

# PRESS RELEASE

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## Naval Group participates to DEFEA in Greece

**From May 6<sup>th</sup> to May 8<sup>th</sup> 2025, Naval Group is a major partner of the third edition of DEFEA, the Athens Defence Exhibition in Greece organised by the Hellenic Ministry of National Defence, with the cooperation of the SEKPY. While the ongoing FDI program for the Hellenic Navy is moving forward, with major milestones achieved this year, the group will be showcasing a range of its offer for modern fleets, including surface ships as well as drones and autonomous systems. The French-Hellenic industrial cooperation will be in the spotlight with several signatures of partnership agreements.**

**Come and meet us in Hall 2 at booth 2D12 at the Metropolitan Expo Athens!**

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Naval Group's presence in DEFEA is an opportunity to highlight the major steps achieved in the FDI program for the Hellenic Navy, and the privileged relationship that has grown in this frame between the group, the Hellenic Navy and the Hellenic industry. As this cooperation is strengthening, DEFEA is also the occasion to showcase Naval Group's offer for modern fleets.

### **A strong and growing cooperation with the Hellenic industry, research centers and universities**

Since the signature of the FDI HN contract in 2022, the long-lasting relationship between Naval Group and Greece has strengthened: more than 120 contracts have been signed with more than 60 Greek companies. As an example, several FDI blocks are built by SALAMIS SHIPYARDS, the first shipyard outside of France to produce FDI blocks. This industrial plan has already had numerous and lasting economic benefits for the Hellenic industry by making it possible, beyond the FDI program, to integrate Greek companies into Naval Group's supply chain for current and future French and export programs. From that broad perspective, the Hellenic Defence Industrial & Technological Base (DITB) will enhance its position in the global naval defence market.

Established in May 2023 in Athens, the Naval Group Hellas subsidiary, which employs a majority of Greek technicians and engineers who benefit from a training and know-how plan, is the pillar of Naval Group's long-term footprint in Greece. One of its activities is to support the development of the future Hellenic naval warfare capabilities through R&D projects with Hellenic companies, universities and research institutes. Naval Group is already a partner of several leading universities (NTUA, the University of Patras, Forth Research centre, and the Hellenic Naval Academy). This collaboration has already led to fruitful academic exchanges through European projects related to structure monitoring and maritime surveillance.

At DEFEA 2025, Naval Group will keep strengthening its commitments in favour of the Greek industry, through the signature of new partnership agreements on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm on Naval Group's booth.

### **A comprehensive offer for modern fleets**

Naval Group is one of the very few companies in the world with the ability to deliver, directly or through transfers of technology, a complete range of warships with their combat systems and all the critical equipment necessary to engage naval power in a theatre of operations. Our booth at DEFEA will reflect our comprehensive offer, with surface ships and unmanned systems, as well as our involvement in innovation to always stay at the cutting-edge of technology to provide our customers with the best equipment. These include:

- **The FDI frigate**

This state-of-the-art frigate is able to perform a large range of missions either stand-alone or within a task force. The FDI frigate features high level capabilities in anti-air, anti-surface, anti-submarine and asymmetric warfare domains, benefiting from the French Navy operational legacy acquired in wartime situation. As the first digital frigate, FDI frigate integrates latest-generation systems around a naval digital distributed cloud architecture, natively cyber-secured and compatible with the new Information Technologies developments and provides operators with robust services. The FDI HN meets all the requirements of the Hellenic Navy. Fully interoperable with NATO and EU navies, she is capable of protecting efficiently high value units or areas at sea, shore facilities, cities and Greek islands. The program is going forward: the first frigate for the Hellenic Navy will start her sea trials before the summer and will be delivered at the end of 2025.

- **The Gowind® corvette**

Naval Group is proposing the Gowind® corvette as a response to meet the Hellenic Navy requirement for the renewal of their naval capabilities. This military-engineered compact surface combatant takes the best of the latest technological advances developed and mastered by Naval Group for large frigates. She is fully compliant with the Hellenic Navy needs and paves the way to complementarity and interoperability between FDI and Gowind, which can create economy of scale for the Hellenic Navy: training, maintenance, etc.

The Gowind® corvette is already sea proven with the Egyptian and the UAE navies. Naval Group has a long history of conducting transfers of technology and know-how in major complex industrial programs all over the world. The Group has already demonstrated a successful ToT for the Gowind class corvette for Egypt; a first of class was built in France, and the rest of the series has been successfully built locally in Egypt by Alexandria Shipyard, with the support of Naval Group experts.

- **Drones**

For more than 15 years, Naval Group has impulsed a strong push towards unmanned platforms and technologies. The drones and autonomous systems business is a strategic pillar of Naval Group, with a strong positioning across the entire value chain: drone projection ships, drones and autonomous systems, force integration, in-service support.

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## About Naval Group

As an international naval defence player, Naval Group is a partner for countries seeking to maintain control of their maritime sovereignty. Naval Group develops innovative solutions to meet its customers' requirements. The group is present throughout the entire life cycle of vessels. It designs, produces, equips, integrates, supports and upgrades submarines and surface ships, as well as their systems and equipment, right up to the final phases of deconstruction and dismantling. Naval Group's unique know-how in autonomous systems, underwater weapons and drones place it in pole position to become European leader in the sector. As a high-tech company, it draws on its outstanding expertise, unique design and production resources and ability to establish strategic partnerships, in particular within the framework of transfers of technology. It also provides shipyard and naval base services.

Ever mindful of the issues concerning corporate social responsibility (CSR), Naval Group is a signatory to the United Nations Global Compact. Located on five continents, the group generates revenue of 4.355 billion euros and has 16,722 employees (Full-Time Equivalent average annual workforce - figures as on 31 December 2024).

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