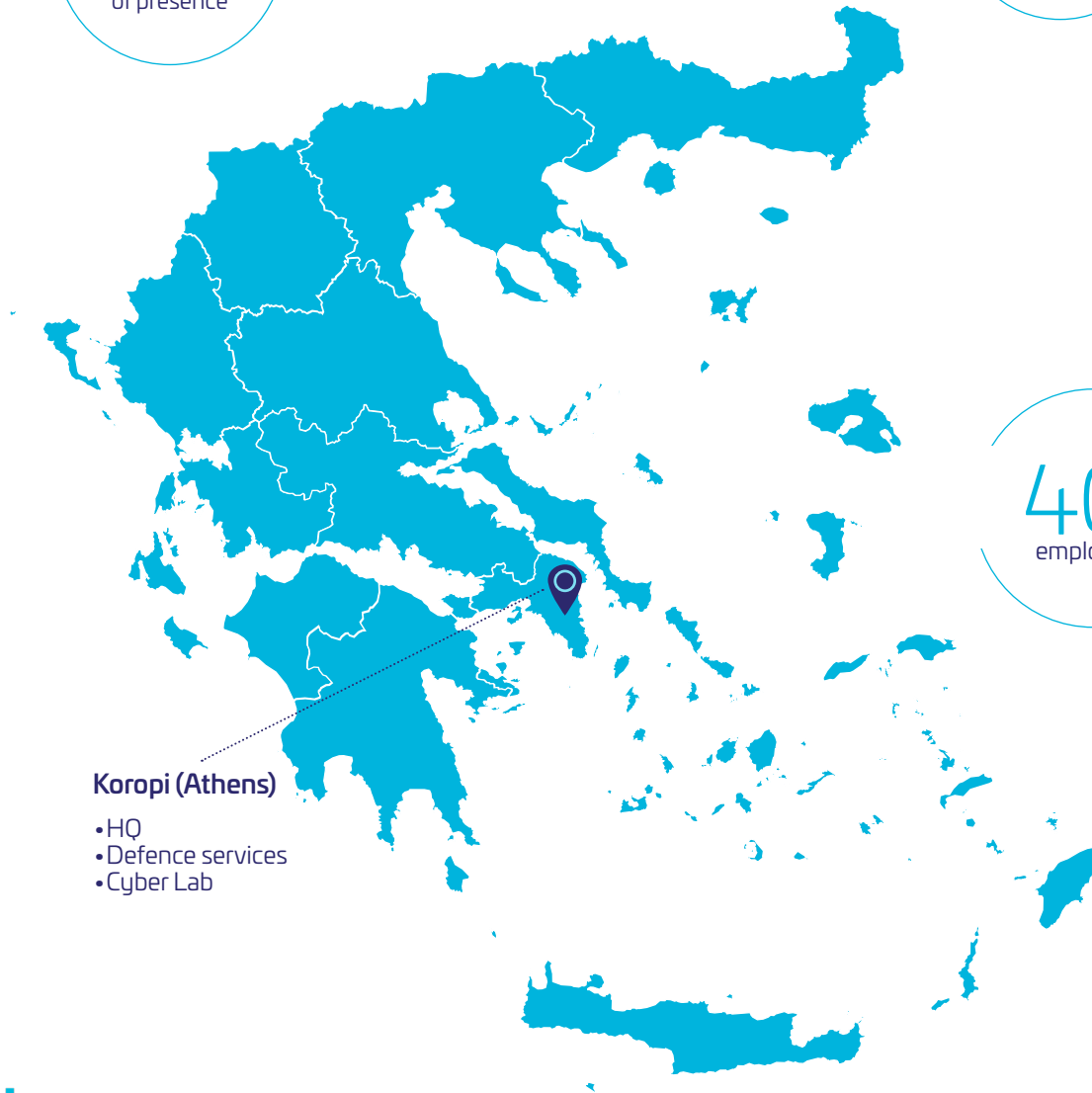


Thales in Greece

Factsheet



Koropi (Athens)

- HQ
- Defence services
- Cyber Lab



Did you know?

- In 2021, Greece became the **first European customer of the Rafale aircraft**.
- Thales Hellas contributed to the development of the **ACCS command and control system for NATO** in Larissa, Greece.
- Thales is involved in **more than 10 European projects** alongside Greek industry and Greek universities.
- **60% of the new Greek navigation aid systems supplied by Thales** are installed locally with Greek industry.

