

INVITATION

The Brussels Hellenic Network ARGO and the Institute of International Relations (IDIS) of the Panteion University of Political and Social Sciences organise on **Wednesday, 11 October, 18:00-20:00**, a round table discussion on **European Defence Programmes and the Greek Defence Industry** hosted by the Embassy of Greece in Belgium, **Rue des Petits Carmes 10, 1000 Brussels**.

The event will bring together key stakeholders from European Union institutions, the business community, academia and civil society. It will be the second of a series of joint activities of ARGO and IDIS focusing at analysing Greece's role as member of the European Union to the stability of the Eastern Mediterranean. The workshops, organised alternatively in Athens and Brussels, aim at presenting policy proposals in critical areas for growth and security of the region in the context of a rapidly changing and multipolar international environment.

The program will evolve as follows:

Session I: Representatives of Greek think tanks and industry will present the state of play of the Greek defence industry.

Session II: Representatives of the European Commission, the European Investment Bank and ASD (AeroSpace and Defence Industries Association of Europe) will discuss opportunities provided to small and medium size companies, such as the Greek ones, by relevant European programmes and by the strengthening of the cross-border industrial value chains.

Working language: English. Free entrance.

RSVP: Please register for the event by October 4 at argoidisworkshops@gmail.com

Agenda

11 October 2023

18:00-20:00

Venue: Embassy of Greece in Belgium, Rue des Petits Carmes 10, 1000 Brussels

18.00 -18.10: Start of the programme

Opening remarks: Dionyssios Kalamvrezos, Ambassador of Greece to Belgium

Welcome: Ino Afentouli, Executive Director, Institute of International Relations, Athens

18:10 Panel 1: The Greek defence industry

Moderator: Marilena Koppa, Professor of Comparative Politics, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, Athens

Antonis Kamaras, ELIAMEP - Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy: An overview of the Greek defence industry

Discussant: Christos Rozolis, President, Hellenic Manufacturers of Defence Material Association

19.00 Panel 2: European defence and dual use programmes

Moderator: Michalis Ketselidis, European Commission, Secretariat General

- Anne Fort, European Commission, DG Defence Industry and Space: Overview of EU defence industry initiatives
- Oliver Cusworth, European Investment Bank: Support for dual use programmes
- Burkard Schmitt, AeroSpace and Defence Industries Association of Europe: European defence industry, challenges and opportunities

Discussants: EU defence industry representatives

19:55 Closing remarks: Spyros Pappas, President of ARGO.

20.00 End of the program