



# Vice Admiral Nikolaos TSOUNIS HN Chief of the Hellenic Navy







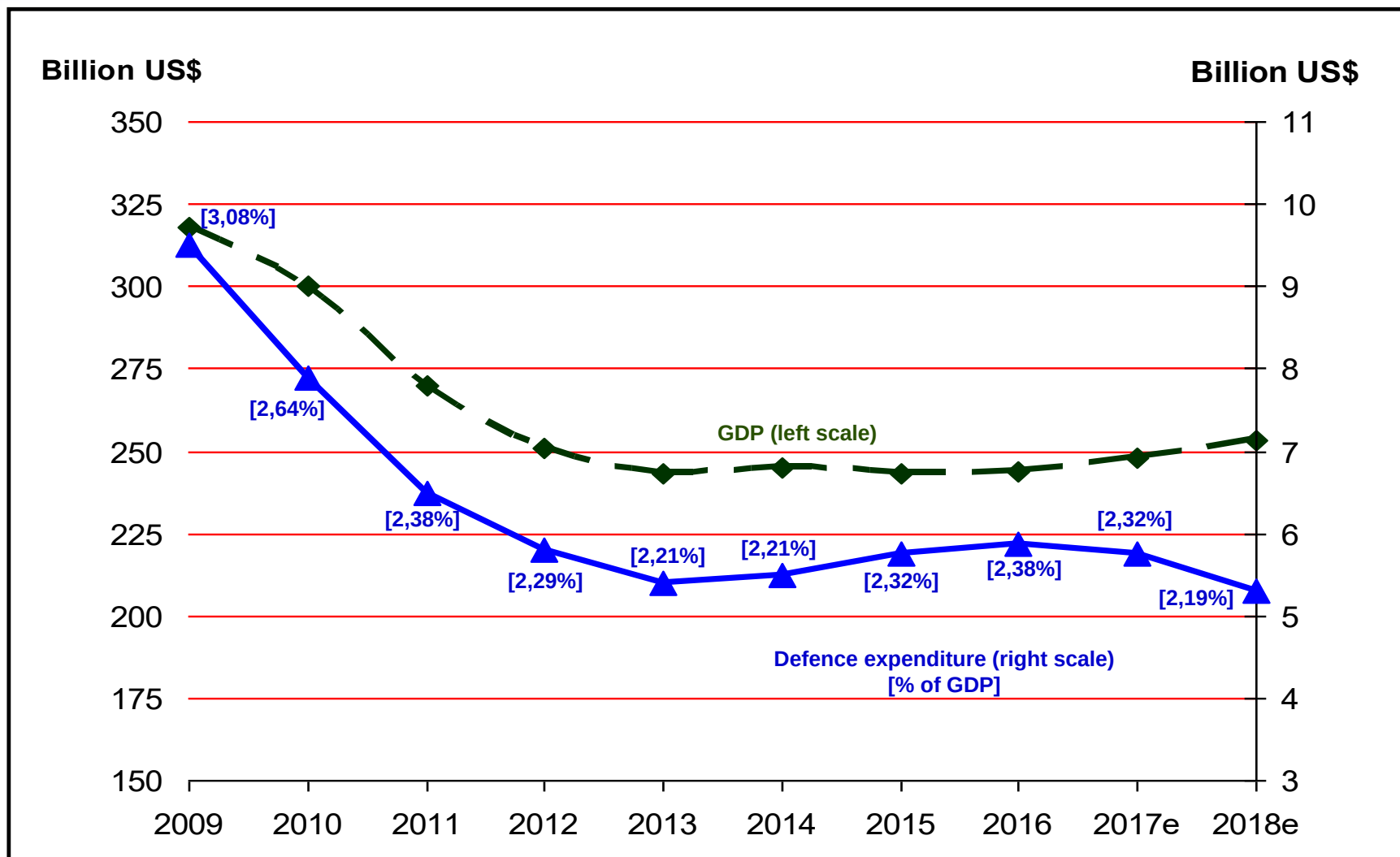


# Threats and Challenges



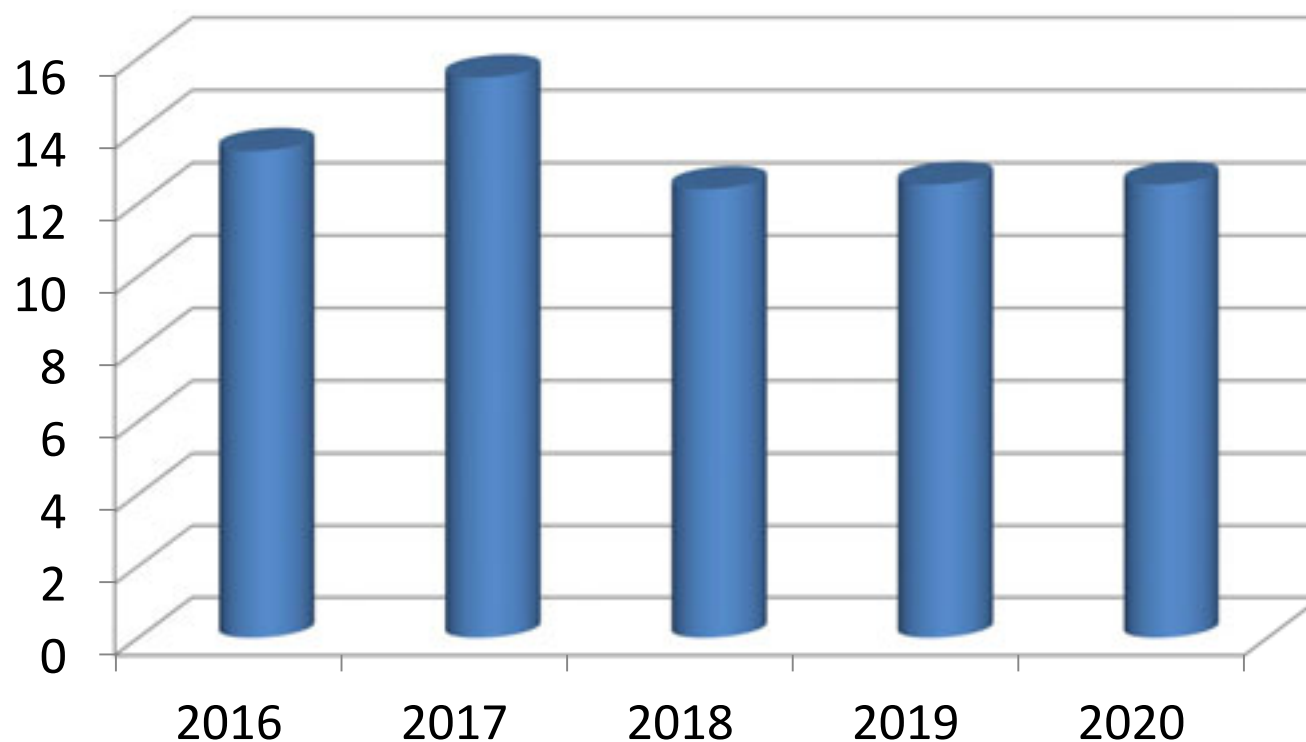


# GDP and Defence Expenditure



# Major Equipment Expenditure

Major Equipment Expenditure /  
% Defence Budget



# HN through the fiscal crisis

- **Flexible**
- **Adaptive**
- **Innovative**
- **Resourceful**

└→ ...adequate, but not good enough!