About **Thales**

Thales is a global leader in advanced technologies specialized in three business domains: Defence, Aerospace, and Cyber & Digital. It develops products and solutions that help make the world safer, greener and more inclusive. The Group invests more than €4 billion a year in Research & Development, particularly in key innovation areas such as AI, cybersecurity, quantum technologies, cloud technologies and 6G. Thales has more than 83,000 employees in 68 countries. In 2024, the Group generated sales of €20.6 billion.

Thales in Greece

Thales has been active in Greece for 50 years, expanding its historical presence in Defence in the country to cover Aerospace, Digital and Cyber markets.

The Group is a long-time supplier of major systems to the Hellenic Armed Forces, and today services a significant installed base in the country. This includes avionics and mission systems for the Rafale and Mirage 2000/2000-5 combat aircraft, as well as large-scale air defence systems.

Thales combat systems are deployed by the Hellenic Navy on board surface vessels, whereas Thales tactical radios, electronic warfare, optronic systems and surveillance radars are in service with the Army.

In civil markets, Thales has supplied much of the country's air traffic management systems.

Thales Hellas has also developed a local cybersecurity capability thanks to European support programs and the Thales Group's experience in the cyber domain. Thales Hellas Cyber Lab is available to Greek authorities as well as local universities and competence centers.



Defence

Addressing a growing range of ever-changing threats, Thales supports nations and their armed forces to make the right decisions at the right time through advanced technologies, solutions and services – in the land, sea, and air domains. From cybersecurity to AI, we are constantly innovating to enable armed forces to achieve the operational superiority.

Thales is a long-standing partner of the Hellenic Air Force, Hellenic Navy and Hellenic Army.

- In the air domain, Thales is responsible for the combat systems, radar and electronics of the Rafale aircraft. The contract also includes logistic support for the Hellenic Air Force Rafale's air activity, maintaining the availability of equipment and systems at the highest level.

This program complements the existing Mirage 2000-5 combat aircraft in service that are equipped with Thales sensors and equipment. In the air defence domain, Thales is also a historical supplier of the Crotale air defence system to the Air Force. Rafale, Mirage 2000 fleets & Crotale systems are currently fully supported locally via the Thales Defence Service Centre located in Greece.

- Thales Hellas has also implemented the Air Command and Control System in Larissa for NATO with its local engineers, who are now deployed across Europe to support the system.

Supported by Thales Raytheon Systems, the ACCS is the first unified system in NATO, which helps member countries to assert their territorial sovereignty and protect their populations and armed forces from air and missile threats.

