





#### **PROGRAMME**

# 'THE CHALLENGES OF SECURING MARITIME AREAS FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION: A FOCUS ON THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN '

### Tuesday, 14 May 2024 (09:00 - 17:00)

Introduction and administrative aspects

Opening address

Assessing emerging risks, threats and future challenges at sea

A general overview of the EU maritime security strategy (EU MSS)

Focus on Maritime Security in the Eastern Mediterranean

The maritime dimension of EU external action - implementing the EU Strategic Compass

#### Wednesday, 15 May 2024 (9:00 - 17:00)

Strategic impact of relevant EU missions and operations in the Mediterranean area

The Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP): Promoting a more coherent and coordinated strategy at the European level

Critical Maritime Routes (CMR) Programme (focus on regional projects/cooperation)

The EU approach on integrated maritime surveillance and maritime spatial planning

Regional maritime situational awareness (Cyber, airspace, satellite)

Discussions on the concept of 'blue economy' and its implications on civil-military cooperation in maritime security

Overview of PESCO projects in the maritime domain

## Thursday, 16 May 2024 (09:00 - 17:00)

Climate-change and its maritime implications

**Hybrid Threats** 

Emerging challenges in terms of research and innovation

Risk management and protection of critical maritime infrastructure

Field visit