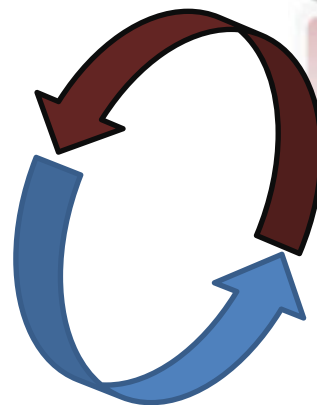






**GOOD  
NEIGHBOURING  
RELATIONS**

**INTERNATIONAL  
LAW ABIDANCE**



**REVISIONISM  
PROVOCATION**

**TENSION  
SEEKING**



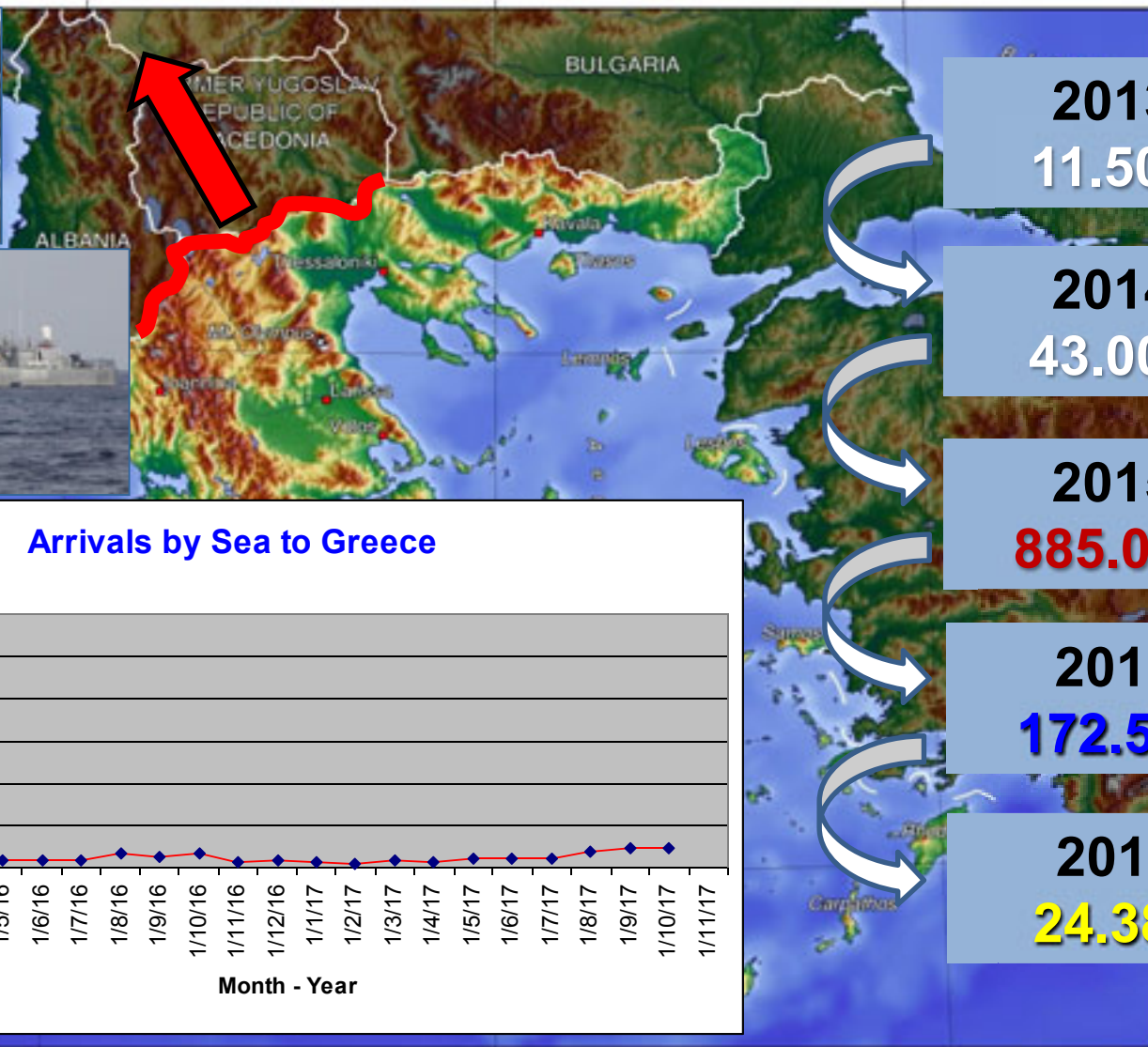


