

French-Hellenic DEFENCE INNOVATION SYMPOSIUM

Organized by the French Defence Innovation Agency and the Hellenic Centre for Defence Innovation



December 12-13 2024

ATHENS



AGENDA

1st Day	
09:30	Reception of participants - Coffee
10:30	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening remarks from Minister of National Defence of the Hellenic Republic, H.E. Mr Nikos DENDIAS and Minister of Armed Forces of France, H.E. Mr Sébastien LECORNU. Welcome speech from Major General Ioannis BOURAS, General Director of General Directorate for Defence Investments and Armaments (GDDIA)
11:00	Awards of 1st HCDI Innovation Challenge Thematic 1: Vehicle Recognition in Real-Time Thematic 2: Unmanned Systems Command and Control
11:20	Coffee Break
11:50	Session 1 Defence Ecosystem Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Pantelis TZORTZAKIS, CEO of Hellenic Centre for Defence Innovation Major General Patrick AUFORT, Director of the French Defence Innovation Agency (DIA) Major General Georgios PANOUSIS, Director of ST Branch Hellenic National Defence General Staff
12:50	Lunch Break
14:30	Session 2 FR and EL Common Effort at EDF Presentation from Major General (ret.) Petros KYRIAFINIS former national rep for defence R&T and industry, HCDI external partner.
14:50	Session 3 French & Greek companies Pitching <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hugo DE LATTRE, ALSEAMAR, Business Developer – Europe Dr Athanasios STUBOS, Cyrus Hydrogen Compressors, Founder and Head of Innovation Jean-Matthieu TILQUIN, SAHAR, Vice President Development & Public Affairs George KANELLOPOULOS, ICOMAT, Head of Strategy
15:20	Session 4 Unifying Forces : Defence Innovation Meets Industrial Capability Panel Session: The potential, challenges, and strategies for harnessing research and development capabilities to create projects that address defence needs. Moderator: Konstantinos MICHANETZIS, <i>SEEDERS</i> , CEO Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> François-Régis BOULVERT, <i>Naval Group</i>, R&T International Cooperation Development Director Arnaud MARTINS DA TORRE, <i>GICAN</i>, Head of International

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Colonel Nikolaos MENGOS, <i>HCDI</i>, Director of Defence R&D ● Sotirios KOKKINOS, <i>FEAC Engineering</i>, CEO and <i>SEKPY</i> Representative ● Dimitris SKALAIOS, <i>Hellenic Aerospace Industry</i>, Executive Director and Chairman of <i>HASDIG</i>
16:00	Coffee Break
16:30	Session 5 Financial and non-financial opportunities by the Hellenic Development Bank empowering entrepreneurship and innovation Intervention by the CEO of HDB, Ms. Ismini Papakirillou
16:50	Session 6 French & Greek companies Pitching <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pierre CECCHETTI, <i>CILAS</i>, Sales manager ● Aris KOLOKYTHAS, <i>Velos Rotors Inc</i>, Founder & CTO ● Bastien MANCINI, <i>DELAIR</i>, President ● Dr. Marianthi FRAGKOPOULOU, <i>HERADO</i>, CEO
17:20	Session 7 Pure Financing vs. Smart Financing Panel Session: Non-financial support (mentoring, acceleration, networking) complements financial tools (loans, grants, equity), enhancing projects at any lifecycle stage. Moderator: Armament Colonel Franck BILAU, <i>French Defence Innovation Agency</i> , Head of international cooperation department Panelists : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Catherine FRENZEL, <i>BPI France</i>, International Affairs Senior Advisor ● Vasilis DANIAS, <i>Jolt Capital</i>, Advisor ● Dr Konstantinos TSANIS, <i>HCDI</i>, Director of Investments ● Dr Panagiotis KIKIRAS, Former Head of Unit Technology and Innovation at the Research Technology and Innovation Directorate at the European Defence Agency (EDA) ● Dr Georgios NOUNESIS, <i>National Centre for Scientific Research "Demokritos"</i>, Director and Chairman of the Board
18:00	Session 8 French & Greek companies Pitching <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Etienne RICHARD, <i>Safran.AI</i>, Head of Sales EMEA & NATO ● Dr Apostolos KLINAKIS, <i>PhosPrint</i>, Co-Founder and Clinical Director ● Martino Taffetani, <i>EXAIL SAS</i>, Sales and Business Development Manager
18:15	Closing Remarks
18:30	Networking - Cocktails

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2nd Day	
09:00	Arrivals – Coffee
09:30	Opening Remarks Mr Markos VASILIKOS, Executive Member of the HCDI BoD
09:40	French Defence Innovation Agency, presentation Armament Colonel Franck BILAU, Head of international cooperation department
10:20	Demokritos, DIANA NATO Innovation Accelerator Presentation, Ms. Katerina Tzortzatou
10:40	Hellenic Center For Defence innovation, presentation Col Nikolaos Mengos HCDI, Director of Defence R&D
11:00	End of Presentations

2nd Day (in parallel)	
09:00	Arrivals – Coffee
09:30	B2B Meetings
14:00	Closing of the Event