

## Hellenic Parliament Committee Clears Five Defence Procurement Programs Worth €900 Million

Five major defence procurement programmes, with a combined value of approximately €900 million, have been approved by the Special Standing Parliamentary Committee on Defence Procurement Programs and Contracts, the Hellenic Ministry of National Defence (MoD) recently confirmed.

Following their approval by the committee, the programs will now be submitted to the Hellenic Parliament plenary session. Once parliamentary approval is secured, they will be forwarded to the General Directorate for Defence Armaments and Investments (GDDIA) of the Ministry of National Defence for final negotiations, contract formulation, and signature.

The most significant program concerns the procurement of PULS (Precise & Universal Launching System) Multiple Launch Rocket Systems from Elbit Systems with a total value of €692 million, under a government-to-government agreement with Israel. According to available information, all vehicles associated with the system will be supplied by the Italian manufacturer IVECO. The procurement package includes 36 PULS launcher vehicles, six Battery Fire Direction Centre vehicles, two Battalion Fire Direction Centre vehicles, 36 ammunition resupply vehicles, and a substantial inventory of guided and unguided munitions.

These include Accular rockets (122 mm, 35 km range), EXTRA (306 mm, 150 km), Predator Hawk (370 mm, 300 km), SkyStriker loitering munitions with a range exceeding 100 km, as well as training rockets. The systems will equip two MLRS battalions of the Hellenic Army Artillery.

The second program, valued at €37 million, αφορά the upgrade of the main guns aboard the four MEKO-200HN frigates of the Hellenic Navy's Hydra class. The ships are equipped with Mk 45 Mod 2, 5-inch (127 mm) naval guns, manufactured by BAE Systems, which will also execute the upgrade. Although separate from the broader MEKO mid-life upgrade program, the gun modernization is closely linked to it. The upgrade includes the Common Control System (CCS) and a Standard Maintenance Repair (SMR) package, effectively a factory-level overhaul never previously conducted on these weapons in Greek service. Following the upgrade, the guns will be capable of firing advanced precision munitions, including the Hypervelocity Projectile (HVP).

The third program concerns the procurement of 52 RAM (Rolling Airframe Missile) guided missiles, at a cost of €74 million, from the European consortium RAMSYS. The program aims to enhance the close-in air defence capabilities of Hellenic Navy surface combatants, particularly Roussen-class fast-attack craft. The fourth program, valued at €20 million, involves the upgrade of PLUTOPLUS remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) used for mine countermeasures. These systems equip the Hellenic Navy's three minehunters—two Osprey-class and one Hunt-class vessel. The upgrade will be carried out by the Italian manufacturer Gaymarine srl.

The fifth program covers the procurement of four CAMCOPTER S-100 unmanned rotary-wing aerial systems from Austrian company Schiebel, at a cost of €44 million. Each system includes two air vehicles, and they will equip the four FDI-HN frigates (Kimon class) currently under construction for the Hellenic Navy.

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