

# Post Show Report



**Defence Exhibition Athens**  
INTERNATIONAL DEFENCE & SECURITY EXHIBITION

**9-11 MAY 2023**  
METROPOLITAN EXPO, ATHENS - GREECE

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**SEKPY**  
Defense Manufacturers  
Association

**346** Exhibitors from **28** Countries

## International Participations

**Austria / Belgium / Bulgaria / China / Croatia / Cyprus / Czech Republic / Denmark  
/ European Union / France / Germany / Gibraltar / Greece / India / Israel / Italy  
/ Japan / Jordan / Lebanon / Netherlands / Norway / Poland / Romania / Slovakia  
/ Sweden / United Arab Emirates / United Kingdom / USA**



**Austria**



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**Norway**



**Poland**



**Romania**



**Slovakia**



**Sweden**



**United Arab Emirates**

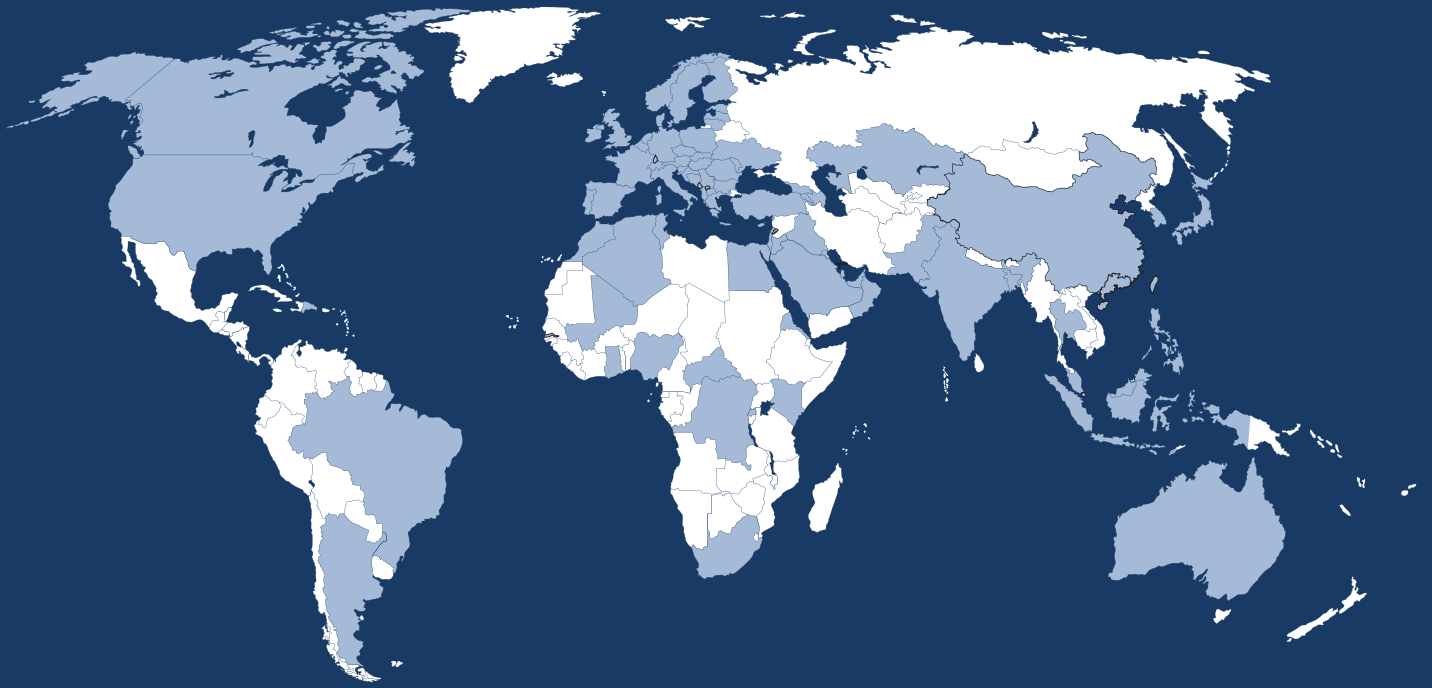


**United Kingdom**



**United States of America**

**23.413** Visitors from **91** Countries



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/ Bahrain / Bangladesh / Barbados / Belgium / Bosnia and Herzegovina / Brazil  
/ Bulgaria / Canada / Central African Republic / China / Croatia / Cyprus  
/ Czech Republic / Democratic Republic Of The Congo / Denmark / Dominican Republic  
/ Egypt / Eritrea / Estonia / European Union / Finland / France / Gambia / Georgia  
/ Germany / Ghana / Gibraltar / Greece / Hong Kong / Hungary / India / Indonesia  
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/ Qatar / Romania / Rwanda / Saudi Arabia / Serbia / Singapore / Slovakia  
/ Slovenia / South Africa / South Korea / Spain / Sweden / Switzerland / Taiwan  
/ Thailand / Tunisia / Turkey / Ukraine / United Arab Emirates  
/ United Kingdom / United States of America**

# 55

Official  
