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1. Maritime Security Centre of Excellence (MARSEC COE) is pleased to extend to you an official invitation to attend the **6th Maritime Security Conference** in accordance with REF, which will be held at its premises in İstanbul, Türkiye, on 9–10 June 2026.
2. The primary focus of the conference is “**Building Resilient Maritime Security in an Age of Grey Zone Threats and Challenges**”, and it will include numerous panel debates on pertinent subjects. The conference will explore the evolving nature of grey zone threats ranging from hybrid tactics and cyber operations to illicit maritime activities, and their impact on maritime security. As global trade expands and geopolitical tensions persist, maritime domains are increasingly exposed to complex and ambiguous risks that challenge traditional security frameworks. In response, a comprehensive understanding of resilience, adaptive strategies, and coordinated international efforts is essential to effectively address these challenges and ensure the stability in the context of Maritime Security.
3. This conference will provide an academic forum for discussions, knowledge exchange, and interdisciplinary collaboration aimed at addressing the challenges and threats to maritime security in an age of grey zone. Furthermore, we are also delighted to share that Prof. Christian BUEGER, a distinguished professor well renowned for his valuable contributions on Global Maritime Security, will be the academic advisor of the conference.
4. For further information and to register for the conference, please use the attendance form on our website by May 15<sup>th</sup> (<https://www.marseccoe.org/upcoming-events/6th-maritime-security-conference/attendance-form-marsec-conference/>).
5. We kindly request your assistance extending this invitation to any individuals within your network who may find this conference relevant and beneficial.
6. Should you have any inquiries or require further information, please feel free to contact: [marseconference@marseccoe.org](mailto:marseconference@marseccoe.org)

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