# Migration Flows



Map Source: International Center for Migration Policy (ICMPD), funded by EU

# Immigrant / Refugee Flows - Aegean Sea



**2013**  
**11.500**

**2014**  
**43.000**

**2015**  
**885.000**

**2016**  
**172.500**

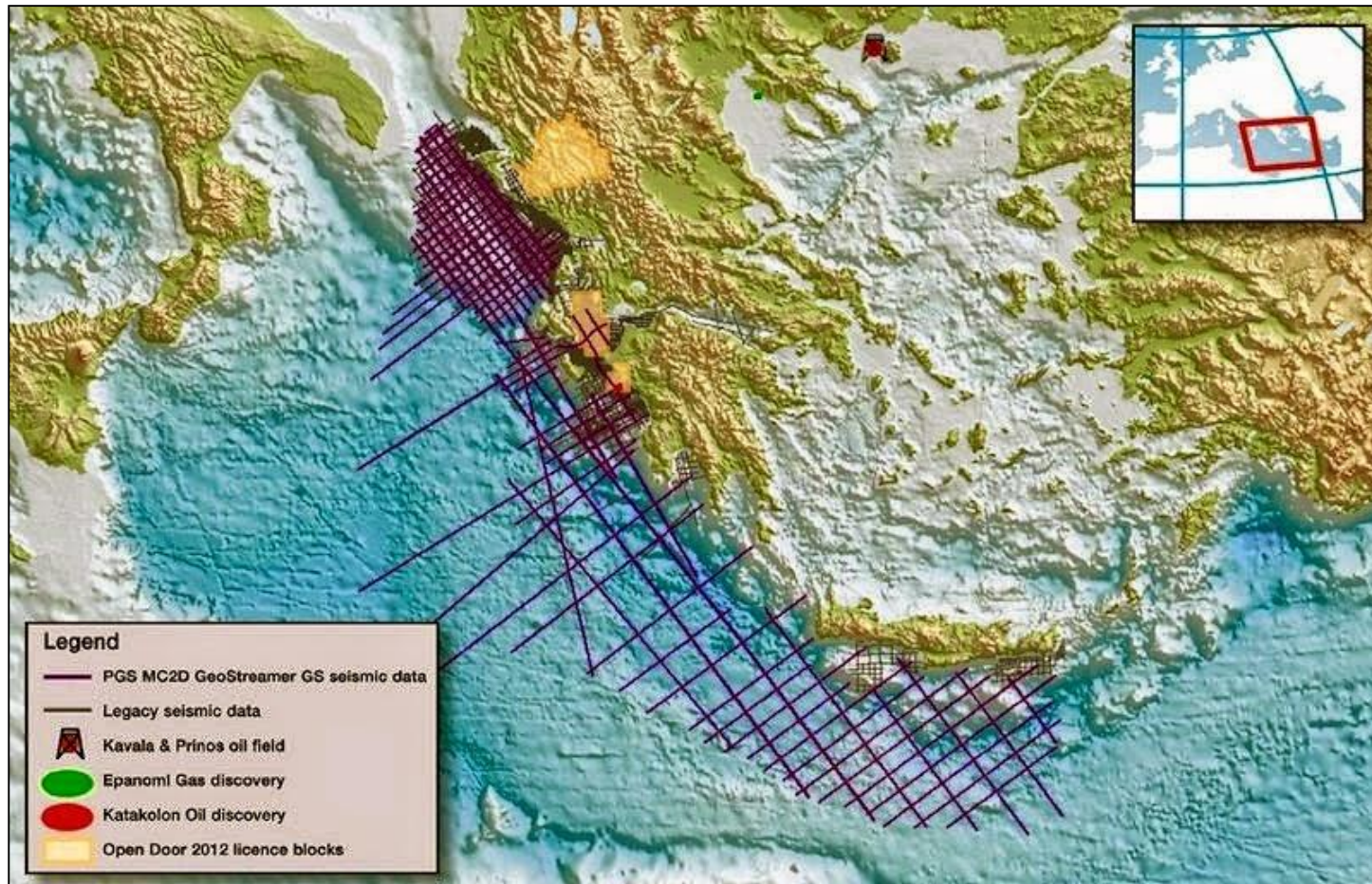