Military and  
Governmental  
Delegations

# 21

Ministers and Deputy  
Ministers of Defence,  
General Secretaries  
& Chiefs of Armed Forces

# 17

Directorates  
of Armaments,  
Planning  
and Research



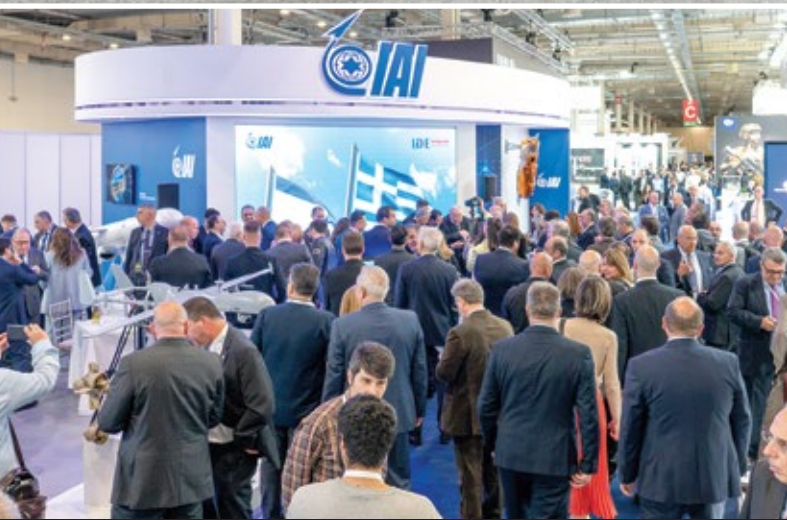
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/ United States of America**

# 295

Matchmaking  
B2B Meetings

# 307

Journalists  
from 22 Countries





## Defence Exhibition Athens INTERNATIONAL DEFENCE & SECURITY EXHIBITION

# DEFEA is the new milestone for the defence industry



**DEFEA – Defence Exhibition Athens 2023** has been an absolute success, establishing itself as the largest International Defence Exhibition in South-Eastern Europe. The new reference point of the industry earned international praise from top-level visitors, exhibitors and delegations from 91 countries.

The event took place from May 9th to May 11th at Metropolitan Expo. 23.413 visitors had the chance to witness state-of-the-art technologies in land, sea, air and security systems, presented by 346 exhibitors from 28 countries.

This monumental event brought together global defence players from Europe, North America, Africa, Central and Eastern Asia, and the Middle East, fostering international cooperation, technological advancements, and economic growth. With its broad reach and transformative impact, DEFEA emerged as a pivotal force in shaping the future of the global defence industry.

### High level participations

The presence of 55 official delegations, headed by Ministers and Deputy Ministers of Defence, Chiefs of Armed Forces and General Staffs, Directors of Defence Services, and esteemed executives from prominent global defence industries, unequivocally affirms the enhanced role of Greece.

Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Nikolaos Panagiotopoulos, visited the exhibition booths accompanied by Deputy Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Nikolaos Chardalias, and the Chief of the Hellenic National Defence General Staff, General Konstantinos Floros. The Greek leaders held significant international meetings and signed important agreements.

High-level contacts were also made by the Director of the Directorate for Defence Equipment and Investments, Admiral (Ret.) Aristidis Alexopoulos, during which important agreements were signed. The Chiefs of the three branches, the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force, toured the booths at DEFEA 2023 and met with their counterparts and representatives from the global defence industry.

The Minister of Development and Investment, the Honourable Adonis Georgiadis, presented the government's programme to support the domestic defence industry during DEFEA 2023. He participated in an open discussion with the President of the Hellenic Manufacturers of Defence Materiel Association (SEKPY), Mr. Tasos Rozolis, and toured the exhibitors' booths. The Deputy Minister of Citizen Protection, the Honourable Lefteris Oikonomou, was also present, as were the Hellenic Police, the Fire Brigade, and the Hellenic Coast Guard which had a significant presence at DEFEA 2023.

## DEFEA in the scope of EU and NATO

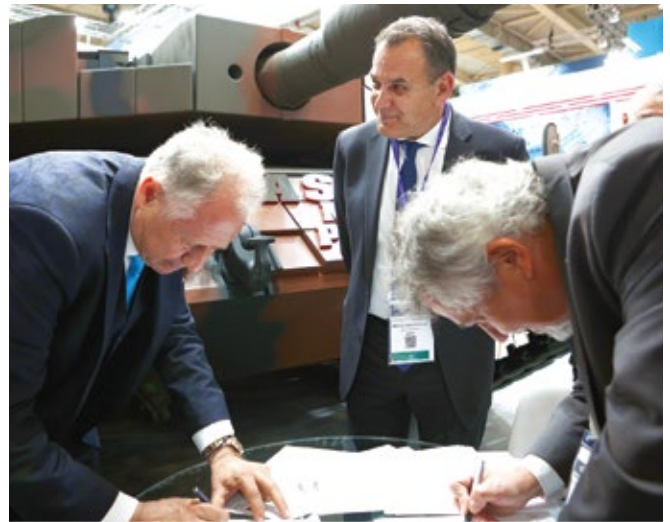
On a diplomatic level, the presence of ambassadors and high-ranking officials from the European Union and NATO was significant. The Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs was represented by Deputy Minister for Economic Diplomacy and Extroversion, the Honourable Kostas Fragogiannis. The opening ceremony of the American pavilion was attended by the U.S. Ambassador to Greece, his Excellency George Tsunis.

This year's event also featured the participation of the European Commission with an exhibition booth. In this context, the Director-General for Defence Industry and Space, Mr. François Arbault, presented the actions of the European Defence Fund to support Research and Development programmes. Similarly, the NATO Defence Investment and Technology Research Directorate organised a discussion on the Greek innovation system and the NATO Innovation Fund.

## Business opportunities and industrial cooperation

Industry representation was also at the highest level. Presidents, senior vice presidents, and top executives from leading companies of the global defence industry attended DEFEA 2023, during which significant industrial cooperation agreements were signed that break the national barriers and promote the extroversion of the Greek defence industry. Apart from the top level meetings, during DEFEA 2023, a total of 295 business matchmaking meetings (B2Bs) were organised and coordinated by PRAXI Network, part of the Enterprise Europe Network in Greece.

The exhibition promotes international collaboration, knowledge exchange, and business opportunities, enabling defence companies to expand their global networks and access new markets. By promoting cooperation and collaboration, DEFEA propels the growth of the defence industry beyond national borders, bolstering the competitiveness and relevance of regional players on a global scale.



Once again, DEFEA – Defence Exhibition Athens 2023 brought Greece to the forefront, creating significant opportunities for the development of the domestic defence industry, and strengthening the country's defence and diplomatic footprint.

It laid the foundations for an even larger and more successful next event, which will take place from **May 6th to May 8th 2025**.

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