

# Greece's Defense Spending: A 12-Year Strategy for Transformation

## Consolidated Version

### Overall Strategy & Goals:

- €25 billion, 12-year defense modernization plan.
- Counter regional threats.
- Align with EU strategic autonomy.
- Strengthen US and French partnerships.

### Key Technological Focus:

- Significant investment in unmanned vehicles (air, sea, underwater).
- Acquisition of US Switchblade loitering munitions.
- Boosting domestic drone production (HCDI, EAS/Paramount).
  - Development of "Achilles Shield" multi-layered air defense system. (Comprehensive defense against air, sea, underwater, and drone threats. Potential collab with Israel.)
- Enhancement of cyber defense and offense capabilities.
- Planned integration of AI in missile systems and cyber security.

### Domestic Defense Industry:

- Active involvement of the Greek defense industry in all programs (reads as a "non-negotiable").
- Aim for economic growth and self-sufficiency.
- Examples: HAI's "Centaur" anti-drone system, EAS/Paramount collaboration on "IRIX" loitering munitions.

### Strategic Alliances:

- **United States:** Deepening ties through acquisition of advanced US-made defense technologies like Switchblade loitering munitions; emphasis on interoperability with NATO forces; renewal and expansion of the Mutual Defense Cooperation Agreement (MDCA) granting US military access to key Greek facilities.

- **France:** Reinforced partnership via existing defense agreement; commitment to acquiring French-made defense equipment like Rafale fighter jets and Belharra-class frigates; planned integration of French-made Patroller surveillance drones.
- **NATO:** Aiming to be a more capable and reliable partner by investing in modernizing armed forces and focusing on interoperable technologies; development of advanced capabilities in cyber and air defense.

### **Key Implications & Outlook:**

- Enhance Greece's deterrent capabilities.
- Potential impact on the regional balance of power in the Eastern Mediterranean.
- Solidify Greece's role as a key security provider in NATO and the EU.
- Foster long-term economic benefits.