**2017**  
**24.386**





# Maritime Security Challenges

## Energy Security



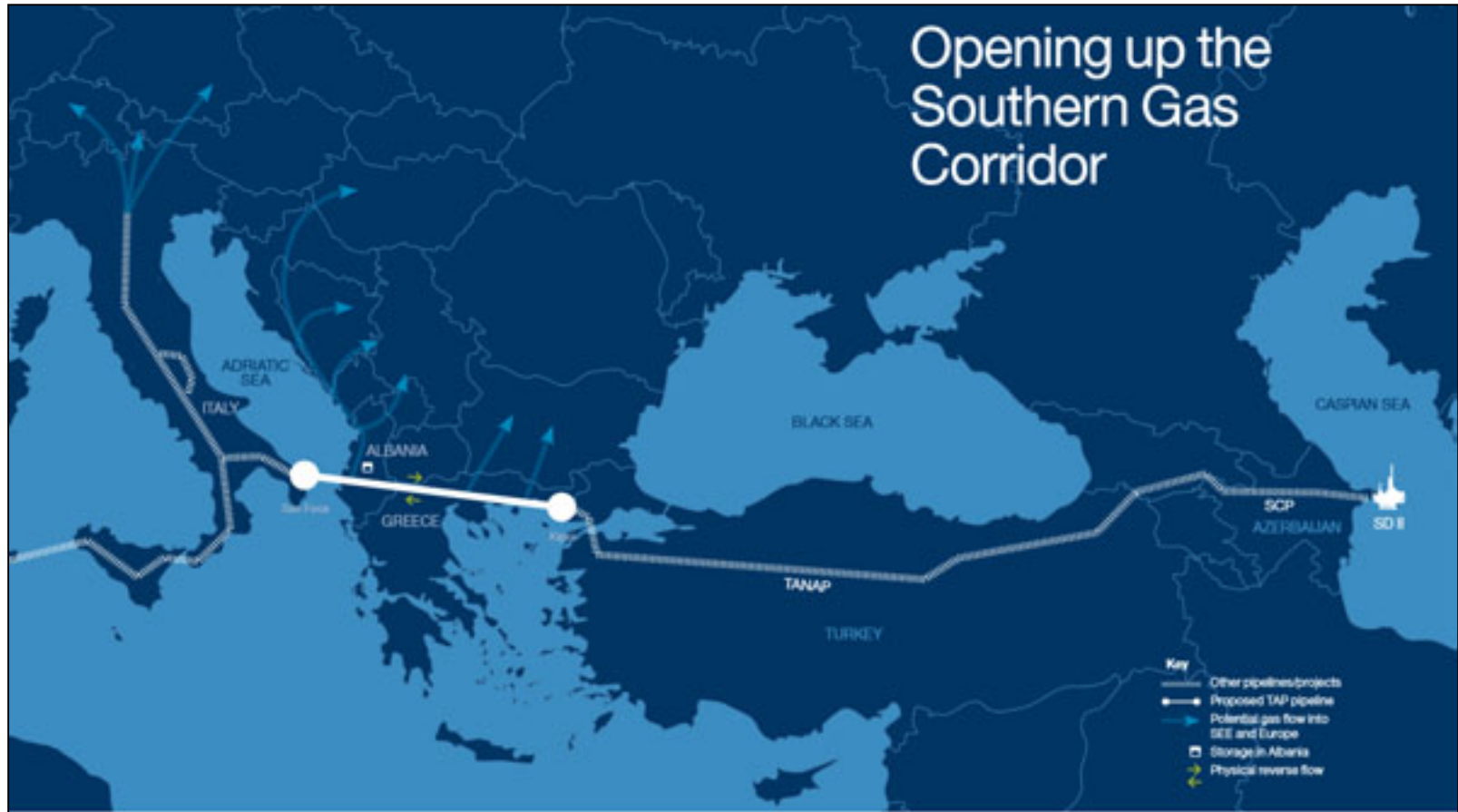
National under sea-bed resources





# Maritime Security Challenges

## Energy Security



## Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP)



