



## Call for Papers

### MARSEC COE 6<sup>th</sup> Maritime Security Conference, 9-10 June 2026



The Maritime Security Centre of Excellence (MARSEC COE) invites submissions from researchers, scholars, and professionals who have new findings, innovations, and research that address the evolving landscape of maritime security and wish to share their insights with the broader community for the **6<sup>th</sup> Maritime Security Conference**, to be held on **9–10 June 2026** at MARSEC COE premises in **Istanbul, Türkiye**.

In an era marked by shifting power dynamics and increasingly ambiguous forms of conflict, maritime security faces unprecedented pressure from **grey zone threats** that blur the distinction between peace and war. These activities—deliberately conducted below the threshold of open conflict—pose significant challenges to existing security architectures, legal frameworks, and operational responses. Against this backdrop, the conference aims to foster rigorous dialogue on strengthening resilience across the maritime domain.

The central theme of the conference, **“Building Resilient Maritime Security in the Age of Grey Zone Threats and Challenges,”** seeks to examine strategic, operational, legal, and technological approaches to countering grey zone threats while sustaining maritime security and stability. The conference will bring together policymakers, security professionals, scholars, and industry leaders to examine how nations can safeguard their maritime interests amid coercion, hybrid tactics, cyber intrusions, and non-traditional security risks. This conference serves as a vital platform to exchange insights, share best practices, and explore innovative strategies that strengthen cooperation, adaptability, and resilience in securing the maritime domain against both present and emerging challenges.

Papers are invited on the topics including, but not limited to, the following thematic panels:

- **Strategic & Threat Environment:** Greyzone Threats, Hybrid and multi-domain threats, Strategic Ambiguity and Deterrence Dilemmas,
- **Legal, Governance & Policy Frameworks:** Greyzone Challenges and the Limits of Maritime Law, NATO–EU Cooperation in Maritime Security and Resilience,
- **Resilience & Critical Infrastructure:** Maritime Critical Infrastructure Resilience, Public–Private cooperation, Supply Chain Security and Maritime Continuity under Disruption, Crisis Response, Recovery, and Continuity at Sea,
- **Operational Dimension:** Maritime Domain Awareness, Uncrewed and Autonomous Systems, Seabed and Subsurface Security,
- **Technology, Innovation & Future Outlook:** AI, Big Data, and Predictive Analytics, Cyber Threats, Climate Stressors and Migration.

### **Submission Procedure**

Authors interested in publishing an article should submit an abstract dealing with the topics of interest and a brief biography (250 words max.) including information regarding current academic or operational affiliations and general research interests to 6<sup>th</sup> MARSEC Conference. Please send your work to [marseconference@marseccoe.org](mailto:marseconference@marseccoe.org)



The MARSEC COE Review Committee (RC) will assess and decide on all abstracts. You will get a notification if the RC chooses your abstract and you will need to send a full paper for the Conference Proceedings Book. The chosen abstracts' panellists will give their presentations at the Conference and submit them to the Core Planning Team.

#### **Submission Guidelines:**

- Abstracts should follow the Abstract Template (Annex-1)
- Submissions must be original and not previously published
- All papers must be written in English
- Submissions should be in Microsoft Word format

#### **Full Paper Requirements**

Authors of accepted abstracts are required to submit a full paper using the Full Paper Template (Annex-2). Authors will have the opportunity to revise their papers within one week following the conference to allow incorporation into the proceedings. The length of the full article should not be less than 2,000 words and not more than 6,000 words including footnotes.

#### **Participation Support**

MARSEC COE will make all necessary arrangements to facilitate the attendance of the authors of accepted abstracts. (It includes round-trip flight tickets, hotel accommodation in İstanbul, local transportation, honorarium of 100 Euro for article presentation and lunch during the conference days).

#### **Important Dates:**

- Deadline for abstract submission: March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026
- Notification of acceptance: April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Deadline for conference registration: May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Full-Text and Presentation submission: May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Announcement of Conference Programme: May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Conference: 9-10<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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We would appreciate it if you could share this Call for Papers within your professional networks. We look forward to welcoming you to İstanbul for the 6th Maritime Security Conference.

For updates, please visit : <https://www.marseccoe.org/upcoming-events/6th-maritime-security-conference/>

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