

Regional Workshop and CASSINI HACKATHON #5
SPACE FOR DEFENCE AND SECURITY: Balkan & Black Sea perspectives - II
24-26 March 2023

Agenda, 24 March 2023 - Hotel Sofia Balkan Palace, (Sheraton)

9:00 **Opening of the conference** – Kamen Iliev, Director of Centre for National Security and Defence Research, (CNSDR-BAS)

Welcome speech:

- *President of the Republic of Bulgaria Rumen Radev (TBC)*

9:15 **Plenary Session 1: EU and NATO in Space policy for defence and security**

The session will present latest policy and programmes in the field of security and space.

Chair: Cor. Member Stefan Hadjitodorov, Vice-president of the BAS

Mr. Stefan Savov, Deputy Minister of Innovation and Growth of the Republic of Bulgaria

Ms. Teodora Genchovska, Deputy Minister of Defence of the Republic of Bulgaria – Defence innovation initiatives

Mr. Pascal Legai, Senior Advisor to ESA DG Security - ESA Programmes to support defence and security

Mr. Vasileios Kalogirou, European Union Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA)

Hon. Senator, Dominique Tilmans, President of EURISY

10:30 - *Coffee break* -

Session 2 - Science, innovation, technology and entrepreneurship for S4D&S

Chair: Dimitar Dimitrov, German-Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AHK Bulgaria)

11:00 National Research Programme "Security and Defence" - Col. B.Genov, Director of Institute of Defence, MoD

11:15 Review of PECS project - Ms. P. Pipierkova Ministry of Innovation and Growth of the Republic of Bulgaria

11:30 Mr. Vasileios Kalogirou, European Union Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA)

11:45 Mr. Sergio Albani, Head of the RTDI Unit, European Union Satellite Centre (SatSen)

12:00 SMEs participation in the EU programme, including IRIS, CASSINI recent developments - Irene Sánchez Cebrián, DG DEFIS

12:15 Q&A

12:30 **LUNCH – CENTRAL MILITARY CLUB**

Session 3 - Protecting our critical infrastructure - CENTRAL MILITARY CLUB

Chair: Annalisa Donati, Secretary General of EURISY

13:45 *Bulgarian Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Bulgaria, Fire Safety and Civil Protection Gen. Directorate*

14:00 Mr. Christopher Topping, Civil Security from Space Programme Manager (Acting); Rapid & Resilient Crisis Response Accelerator Lead, ESA

14:30 *Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Bulgaria*

14:45 Space for Critical infrastructure – national and regional aspects, EURISY /CNSDR-BAS

15:00 Assoc. Prof. Metodi Hadji-Janev, Military Academy "General Mihailo Apostolski"-Skopje, North Macedonia

15:15 Q&A

15:30 - *Coffee break* -

Session 4 - Making the seas more secure - CENTRAL MILITARY CLUB

Chair: K.Iliev, CNSDR-BAS

16:00 *Executive Agency "Maritime Administration" Bulgaria*

16:15 International Cooperation under EU Space Programme making seas more secure- Dinka Dinkova, DG DEFIS

16:30 Prof. Miroslav Tsvetkov, Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy, MoD Bulgaria

16:45 *CMRE -STO, NATO*

17:00 Copernicus Data and Information Access Services (MUNDI) - Vincent Saleh

17:15 Q&A

CASSINI Hackathon – RST-TTO (CNSDR/SRTI – BAS) CENTRAL MILITARY CLUB

17:30 Opening of the CASSINI Hackathon

18:00 Start of the Hackathon CASSINI – 1-st day

25 March 2023 – CASSINI Hackathon 2-nd day - CENTRAL MILITARY CLUB

26 March 2023 – CASSINI Hackathon 3-rd day - CENTRAL MILITARY CLUB

18:00 **End of CASSINI Hackathon**