# 2025 - Force Structure



## 13 Frigates

- 4 MEKO Class
- 9 STANDARD Class



## 3 ZUBR Air Cushions



## 11+ DIESEL Submarines

- (4+) AIP PAPANIKOLIS Class (214)
- 7 "209" Class



## 5 Landing Ships



## 19 Fast Patrol Boats

- 9 COMBATTANTE III Class
- 3 "148" Class
- 7 SUPER VITA Class



## 3 Fleet Support



## 10 Patrol Boats

- 4 OSPREY 55 Class
- 2 ASHEVILLE Class
- 4 OSPREY 55A



## 5 MPAs



## 4 Mine Hunters

- 2 HUNT Class
- 2 OSPREY Class



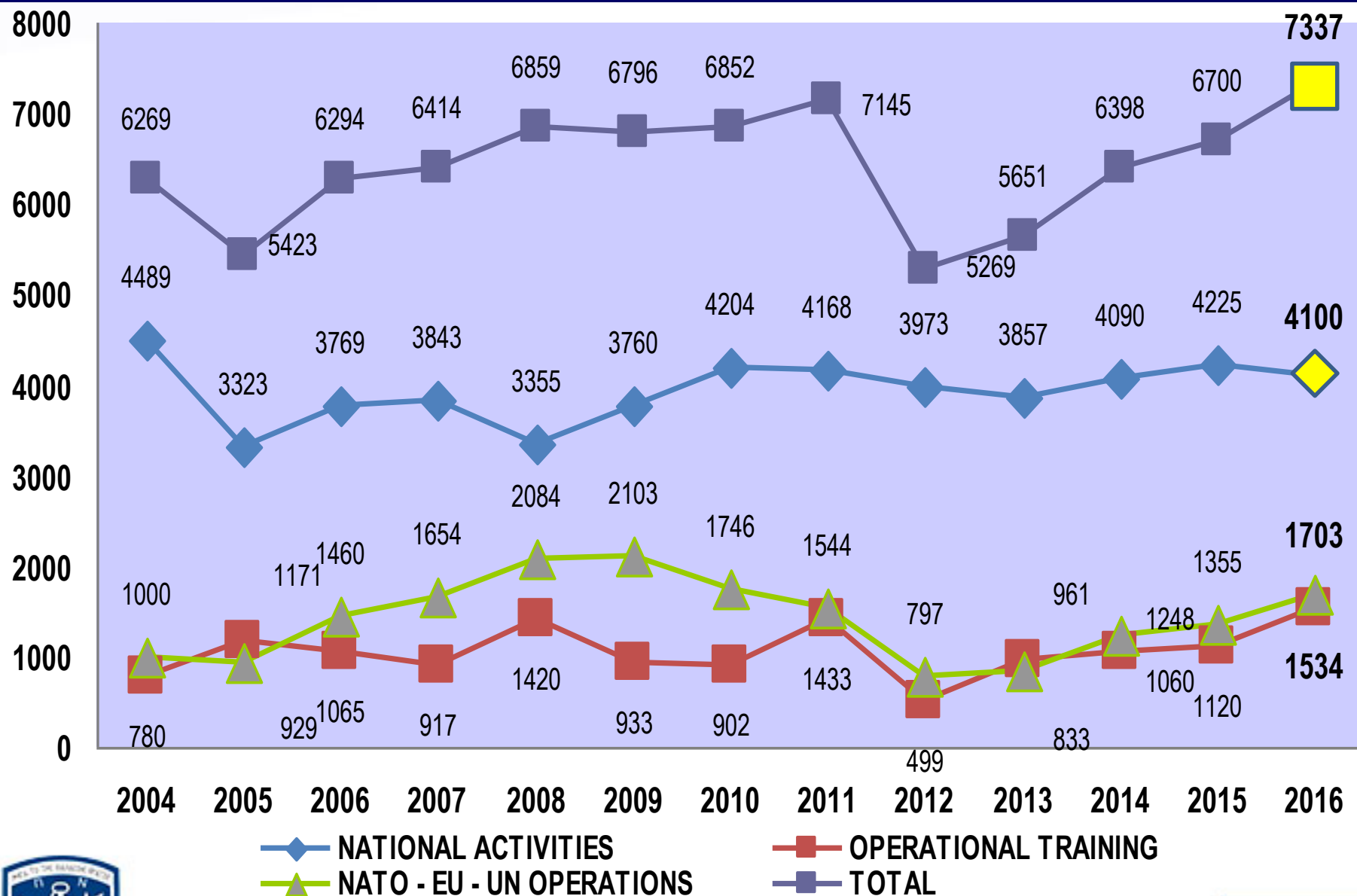
## 18 Naval Helicopters

- 11 SH-70B AEGEAN HAWK
- 7 AB-212





# Hellenic Fleet Operational Deployment Statistics



# NATO - EU - UN



NATO Operation “**SEA GUARDIAN**”  
(Eastern Mediterranean – NA5)



NATO SNF's (SNMG2, SNMCMG2)



United Nations' Operation “**UNIFIL**”  
(Med - Off Lebanon – Capacity Building)



European Union's Operation  
“**SOPHIA**”



European Union's Operation  
“**ATALANTA**”



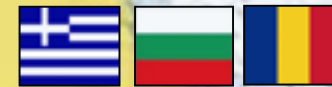
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GENERAL STAFF



