PRESS RELEASE

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Naval Group delivers to the Hellenic Navy its second Defence and intervention frigate (FDI)

On October 30, in Lorient, Naval Group delivered the second FDI frigate for the Hellenic Navy (FDI HN), *HS Nearchos*, in the presence of Nikos Dendias, Minister of National Defense of the Hellenic Republic, and Catherine Vautrin, Minister of the Armed Forces. After the first FDI HN, *Kimon*, delivered in December 2025 and the third one, *HS Formion*, planned for the end of 2026, within a year, three frigates will have been transferred to the Hellenic Navy, demonstrating Naval Group's ability to quickly meet the needs of navies.

« Only ten months after the delivery of HS Kimon, it is an honour to deliver the second FDI frigate for the Hellenic Navy, HS Nearchos, in the presence of Catherine Vautrin and Nikos Dendias, whom I would like to thank for their renewed trust. Thank you to all those who have contributed to the achievement of this crucial milestone, from Naval Group's teams to our industrial and institutional partners in Greece and France, as well as the crew and the Hellenic Navy. HS Nearchos will undoubtedly demonstrate its exceptional capabilities just as the FDI HS Kimon did recently, thereby contributing to the Hellenic Navy's operational superiority at sea. » Pierre Éric Pommellet, Chairman and CEO of Naval Group.

A strategic naval programme, a long-term partnership

The delivery of HS Nearchos marks a major step in the FDI programme for Greece, initiated in 2022, and demonstrates the dynamic Franco-Hellenic cooperation that has been existing for many years. This cooperation is based on a strong network of local industries with more than 75 Greek companies involved in the FDI frigate and submarine programmes of Naval Group, from the supply of electronic maps produced in Greece to the realisation of pre-armed blocks, including the production of complex mechanical and electronic systems.

The Hellenic Navy has also entrusted Naval Group with the initial in-service support contract for its FDI frigates. Maintenance and upgrade operations will be carried out in close collaboration between Naval Group, its Greek subsidiary Naval Group Hellas and their Greek industrial partners, ensuring high-quality maintenance and optimal operational availability of these combat-ready ships.

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About Naval Group

As an international naval defence player, Naval Group is a partner for countries seeking to maintain control of their maritime sovereignty. Naval Group develops innovative solutions to meet its customers' requirements. The group is present throughout the entire life cycle of vessels. It designs, produces, equips, integrates, supports and upgrades submarines and surface ships, as well as their systems and equipment, right up to the final phases of deconstruction and dismantling. Naval Group's unique know-how in autonomous systems, underwater weapons and drones place it in pole position to become European leader in the sector. As a high-tech company, it draws on its outstanding expertise, unique design and production resources and ability to establish strategic partnerships, in particular within the framework of transfers of technology. It also provides shipyard and naval base services.

Located on five continents, the group generates revenue of 4.679 billion euros and has 17,170 employees (Full-Time Equivalent average annual workforce - figures as on 31 December 2025).

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