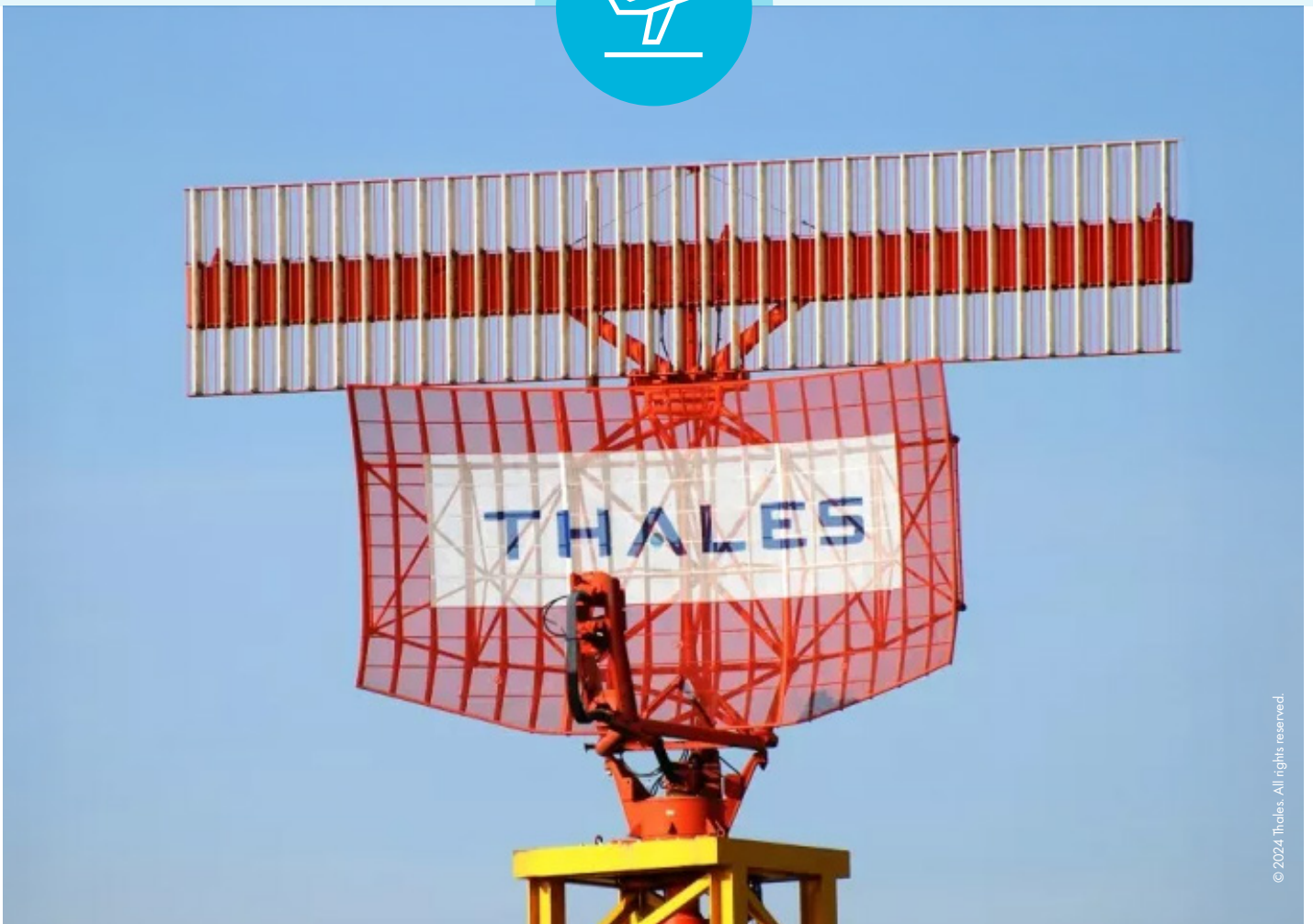
- In the Naval domain, Thales is the main contractor to the Hellenic Navy supplying the Combat Management Systems, radars, Electronic Warfare and communications for the majority of Hellenic Navy vessels.
- In the Land domain, Thales has provided PR4G tactical radios, tactical electronic warfare systems, surveillance radars and optronic systems to the Army.
- Thales is also contributing to AI and cyber defence in Greece via Pandora and now AIception, EU programs led by the Greek Defence Ministry and coordinated by Space Hellas. Thales has developed locally a dedicated cyber range expertise to enhance the integration and verification of cyber critical platforms.



Civil Aviation

Thales, a major player in avionics, aircraft cabin systems, air traffic management and digital identity, is helping to build the sustainable, connected aeronautics of tomorrow by offering a unique passenger experience in airports and in flight, optimizing flight operations and enabling the safe integration of new types of aircraft in airspace, capitalizing on cutting-edge technologies such as AI and cybersecurity.

- Since the 1990s, Thales has supplied numerous systems to the Greek civil aviation authorities, including primary radars, secondary surveillance radars, communication and Air Navigation Aids (navaids) systems.
- Thales's air traffic management system has been in operation since 1990 and was upgraded in 2015 to manage all air traffic movements in Greek airspace.
- Thales also supplies 29 ground-based Air Navigation Aids systems for safer landing and approach at 10 airports. The Navigation Surveillance capabilities ensure all-weather, en-route navigation and approach services and significantly increases both safety and air traffic efficiency. Over 60% of this project is executed locally in collaboration with Greek Industries.



Space

Thales Alenia Space offers institutions, governments, companies and operators a wide range of space solutions – satellites, ground segments, end-to-end-systems – for telecommunications, satellite navigation, earth observation, science and space exploration.

In Space, Thales Alenia Space supplies one of Greece's primary communications satellites, Hellasat 3, which entered into service in 2017.



Cyber & Digital

In a world where the number of digital connections and cyberattacks are constantly growing, Thales provides products and services which create a circle of trust between people and the digital services they rely on. The world's leading companies and governments in 180 countries trust us to secure people's and objects' identities, personal and sensitive data and their most critical applications. Our cybersecurity and digital identity technologies are designed to offer solutions for a more sustainable digital transformation.

