

four years, and initial deliveries are expected to begin within 18 months, with operational capability projected to be achieved by 2027.

“This deal should be understood as part of a broader, well-coordinated reorientation of Greek defence industrial policy, institutionalised through the Long-Term Planning of Defence Armaments 2025–2036,” Panos Politis Lamprou, research fellow at the Defence Hub at the Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy, added in comments to *CTO*. This modernisation plan allocates EUR25.8bn (USD30.19bn) over 12 years, funds 68 distinct procurement and upgrade programmes across a wide range of domains, and requires 25 percent involvement of the Greek defence industry. According to Lamprou, “the plan moves beyond the off-the-shelf procurement logic that dominated the austerity years, when Greece’s defence technological and industrial base was severely weakened”.

Lamprou further explained that in Greece, technology transfer and know-how sharing now constituted core policy incentives, with local industry actively seeking integration into global defence value chains, including through the EU’s *European Defence Fund* consortia. “Greece may also be consciously emulating the Israeli model, transforming from a net importer of defence capabilities into an increasingly defence-innovative country, with institutional support from the Hellenic Centre for Defence Innovation (ELKAK) and from EU defence industrial schemes.”

The contract fits within the *Achilles’ Shield* framework, an air defence initiative launched by Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis in April 2025. Greece is partnering with Israel on this and is seeking co-production arrangements that would allow domestic manufacturers to build Israeli defence technologies.

Last month, the Greek Parliament’s *Special Standing Committee* on Defense Procurement Programs and Contracts approved a EUR3bn (USD3.5bn) multi-layer air-defence acquisition tied to the *Achilles’ Shield* concept. According to reports, the package is expected to include Israeli systems such as the Barak MX from **Israel Aerospace Industries** and SPYDER short de-

fence systems and David’s Sling from **Rafael Advanced Defense Systems**.

“The strong presence of Israeli-origin systems within Greek flagship programmes, most notably the Achilles’ Shield, underscores how deeply Israeli defence technology has been integrated into the Greek capability planning,” Lamprou told *CTO*. “Furthermore, the partnership has acquired a regional dimension, entailing also cooperation with the Republic of Cyprus.”

Elbit has received several global orders for the PULS system involving local industries. In September 2022, the Thai Defence Technology Institute (**DTI**) and the Royal Thai Navy’s Naval Research and Development Office (**NRDO**) partnered with Elbit to unveil a localised version of Elbit’s PULS rocket launcher in Thailand (see *CTO* Vol 40 No 17).

In July 2025, India’s **Nibe Limited** signed an agreement with Elbit to manufacture PULS in India. The agreement covers the system’s production and supply for both domestic and international customers and includes technology transfer and local workshare, including assembly and integration (see *CTO* Vol 43 No 17).

In March, **KNDS** Deutschland and **Elbit Systems Land** agreed to form a joint venture, **EuroPULS GmbH**. Planned as a 50/50 partnership between the two companies, EuroPULS will focus primarily on addressing the requirements of European customers in the field of rocket artillery systems. KNDS will provide its fire control technology and existing customer base in Europe, while Elbit Systems Land will contribute its PULS rocket launcher system.

POLAND TO SET UP FACILITIES FOR MBDA MISSILE SYSTEM PRODUCTION

As part of an offset project with European prime **MBDA**, Poland’s Polska Grupa Zbrojeniowa (**PGZ**) signed an investment agreement with its subsidiary Wojskowe Zakłady Elektroniczne (**WZE SA**) on 30 March for the establishment of a CAMM-ER missile service and production centre and a production hall for air and missile