

Preliminary Programme

As the leading technology, security and procurement conference for the international maritime security and defence community in Europe, MS&D offers a two-day, highly informative conference programme that specifically addresses topics critical to the successful transfer of civil maritime innovation to the military sector.

Under the theme **'Maritime Security & Defence in a Rapidly Changing World'**, the Naval Stage in hall B8 welcomes leading representatives from defence ministries and organisations, as well as their procurement authorities, who will share insights into specific NATO/NSPA requirements with attendees from the civil maritime industry and familiarise them with the framework and funding conditions at EU/EDA level.

Thursday, 3. September 2026

- 10.30 Welcoming Remarks
Claus Ulrich Selbach
Vice President Exhibitions, Maritime and Energy
- 10.40 Introduction to the Conference – Setting the Scene
Karsten Schneider, Rear Admiral (ret.)
President, Deutsches Maritimes Institut e.V.
- 11.15 Panel 1 „Europe’s Maritime Capabilities“; Moderator Heinz Schulte
LtGen André Denk; Secretary General, European Defence Agency
Irina Haesler; Brussels Representative and Member of the Board, German Shipowners Association
N.N.; Representative European Shipbuilding Industry
- 12.30 Lunch Break
- 14.00 Keynote: Vadm Axel Deertz, CINC German Fleet
- 14.30 Panel 2 „Maritime Warfare Requirements“
Moderator Heiko Herold
N.N. Navy Representatives from France (offered already), Denmark (Greenland!), Canada
- 15.30 Networking Break
- 16.15 Panel 3 „The Underwater Domain“;
N.N. Submariner, UW Technology Expert, Industry, Start-up?
- 17.15 Adjourn

Friday, 4. September

- 10.30 Keynote: Vadm Stawitzki, National Armaments Director, Germany
- 11.00 Panel 4 „IT, Cyber, and Space Aspects of Maritime Security“;
Thomas Kazakos, International Chamber of Shipping
N.N. Representatives of a Navy, Civilian Shipping, Industry, Start-up
- 12.00 Networking Break
- 12.30 Panel 5 „Manned and Unmanned Systems“; Moderator ...
Radm Christian Bock; Head Bundeswehr Innovation Center,
N.N. Representatives Civilian Shipping, Industry, Start-up
- 13.30 Closing Remarks
Claus Ulrich Selbach, Vice President Exhibitions, Maritime and Energy
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