- Locally, Thales Hellas operates a Cyber Lab thanks to European funded programs and the Thales group's experience in the cyber domain. Located on Thales premises in Koropi, the Cyber Lab is available to Greek authorities as well as local universities and competence centers.
- In the fields of Digital Identity and Public Security, Thales delivers identity and biometric solutions to the Greek government, public authorities and private entities. Thales has also equipped the Entry Exit Systems implemented by the Hellenic Police with fingerprint scanning and document readers equipment.



Sustainability commitments



Building a future we can all trust is our purpose at Thales. Thales is committed to implementing its “Low Carbon Future Strategy” around the world, aiming for Net Zero emissions by 2040. An example of this in Greece is the implementation of solar panels at our headquarters in Koropi, which now supply 12% of the electricity.

In addition to reducing our environmental impact, we are taking a proactive stance to create an inclusive and equitable workplace encompassing the diversity of all our employees and stand by a strong ethics and integrity policy based on the highest international standards.

Thales in Greece is actively supporting the association Entraide, which is committed to supporting Franco-Greek families in need.



Local Partnerships



Thales has teamed with local industry partners on numerous defence and aerospace projects. Thales is playing an active role in the development of the Greek defence industry through a network of local SMEs and participates in European Programs in cooperation with Greek Universities and Research Centers.

In addition, Thales is an active member of a number of local industry organisations, including SEV (Hellenic Federation of Enterprises), HASDIG (Hellenic Aerospace & Defence Industries Group), SEKPY (Association of Hellenic Defence Manufacturers) and EVIDITE (Greek Space Association) and member of si-Cluster (Space Cluster). The company is also an accredited supplier of defence systems to the Greek Ministry of Defence.

Since 2023, Thales has launched the procurement program “Go to Greece”, with the aim to develop cooperation with Greek Industries, purchase goods and services from Greek suppliers’ and integrate them as part of the Thales global supply chain.



Annexes/ List of Historical References



Defence

»	At the end of 1980s Hellenic MoD orders M2000EG/BG, which is later upgraded in the late 1990s to the version M2000-5, followed by additional aircraft. In 2019 HMoD signs a support contract with Thales for the M2000-5.
»	In 2000, HMoD awards Thales for the delivery of the Crotale Air Defence Systems.
»	In the early 2000s the deliveries of the first batches of PR4G begin, making Thales HF and VHF tactical radios the main secured communication means for the Hellenic Army and manufactured in Greece.
»	In the mid-2000s, Thales is awarded contracts for the respective upgrade of S class frigates, the Combattants, as well as new Gunboats and the new Fast Attack Crafts.
»	In 2021, Greece becomes the first European customer of the Rafale aircraft.
»	In 2022, HmoD signs the FDI contract, joining the French Navy program for new frigates.
»	In 2022, Thales delivers to the Hellenic Army a modern Tactical Electronic Warfare System (TEWS).
»	In 2022, Thales opens a Defence Service Center in Greece to develop and deploy services for the Hellenic & Cypriot armed forces.



Civil aviation

»	In 2015, Thales is selected to upgrade the Greek ATM system in a contract that includes hardware replacement as well as the supply and integration of the Multi Sensor Tracking System (MSTS) and other enhancements.
»	In 2021, Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority awards Thales a contract to supply ground-based Air Navigation Aids systems for safer landing and approach at airport.
»	In 2023, Thales Hellas, along with Thales LAS France and Edisoft, is selected for the SESIOP project, which concerns future air traffic control, both civil and military, and includes cooperation with the Hellenic Air Force Academy.



Space

»	In 2017, Hellas Sat 3, one of Greece's primary communications satellites, and provided by Thales Alenia Space, enters into service.
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Cyber & Digital

»	In 2020, Thales Hellas is selected for the EDIDP project "PANDORA", to develop a secure information exchange and cyber threat management platform in the defense sector.
»	In 2022, Thales in Greece joins the "Alnception" project, involving Space Hellas, Thales Hellas, Demokritos University, and the Greek military academy.
»	In 2024, Thales Hellas is selected for the ECYSAP-EYE project, in partnership with Space Hellas and various major European players (Indra, Leonardo, Airbus).



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