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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF EDF-FUNDED "EDINAF" PROJECT

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Half a year after the kick-off of the "European Digital Naval Foundation" project (EDINAF), funded by the European Commission (EC) under the European Defence Fund (EDF 2021), the EDINAF consortium is proud to have held its first General Assembly.

This first EDINAF General Assembly took place on June 27th and 28th at Navantia Training Centre in Cádiz, Spain. Held in an hybrid format, allowing both physical and virtual attendance, the General Assembly gathered the project coordinator Navantia, with the partners AERTEC, B-COM, CETENA, Damen, Fincantieri, Fincantieri Nextech, Indra, JOTNE, Kongsberg, Leonardo, Light Structures, MBDA, Naval Group, QRelation, Renk Group, Rheinmetall, RH Marine, SAAB, SEA Europe, SINTEF Ocean, thyssenkrupp Marine Systems, Thales, TNO, Universita' degli Studi di Genova, Universidade da Coruna, and Université de Lorraine. The Ministries of Defence of Spain, Netherlands and Sweden were also present to express their needs and their expectations about EDINAF and the Digital Ship.

During these two days, these meetings enabled the consortium to discuss the progress of the EDINAF work packages (WPs), notably to hold technical workshops with entry and exit success criteria checklists. These workshops were also geared towards determining the modalities of participation of the MoDs in the project.

"We are delighted to express our utmost satisfaction with the advancement achieved in the EDINAF project over the past six months. The involvement of the Ministries of Defence at our side will significantly influence the success of the project. Once again, this first General Assembly shows everyone's great dedication to work and collaborate on the project, for years to come." – Juan Ignacio Silvera, EDINAF's Project Coordinator.



