



Conference Program

Tuesday 12 November 2024

The Conference will take place at the Event Hall of POED, (Cyprus Greek Teachers Organization)
Kyrenia Avenue, Aglantzia, Nicosia (next to Kapnos Airport Shuttle Nicosia & Caffè Nero Aglantzia)

09:45-10:15 Registration

10:15 – 11:30 Welcoming addresses

- Anna Aristotelous, Acting Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Republic of Cyprus
On behalf of the Minister of Defence Mr. Vasilis Palmas
- Brig Gen Grigorios Gkoutzelis, Informatics Directorate Coordinator
On behalf of the Chief of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff, Gen. Dimitrios Choupis
- Lt Gen Nikolaos Kontopidis (Ret), Member Of Board and Deputy Director of Studies
Representative of the Hellenic Institute for Strategic Studies (HEL.I.S.S.)

KEYNOTE SPEECH

- Lt Gen Georgios Tsitsikostas, Chief of the National Guard of Cyprus

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“Security & Protection of the seas”

11:30 -12:30

Coffee break, Networking, Visiting of Cypriot Officials and Military delegations to Sponsors Exhibition Area

12 : 30- 13:30

Session One – **“SPONSOR Session”**

- Eight Bells, Lt Gen Nikolaos Kontopidis (Ret), Senior Project Manager
“Presentation of Eight Bells Ltd and its EDF projects”
- Uvision Air, Gideon Landa, VP Strategy
“Loitering Munition Meeting Emerging Multi-Domain Challenges”
- Space Systems Solutions, Dionysios Tompros, Head of Space Systems Integration
“Counter-UAV systems and detecting threats missed by radars”
- Swarmly, Gary Rafalovsky, Director
“The changed nature of modern warfare. Lessons learned from Russia-Ukraine war”

13:30 – 14:15

Cocktail buffet and Networking

14:15 – 15:00

Session Two – **“SUPPORTER Session”**

- Hellenic Institute for Strategic Studies (HEL.I.S.S.), Lt Gen (Ret) Ippokratis Daskalakis, Director of Studies

“Military Applications of AI. - Benefits and Risks of AI in Defence”

- Cyprus Organization for Standardization (CYS), Joseph Karis, ICT Standards Officer

“Standardization in support of civil and defence synergies”

- Cyprus Space Exploration Organisation (CSEO), George A Danos, President

“Cubesats and their role in monitoring Cyprus and its environment”

15:00 – 16:15

Session Three - Panel Discussion **“The Geopolitical Role of Cyprus today - Strategies for advancement”**

Moderator :

- Dr. Petros Kareklas, Fmr Permanent Secretary, MoD of Cyprus, Fmr President of the Occupied Municipalities of Cyprus, Fmr Mayor of Kythrea

Panelists :

- Dr. Marios P. Efthymiopoulos, Assoc. Prof. of Int'l Security and Strategy and Head of Dept. of History, Politics and Int'l Studies, Neapolis University Pafos (NUP), CEO & Founder, Strategy International

- Petros Zarounas, Political analyst, Fmr Secretary-General, Geostrategic Council of Cyprus, President at NGO POLITEIA

- Lt Gen Demokritos Zervakis (Ret), Fmr Chief of the National Guard of Cyprus

- Dr. Vassilis (Bill) Kappis, International Security Scholar and Analyst

End of Conference – Conclusions