**ADRIATIC – IONIAN  
Initiative (LIVEX/CAX)**



**Trilateral  
Cooperation (EU)**



**Naval Cooperation/  
Carrier Group**



**Ballistic Missile Defence  
in East Med**



**Naval Cooperation  
w/French CG**



**Naval Cooperation  
w/JEF 18**



*Medusa 2017*



*Noble Dina 2017*



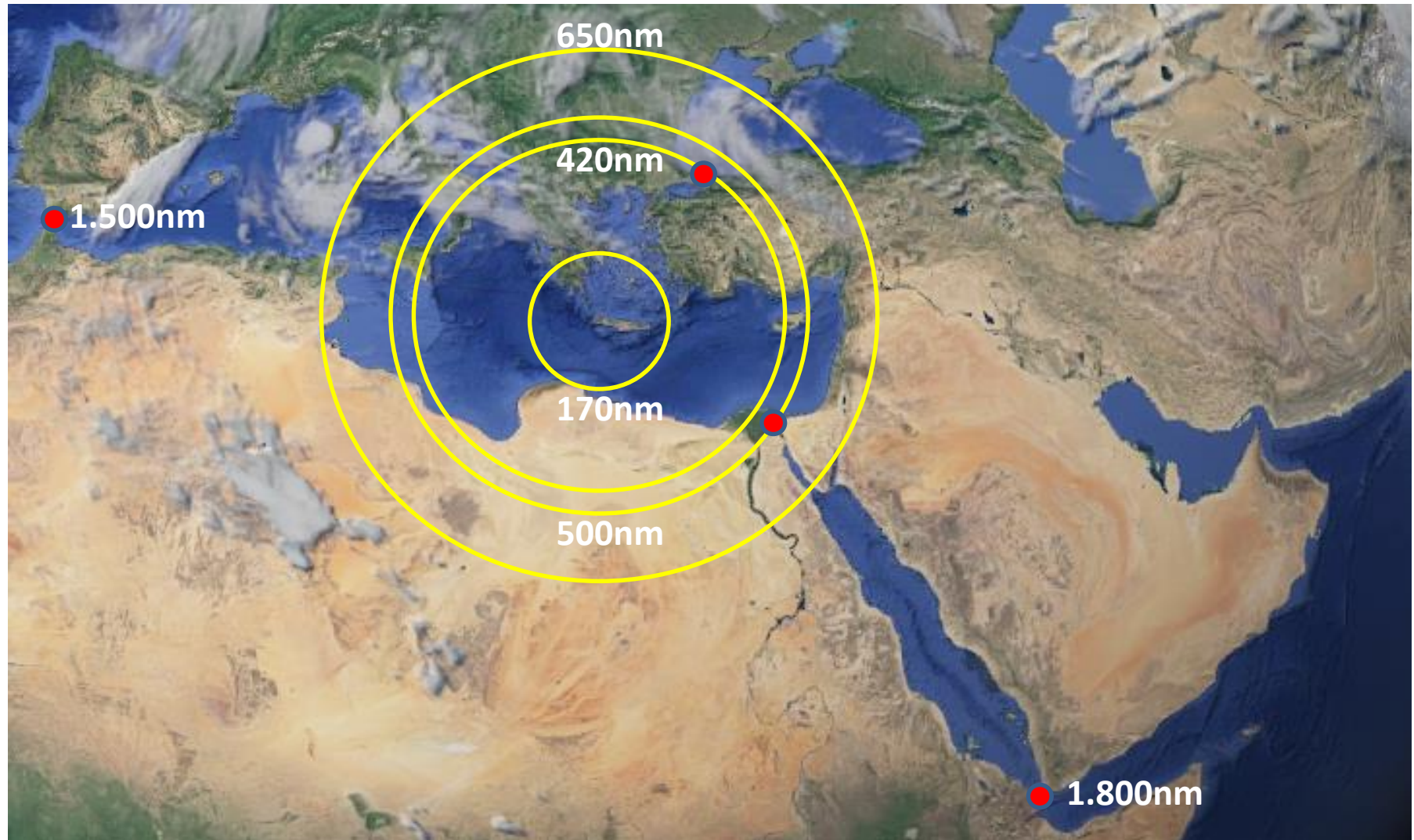
# N 2 N Staff Talks



# Military Cooperation

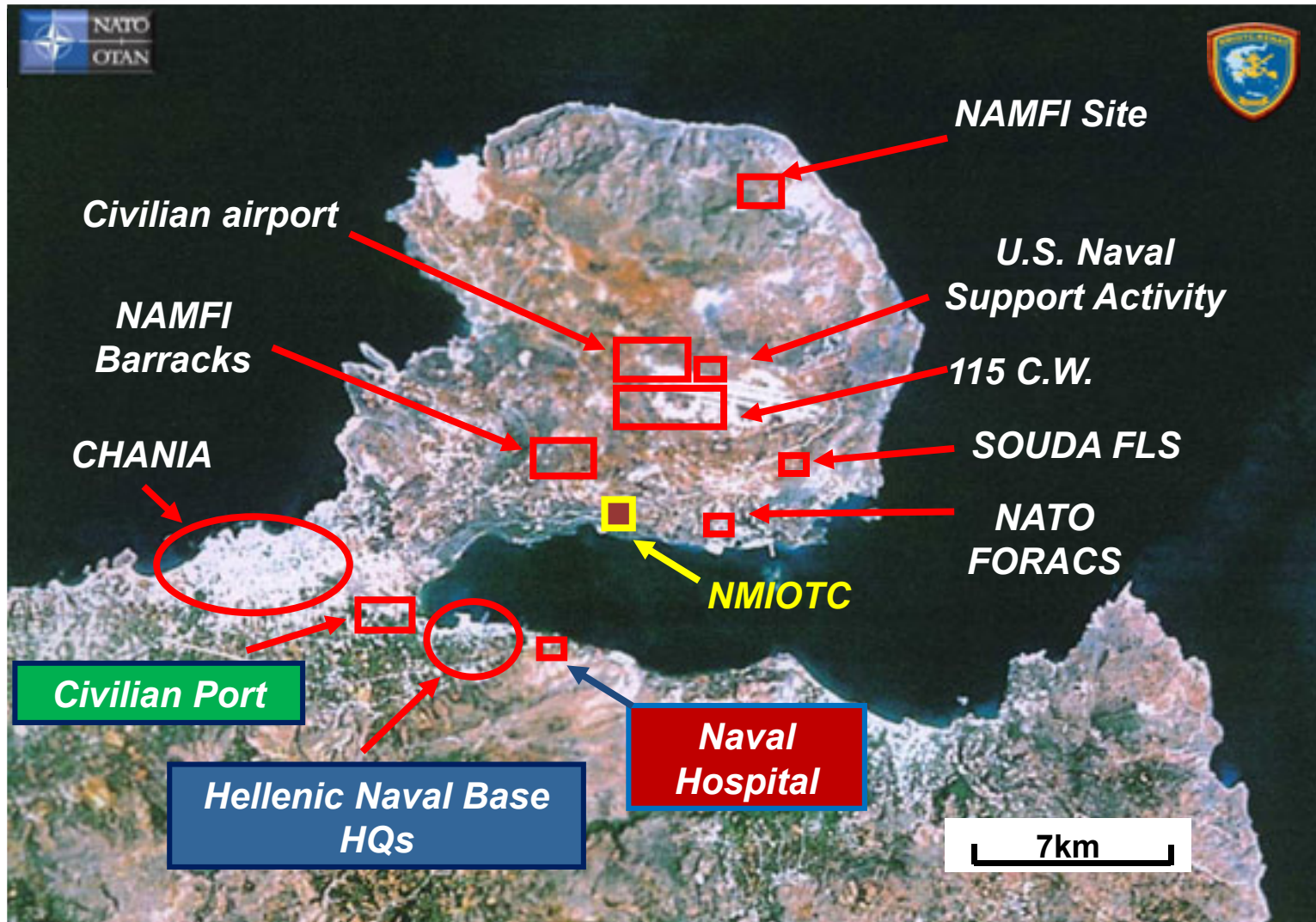


# The Strategic Position of Crete





# Souda Bay "One-stop Shop"





# Why Greece ?

- ... 'on board'
- **Reliable Ally**
- **Democratic**
- **Stable**
- **Secure**







HELLENIC NAVY  
GENERAL STAFF

# Hellenic Navy added value

- Operational value
- Adaptability and flexibility
- A common denominator for peace and stability in East Med
- Extremely resilient through a crisis
- Honed skills both for classic and new threats





# Hellenic Navy

A credible security provider







**“Έχουμε γη και πατρίδα,  
όσον έχουμε πλοία στη  
θάλασσα.”**

**“Our existence depends  
on our ability to have  
ships at sea.”**

THEMISTOCLES, 480 B.C

