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Naval Group, ETME and Navantia present the concept and capabilities of the Unmanned Semi-fixed Sea Platforms for maritime Surveillance (USSPS) to the Greek and Cypriot industries

The USSPS project has been presented to several industrial companies from Greece and Cyprus during the DEFEA exhibit on May 10th. As the project is going forward with fruitful cooperation, the purpose of the presentation is to identify, within the Greek and Cypriot supply chains, potential providers of products and services as well as collaborations for future R&D developments.

Launched in 2021, the “Unmanned Semi-fixed Sea Platforms for maritime Surveillance” (USSPS) project is being developed under the European Defence Industrial Development Programme (EDIDP) by the European consortium led by the innovative Greek company ETME with two of the largest EU defence manufacturers Naval Group and Navantia.

Emerging from the original patented concept of Floating platforms for maritime surveillance owned by ETME, the USSPS system aims at combining innovative solutions for the integration and coordination of C5ISTAR capabilities to generate maritime surveillance networks of sensors based on semi fixed unmanned platforms.

With ETME, as leader of the consortium, and Naval Group as Technical coordinator, the consortium brings together major European industrial actors, as well as research centers. Thanks to their fruitful cooperation, the project is now advancing into prototype design, which opens many opportunities for the Greek and Cypriot supply chain.

Making Greece a centre for naval innovation

Naval Group has been present in Greece since 2008. Through the FDI HN frigates program, Naval Group designed a robust Hellenic Industry Participation plan to develop new capacities in the Greek industry, sustaining several hundreds of highly qualified jobs and generating long-term economic spin-offs in Greece.

Naval Group's objective is to further develop its local footprint through partnerships with industry, research and academic partner. Beyond the frigates program, Naval Group seeks to support the development of the future Hellenic naval warfare capabilities through R&D projects with Hellenic companies, universities and research institutes in cutting edge technologies such as additive manufacturing, predictive maintenance, drones or naval mission systems.

This 42-month program to study, design, prototype and test the solution is part of a long-term cooperation in R&D between France and Greece and should lead to significant market opportunities.

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