

Workshop on:

Maritime challenges for the EU

Programme

Athens- Vouliagmeni, 6-7 June 2014
Divani Apollon Palace & Thalasso

Concept Note

Collectively, the EU has the largest merchant marine fleet in the world. Its combined naval capabilities place it in the second tier of 'blue water' navies, well below the US but at the same level as Russia and China. Also, as mentioned in the recent Joint Communication to the European Parliament and the Council, 'some 90% of the EU's external trade and 40% of its internal trade is transported by sea. The EU is the 3rd largest importer and the 5th global producer of fisheries and aquaculture. More than 400 million passengers pass through EU ports each year'. The EU depends on open, safe seas and oceans for a broad range of activities and the need to safeguard them against a wide array of maritime threats and risks was underlined by the European Council in December 2013. The Union's approach to maritime security will be strategic and cross-sectorial with a focus on building upon and strengthening existing achievements, rather than creating new structures.

The workshop will focus on the maritime security interests of the EU: threats such as piracy, the protection of the EU global supply chain, illegal migration and other illegal activities (transnational organised crime, unauthorised fishing and environmental pollution), terrorism, over-exploitation of energy resources, etc.).

The main geographical focus will be on the Mediterranean Sea and adjoining maritime regions followed by a reflection on the basic principles of an EU maritime security strategy.

The goal of the workshop is to make a contribution towards ensuring consistency with existing EU policies and making the best use of existing capabilities at both national and European level, with an emphasis on maritime awareness, surveillance and information-sharing as well as risk management, protection of critical maritime infrastructures and crisis response.

Friday 6 June 2014

Arrival of participants at Divani Apollon Palace & Thalasso (10, Ag. Nikolaou & Iliou Str. 166 71 Athens – Kavouri

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20:00 Welcome Dinner

Keynote speaker: **Ms. Maria Damanaki**,
Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries,
European Commission, Brussels

Saturday 7 June 2014

09:00 – 09:15 Welcoming Remarks

Dr. Thanos Dokos, *Director-General, ELIAMEP, Athens*

Dr. Antonio Missiroli, *Director, European Union Institute for Security Studies, Paris*

09:15 – 11:30 1st session: European maritime security interests

Chair: **Amb. Dimitrios Touloupas**, *Representative to the PSC, Permanent Representation of Greece to the EU, Brussels*

Speakers: **Mr. Franz Lamplmair**, *Adviser - Integrated Maritime Policy, Mediterranean and Black Sea, European Commission, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (MARE), Brussels*

Amb. Alexandra Papadopoulou, *Director General, Directorate- General of European Union Affairs, Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Athens*

Dr. Theodoros Tsakiris, *Head, Energy Programme, ELIAMEP; Assistant Professor for Geopolitics and Hydrocarbons, University of Nicosia*

Captain Lars Wedin, *Vice President, Téthys-Centre for Strategic and Maritime Affairs, Paris*

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 14:00 **2nd Session: Maritime security threats in the Mediterranean and adjoining maritime regions**

Chair: **Dr. Thanos Dokos**, *Director-General, ELIAMEP, Athens*

Speakers: **Mr. Hugo Brady**, *Senior Associate Analyst dealing with JHA, EUISS, Paris*
Dr. Angeliki Dimitriadi, *Postdoctoral Research Fellow, ELIAMEP, Athens*

Vice Admiral Ioannis Karageorgopoulos, *Commodore, Ministry of Mercantile Marine, Athens*

14:00-15:00 **Light buffet lunch**

17:30–18:00 **Coffee break**

18:00 – 20:00 **3rd session: Maritime security issues - from Suez to Shanghai**

Chair: **Dr. Antonio Missiroli**, *Director, European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS), Paris*

Speakers: **Ms. Theresa Fallon**, *Senior Associate, European Institute for Asian Studies, Brussels*

Dr. Eric Frécon, *Assistant Professor, French Naval Academy, Coordinator of the Paris Asia Centre's Observatory on Southeast Asia, Paris*

Prof. Nikitas Nikitakos, *University of the Aegean; Research Associate, Center for Security Studies (KEMEA), Ministry of Public Order & Citizen Protection, Athens*

Dr. Ian Storey, *Senior Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore*

20:30 **Farewell dinner at Garbis seaside tavern within walking distance of the hotel**

Sunday, 8 June 2014

Participants' Departure