

1st Maritime Security Conference Event Recap

APRIL 2024

*The dimensions of maritime security
and their role in freedom of navigation*

Purpose & Goals

1

Promote Awareness
of Maritime Security Challenges

2

Strengthen International Collaboration
for Freedom of Navigation

3

Inspire and Attract the Next
Generation of Maritime Professionals

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Conference Overview

The Institute of Foreign Affairs (FAINST), together with the Council for International Relations - Greece (CfIR-GR), in collaboration with Policy Journal and the Department of Maritime Studies at the University of Piraeus, organized the 1st Maritime Security Conference titled “The Dimensions of Maritime Security and Their Role in Freedom of Navigation” on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at the Eugenides Foundation.

The purpose of the event was to create a high-level platform for the exchange of scientific, operational, and institutional perspectives, ideas, and practices on Maritime Security. Given the significance of Greek shipping, the country's maritime environment, and current developments in the Eastern Mediterranean, Red sea and the Black Sea, Maritime Security was highlighted as a crucial factor for Greece's international standing.

Key Message



The conference explored the multifaceted aspects of maritime security and their crucial role in ensuring freedom of navigation amidst growing global challenges such as geopolitical instability, conflicts, and economic sanctions. It brought together experts, policymakers, and industry leaders to discuss solutions and strategies to safeguard international shipping routes and maritime trade.

The Conference in numbers

250+

Attendees

29

Speakers

70+

Representatives from
International Shipping Industry

Conference Highlights

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Nikolaos Dendias,
Minister of National Defense



General Dimitrios Houpis
Chief of Staff of Hellenic National
Defense General Staff



Dimitrios-Eleftherios Kataras
Chief of the Hellenic General Staff, Vice Admiral



Athanasios Platias
Professor of Strategy, University of Piraeus,
President of The Council.





Conference Speakers

Nikolaos Dendias, Minister of National Defense

Chief of Staff of Hellenic National Defense General Staff,
General Dimitrios Houpis

Chief of the Hellenic General Staff, Vice Admiral Dimitrios-Eleftherios Kataras

Athanasios Platias, Professor of Strategy, University of Piraeus,
President of The Council.

Leonidas Dimitriadis-Eugenides, President of the Eugenides Foundation, IMO Good Will

Chief of the Hellenic Coast Guard, George Alexandrakis.

Secretary of the Union of Greek Shipowners and President of the International
Association of Dry Cargo Shipowners (INTERCARGO), Dimitrios J. Fafalios.

President of the Hellenic Chamber of Shipping, George D. Pateras.

Hiroyuki Yamada, Director of Maritime Safety Division, IMO

Stylianos Fenekos, Admiral (ret.), "

Dimitrios Dalaklis, Professor, World Maritime University

Spyros Papageorgiou, Commander (HN) Director of Cyberdefence Directorate, Hellenic
National Defense General Staff

Konstantina Botsiou, Professor of Political History and International Relations, University of
Piraeus and Dean of the School of Economics, Business and International Studies, University of
Piraeus

Petros Liakouras, Professor of International Law, University of Piraeus

George Economou, G. E. Economou and Associates Law Firm

Thanos Pallis, Professor of Maritime and Port Management, University of Piraeus

Yannis Myriantopoulos, Member of the Board of Directors of the Hellenic Committee of Lloyd's
Brokers Associates

Christos Hadjiemmanouil, Professor of International and European Financial and Monetary
Institutions, University of Piraeus.

Athanasios Platias, Professor of Strategy, University of Piraeus, President of The Council for
International Relations

Chris Parry, Rear Admiral CBE PhD, Visiting Fellow, University of Reading and MD of Middlemarch
Enterprises

Rodger Baker, Executive Director of the Stratfor Center for Applied Geopolitics at RANE,

Marilena Koppa, Professor of Comparative Politics, Panteion University, former Member of the
European Parliament

Konstantinos Arvanitopoulos, Professor of International Politics, Panteion University, former
Minister.

Antonis Papaioannou, Admiral (retired)

Sotirios Theofanis, Executive Director, MARLOGMIND PC and Professor of Practice, CITY College,
University of York Europe Campus

Sotiris Roussos, Professor of International Relations, University of Peloponnese,

Matthew Turpin, Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution/Stanford University, Senior Advisor at
Palantir Technologies Moderator

Yiannis Lagoudis, Associate Professor of Ship Management Business Administration,
Department of Maritime Studies, University of Piraeus.

Loukas G. Katsonis, President of the Institute of Foreign Affairs - editor of Policy Journal.