



INFODAY & NETWORKING EVENT

## CONNECTING RESEARCH with DEFENCE INDUSTRY

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HALL 1, DEFEA, METROPOLITAN EXPO

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## Event Schedule

09:30 – 10:00	<i>Reception / Registration</i>
10:00 – 10:40	<p><b>Welcome and general introduction</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Tasos Gaitanis</b>, General Secretary for Research and Innovation</p> <p><b>Dr. Konstantinos Vavekis</b>, Director of PRAXI Network</p> <p>Representative of the Greek Ministry of Defence</p> <p><b>Mr. Stratos Simopoulos</b>, Member of Parliament for Thessaloniki, Chair of the Special Standing Committee on Research and Technology</p>
10:40 – 11:50	<p><b>Round Table: Research &amp; Innovation in the Defence &amp; Security Industry</b></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Dr. Konstantinos Vavekis</b>, Director of PRAXI Network</p> <p><b>Capt. Dimitrios Filagos</b>, Hellenic Ministry of National Defence / General Directorate for Defence Investments &amp; Armaments Director of Defence Investments &amp; Technological Research</p> <p><b>Sotiris Kokkinos</b>, CEO of FEAC Engineering &amp; SEKPY MoB</p> <p><b>Dr. Athanasios Potsis</b>, President of the Hellenic Association of Space Industry (HASI)</p> <p><b>Dr. Dimosthenis Sarigiannis</b>, Director and Chairman of the Board, National Hellenic Research Foundation (NHRF)</p> <p><b>Prof. Spyros Blavoukos</b>, Athens University of Economics &amp; Business &amp; Senior Research Fellow, Head of the 'Ariane Condellis' European Programme, Hellenic Foundation for European &amp; Foreign Policy</p>

11:50 – 12:05	<b>Break</b>
12:05 – 13:05	<p><b>Roundtable Cybersecurity/ Artificial Intelligence</b></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Dr. Petros Kavassalis</b>, Vice Rector for Research and Innovation, Associate Professor,</p> <p><i>Representatives of Defence Industry and Researchers from various Institutes</i></p>
13:05 – 14:05	<p><b>Round Table: Empowering Innovation: EU and NATO Opportunities for Defence and Security Companies</b></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Dr. Spyros Arsenis</b>, Head of Business Innovation Development / NBG Business Seeds, Group Business Strategy Sector</p> <p><b>The European Defence Fund</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Nynke TIGCHELAAR</b>, Head of Unit implementation European Defence Fund-defence technologies, Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space, European Commission</p> <p><b>The NATO Innovation Fund</b></p> <p><b>Mr. David Ordonez</b>, Investor, NATO Innovation Fund</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
14:05 – 14:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>
14:30 – 15:30	<p><b>Roundtable Advanced Materials and components with application in energy and space</b></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> <b>Dr. Spyros Yannopoulos</b>, Department of Chemistry, University of Patras, Affiliated faculty member of the Institute of Chemical Engineering Sciences (ICE-HT)</p> <p><i>Representatives of Defence Industry and Researchers from various Institutes</i></p>
15:30 – 15:45	<b>Closing</b>