

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)

8:30 Registration

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

9:10 **Plenary Session 1: EU and NATO in Space policy for defence and security**
Keynote speeches.

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

Mr. Ivan Demerdzhiev, Deputy Prime Minister for Public Order and Security and Minister of Interior

Mr. Atanas Pekanov, Deputy Prime Minister for EU Funds Management

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. Atanas Maznev, Deputy Minister of e-Governance

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

Ms. Ralitsa Bozhanova, 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. Piperkova 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*

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" Ministry of Transport and Communications, 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 with honour guest the President of the R. Bulgaria Rumen Radev (TBC)**

**Please note that the working language is English.*