

Agenda 17th NMIOTC Annual Conference

“Blue Resilience 360°: Securing Maritime Infrastructure in the Era of Multi-Domain Operations”

| Day 1 Wednesday, 3 June 2026 | | |
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| TIME | TOPIC | SPEAKER |
| 08:15 - 09:15 | Registration – Welcome Coffee | |
| 09:15 - 09:30 | Opening Admin / Security Brief | Cpt Giuseppe CATAPANO ITA (N) Training Support Director, NMIOTC |
| 09:30 - 09:40 | NMIOTC Welcome Address | Cdre Pavlos ANGELOPOULOS GRC (N) NMIOTC Commandant |
| 09:40 - 09:50 | Host Nation Senior Representative Welcome address | Hellenic Navy / Defense General Staff Representative |
| 09:50 - 10:10 | Keynote Speech | Dr. Thanos DOKOS, Secretary General of National Security, Presidency of the Government, Hellenic Republic |
| 10:10 - 10:20 | Group Photo | |
| 10:20 - 10:50 | Coffee Break - Networking | |
| 10:50 - 12:10 | SESSION 1: The New Maritime Operating Environment - Critical Infrastructure in a Contested Domain | Moderator: Dr. Alison WESTON Senior Coordinator for Maritime Security in the Security and Defence Policy Directorate of the European External Action Service (EEAS) |
| | Status of NATO efforts regarding Security of Critical Undersea Infrastructure | Capt Niels MARKUSSEN Royal Danish Navy - Director NATO Shipping Centre (NSC) and NATO Maritime Centre for the Security of Critical Undersea Infrastructure (NMCSCUI)) |
| | The JFCNF Perspective on Securing Maritime Infrastructure in a Multi-Domain Environment | Mr. Alexander-Bernard KORN JFC Norfolk - Branch Head Force Protection |
| | The Critical Undersea Infrastructure Surveillance Centre and the Operation FONDALI SICURI – A case | Cpt Marco STOCCO ITA(N) Italian Navy Fleet Command (CINCNV) |
| 12:10 - 13:10 | Lunch break | |

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| 13:10 - 14:30 | SESSION 2: Seabed to Space - Multi-Domain Awareness and the Protection of the Blue Network | Moderator: Dr. Dinos KERIGAN-KYROU Senior Advisor, NATO DEEP eAcademy |
| | Multi-Domain Operations (MDO) Framework | Cdr Dr Georgios LYKOS GRC (N) ACT - MDFD |
| | Securing Subsea Infrastructure: Information sharing in times of crisis | Dr. James A. MALCOLM and Dr. Ioannis CHAPSOS Coventry University, UK |
| | From Boarding Excellence to Digital Advantage: Transforming NMIOTC Education and Training for the Maritime Interdiction Mission of Tomorrow | Professor Sam MEDHAT Institute of Innovation & Knowledge Exchange, STEM Foundation |
| 14:30 - 15:00 | Coffee break - Networking | |
| 15:00 - 16:20 | SESSION 3: Building Resilient Maritime Ecosystems - Industry and other Actors as a Security Partners | Moderator: LtCol (ret.) Nollag CONNEELY IRL (A) Director, Complete GRC Ltd |
| | Cueing the Boarding Team: Autonomous Multi-Domain Detection and Classification of Suspect Vessels Threatening NATO Subsea Infrastructure | Honorebel S. WALKER Chief Executive Officer Spacetime Industries |
| | From Centralized Vulnerability to Decentralized Resilience | Mr. Nikolaos SAVOURIS GEK Terna |
| | Resilience - First Secure Communications for Maritime Critical Infrastructure: Early QuStream Field-Trial Results for Multi-Domain Operations in Contested Environments | Mr. Adrian NEAL Oxford Scientifica |
| 20:00 | Hosted Dinner | |

| Day 2 Thursday, 4 June 2026 | | |
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| TIME | TOPIC | SPEAKER |
| 08:15 – 09:00 | Coffee Break - Networking | |
| 09:00 – 09:20 | Keynote Speech | Dr Alison WESTON Senior Coordinator for Maritime Security in the Security and Defence Policy Directorate of the European External Action Service (EEAS) |
| 09:20 – 10:40 | SESSION 4: Hybrid and non-conventional Threats Beneath and Beyond the Waves | Moderator: Rear Admiral (ret) Stathis KYRIAKIDIS GRC (N) Senior Strategic Analyst, Board Member of Strategy International Ltd. |
| | From Ports to Battlefields: The Rise of Hybrid Maritime Terror | Dr. Christina SCHORLIANG Head of Counterterrorism and Preventing Violent Extremism at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy in Geneva (GCSP), CHE |
| | Shockwaves: Geopolitics, Regime Stability and the Energy crisis | Andrew Scott COOPER Assistant Professor in International and European Affairs, Deree, The American College of Greece |
| | Multi-Domain Maritime Domain Awareness: The Case of African Reform | Associate Professor Michelle NEL & Andries FOKKENS Stellenbosch University |
| 10:40 – 11:10 | Coffee Break - Networking | |
| 11:10 – 12:30 | SESSION 5: Blue Resilience and Strategic Autonomy - NATO and Partner Nations' Policy Outlook | Moderator: Mr Jamie Redfarn Maritime Security, Liverpool John Moores University |
| | CUI Education | Ms. Liliana SERBAN NATO School Oberammergau |
| | Resilience Training in NATO | Col Rupert FICKER-REISSING DEU (AF) ACT Education and Training Plans and Programme, Branch Head |
| | Protecting Europe's Critical Maritime Infrastructure: From Industrial Strategy to Deterrence and Defence | Brigadier General (LEGAD) Sotirios KALODIMOS Hellenic Army Supreme Military Support Command |
| | Critical Entities' Resilience, including in Relation to transport, Under EU Law | Dr. Iliana CHRISTODOULOU VAROTSI Senior Legal Consultant & Lead Trainer in private practice |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch Break | |

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| 13:30 – 14:50 | SESSION 6: Innovation at Sea - Emerging Technologies for Maritime Protection and Deterrence | Moderator: Dr. Iosif PROGOULAKIS Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean |
| | Exploiting Maritime Innovation: How NATO's Lessons Learned System is adapting | Brigadier General Cristinel-Dumitru COLIBABA Commander of the NATO Joint Analysis and Lessons Learned Centre (JALLC) |
| | Safeguarding SADC's blue frontier: Critical Maritime Infrastructure and Regional Security Architectures in the SADC Maritime Domain | Prof. Francois VREY & Cpt (ret) Mark BLAINE ZAF (N) Stellenbosch University |
| | Naval Operations in the Quantum Era | Prof. Nikitas NIKITAKOS Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport, University of the Aegean |
| | USVs, UUVs, and UAVs: Modernizing Continuous Maritime Surveillance Operations | Cpt (ret.) Edward LUNDQUIST USA(N) |
| 14:50 – 15:00 | Final Wrap up | Cpt Giuseppe CATAPANO ITA (N) Training Support Director, NMIOTC |
| 15:00 – 15:10 | NMIOTC Farewell Address | Cdre Pavlos ANGELOPOULOS GRC (N) NMIOTC Commandant |