

TECHNET SOFIA 2026

AGENDA

	05.11.2026
08:00-09:00	Exhibition area set up
08:30–09:00	Registration
09:00–09:20	Official opening
	Welcome. Konstantin Zografov, AFCEA Sofia Chapter President and AFCEA International RVP for South East Europe
	Greeting address from AFCEA International AFCEA Europe General Manager RADM. (ret.) Massimo Esposito
	Greeting address from the Minister of defence Dimitar Stoianov
	Greeting addresses from Ministry of Economy, Investments and Industry, Deputy minister Mihaela Karadimova
	Greeting addresses from Ministry of Innovations and Digital Transformation, Deputy minister Atanas Maznev
	Celebrating 85 years Anniversary of Col.(ret.) assoc.prof.d-r Simeon Kralikov, AFCEA Sofia Chapter Honourable President
	DAY ONE: INDUSTRY & STATE TOGETHER FOR COLLECTIVE DEFENSE AND SECURITY
09:20–11:00	**Plenary session** **Moderator: Konstantin Zografov**
	Bulgarian Armed Forces in the transformation and adaptation according new environment. Keynotes by the Ministry of Defence Presented by col. Nikolay Nikolov, Director of “Armamment Policy” of the Ministry of Defense”
	NATO Strategic views, Navy Captain (Italian Navy) Giovanni Galoforo, Public Affairs and StratCom Advisor to NATO CMC and IMS
	Security risks and technology challenges in the Black Sea Region, AFCEA European General Manager RADM (ret.) Massimo Esposito
	INDUSTRY PLATINUM PRESENTATION “ReQuTech - Next generation SATCOM terminals and High performance troposcatter systems”, Omid Sotoudeh
11:00–11:40	**Coffee break and visit to exhibition stands**
11:40–12:40	**Session 1.** **“Artificial Intelligence - Focus on Headquarters and Decision Making.”**
	Moderator: Konstantin Zografov

	Industry gold presentation ESRI ”ESRI GeoAI in Defense: ISR, Autonomy, Terrain and Logistics" Miglena Kouzmanova, CEO ESRI Bulgaria
	“The Power of AI in Modern Defense”, Anastasia Arnaud, Tech Leader for Data and AI за IBM България
	Deep Centrics, Presentation, Martin Stamenov
	Keynotes from Land Forces Command: Human in the loop - Where is his place in the whole process? Col. Ivan Sakalov, Land Forces Command
12:45-13:45	**Networking lunch and demonstrations at exhibition area**
14:00–15:45	**Session 2. “Drone and Anti-Drone Systems and Solutions. ”**
	Moderator: Capt.(N) Assoc. Prof. Todor Dimitrov
	KEYNOTES: Border Security in the era of Unmanned vehicles” Director of DG BP Anton Zlatanov
	KEYNOTES: "Emerging Threats Posed by Uncrewed Systems: A Global Perspective and Strategic Response" Col. (ret.) Ivan Milanov, Vice President of European Anti-drone Association
	KEYNOTE SILVER PRESENTATION
	Airbus Defense
	“Integrated Air Defence and C2 in the Black Sea Region” Kyryl Kalynychenko - IAMD Sales Manager, Airbus Defence and Space
	KEYNOTE SILVER PRESENTATION
	KONGSBERG PROTECTOR C-UAS, Scott D. Hall, Senior Business Development Manager, Land Systems
15:45–16:15	**Coffee break**
16:15–17:45	**Session 3. “Multi Domain Operations - Approaches and Solutions”**
	Moderator: prof Vesselin Tselkov
	Keynotes
	KEYNOTES: Land Forces “Understsnding, challenges, operational problems and integration approach and operational effects in multidomain operations”. LTC Kuman Gerovski, Land Forces Command INDUSTRIAL PRESENTATION Balkantel and Destinus "Scalable European Air Defence for Bulgaria: Hornet Interceptors and Destinus Precision-Strike Systems" Boris Videnov & Santiago Rubio
	KEYNOTES: Naval Domain Capt. III rang “N.Vaptsarov” Naval Academy
	Young AFCEAN’s presentation - Cadets from “N.Vaptsarov” Naval Academy DISCUSSIONS
18:00–20:30	**AFCEA 80 Years Anniversary Cocktail**

	06.11.2026
	DAY TWO: SCIENCE AND RESEARCH FOR COLLECTIVE DEFENSE AND SECURITY
08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:10	Summary of Day one – Konstantin Zografov, AFCEA Sofia Chapter President
09:10-10:45	**Session 4.** **„Critical Infrastructure – the Eternal target“**
	Moderator:Col. Prof. D.Sc. Nikolai Stoianov
	“Border force” Project, Andreas Kriechbaum-Zabini, AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH
	Industrial Presentation: TRIDENT Systems Aerospace and Defense Electronics “WOLF Mini Voice Bridge” Keiron Francis
	“THEIA” Project Liza Panagiotopoulou, Senior R&D Project Manager
	DISCUSSIONS
10:45-11:15	**Coffee break**
11:15-12:20	**Session 5.** **„Cyber security. Hybrid Treats**
	Moderator: Col. (ret.) Accoc. Prof. Simeon Kralikov
	Keynotes from Land Forces Command: “Protection of cyber systems in combat operations” Col. Dimitar Mitev, Land Forces Command, CIS
	„G.S.Rakovski“ “Verification of Cyber Intelligence Tactics, Techniques and Procedures” Ivan Hristozov, Ivan Chakarov, Veselina Aleksandrova, Chavdar Kostadinov, Kristina Krumova
	Young AFCEAN’s presentation Cadets from “N.Vaptsarov” Naval Academy
	DISCUSSIONS
12:20-12:30	**Closing remarks**
12:30-13:30	Glass of Vine for farewell