project	Capt. (Ret.) Ioannis ANDROULAKIS GRC (N) MANiBUS Ltd., Managing Director
	Operational Experimentation in Maritime SOF Environment	Lt Col. Petros TSIRIGOTIS GRC (A) NATO Special Operation HQ, Maritime Development Division, Education and Training Branch Head
11:20	Coffee Break	

11:40 <i>(Remote Panel from “Sofitel Athens Airport Hotel”)</i>	SESSION 5 (remote): Challenges in the Maritime Domain (Part I): Practitioners views	Moderator: Prof. Dimitrios DALAKLIS World Maritime University
	Unmanned and Unbound: How Drones are Redefining the Maritime Sector and Reshaping Naval Operations	Prof. Dimitrios DALAKLIS As. Prof. Aspasia Pastra World Maritime University
	Consequences of the Red Sea Crisis for the Global Commerce - The role of PMSC's	Vice Admiral (ret) Ioannis PAVLOPOULOS GRC (N), Hon. Commander in Chief of the Hellenic Fleet and Former MilRep of Greece to the NATO and EU
	Creating Sustainable Maritime Operations	Dr. Konstantinos GALANIS Ret. Cdr. [Eng.] GRC (N)
	Digital Risk Management	Mr. Nikos GEORGOPOULOS Diapλους Land Services, General Manager Mr. Joshua HUTCHINSON, Director of Ambrey Analytics
13:20	Lunch Break	
14:20	SESSION 6: Challenges in the Maritime Domain (Part II)	Moderator: Capt. Spyridon ALEXIOU GRC (N) Athens Multinational Sealift Coordination Centre
	The Geopolitical risk of landlocked fragile states to Maritime Security: West and East African dilemma's	Prof Michelle NEL Mr Andries FOKKENS SIGLA, Stellenbosch University
	Challenges of CMI Protection – the Baltic Context	CDR Rafał MIĘTKIEWICZ PhD POL (N) Polish Naval Academy, Assistant Professor
	The freedom of navigation under siege: The issue of foreign military activities in the EEZ	Mr. Frederik ROGIERS Gent University
	The Implications of Climate Change for the Maritime Security at a Glance	Capt. Panagiotis TRIPONTIKAS GRC (N) MARCOM/ACOS/N2
16:00	Final Wrap up	Dr. Dinos A. KERIGAN-KYROU NATO Defence Education Enhancement Programme
16:20	NMIOTC Farewell Address	Cdre Efstathios KYRIAKIDIS GRC (N) NMIOTC Commandant
16:30	End of conference – Bus to CHQ airport and Chania city Center	