

Thales onboard the Greek Navy Defence and Intervention Frigates

- The Greek Navy will receive two Belh@rra® type frigates in 2025 and a third in 2026, becoming the first export customer to select the new defence and intervention frigate (FDI) built by French industry.
- The frigates will be equipped with the Sea Fire radar in the first export success for this new digital radar system.
- The contract extends a long-standing partnership with the Greek armed forces.



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Thales welcomes Greece's decision to acquire the Belh@rra® export variant of Naval Group's FDI defence and intervention frigate for the Hellenic Armed Forces. A firm order for three frigates, with another one on option, has been signed by the Greek authorities.

Designed to conduct a broad range of naval missions and to adapt to new technology and changes in the operational context, Greece's Belh@rra® frigates will be equipped with a complete set of primary sensors developed by Thales and integrated with the warship's combat system.

Thales will provide its **Sea Fire** radar, a fully solid-state multifunction radar with a fixed, four-panel antenna that simultaneously performs long-range air and surface surveillance as well as guidance for anti-air missiles. This is the first export success for the Sea Fire radar, which is designed to deliver outstanding performance in high-intensity combat situations. The frigates will also be equipped with an **IFF (Identification Friend or Foe) solution** and **fire control radar**.

In addition, Greece's FDI frigates will rely on a complete Thales sonar suite comprising the **Kingklip MK2** hull-mounted sonar and the **Captas-4 Compact** towed-array sonar, as well as a **digital electronic warfare suite** and a full range of integrated **naval communication systems** to guarantee interoperability and seamless connectivity for the frigates and their crews.

The contract will sustain employment at Thales's industrial facilities, particularly in France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and Greece.

"Thales thanks the Greek authorities for the trust they have placed in us by selecting our state-of-the-art naval systems. The new contract further strengthens the strategic ties between Greece and France." **Patrice Caine, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Thales**

Defence and intervention frigate (FDI)

- IFF BLUEGATE**
Identification provided by the latest generation BlueGate IFF interrogator, with 4 fixed active panels, compliant with Mode S and Mode S
- SEA FIRE**
Multifunction radar, with four fixed digital AESA* antennas, that can be used for simultaneous Air and Surface Surveillance, Self Defence and Area Defence. * AESA : Active Electronically Scanned Array
- SENTINEL + ALTESSE-H**
The Electronic Warfare System is at the cutting edge of technology and modular architecture and composed of a radar detector (SENTINEL) and a communications detector (ALTESSE-H)
- STIR**
STIR is a medium-to-long range Fire Control Radar system to provide gun control
- CAPTAS-4 COMPACT**
Compact variable depth sonar with high detection capability to effectively tackle the underwater threat
- AQUILON**
Integrated digital secured communications system. Guarantees interoperability and connectivity of the frigate and its crew
- KINGKLIP MK2**
High performance hull-mounted sonar, with torpedo and underwater obstacles detection capabilities

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About Thales

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Thales has 81,000 employees in 68 countries. In 2021 the Group generated sales of €16.2 billion.

Thales in Greece

Thales has been active in Greece for 45 years, expanding its historical presence in defence to serve the air traffic control, transport and space markets.

The Group supports an ecosystem of local industry partners in development projects for Greece and is an active member of industry organisations including SEV (Hellenic Federation of Enterprises), HASDIG (Hellenic Aerospace & Defence Industries Group) and EVIDITE (Greek Space Association). Thales is also an accredited supplier of defence systems to the Greek Ministry of Defence.

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