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**4<sup>th</sup> CONSORTIUM MEETING OF EDF-FUNDED “dTHOR” PROJECT****Rome, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2024**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> of December, the fourth Consortium meeting and General Assembly of the “Digital Ship Structural Health Monitoring” (dTHOR) project, funded by the European Commission under the European Defence Fund (EDF2021), took place in Rome, Italy. The event was hosted by the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR).

The meeting brought together all 35 dTHOR partners, including SINTEF Digital (Coordinator), CAFA Tech, CEA, Centre for Research & Technology Hellas, CETENA, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, DAMEN, ENSAM, Heron, INTA, INTRACOM DEFENSE, ISD S.A., Jotne, Light Structure, MARIN, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, National Technical University of Athens, Naval Group, Navantia, NLDA, NLR, Politecnico di Milano, QRelation, SAAB, SAES, Safran Data Systems, SEA Europe, SINTEF Ocean, SIREHNA, Structural Vibration Solutions, Testia, an Airbus company, thyssenkrupp Marine Systems, TSI, TU Delft, and University of Patras.

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Joined by representatives from the Italian, Norwegian, Swedish, French, and Dutch Ministries of Defence who provided invaluable contributions, the discussion focused on the year to come. In that context, each partner presented its plans and ambitions for the remainder of the project. In addition, the partners were invited to visit the impressive CNR-INM premises, where they could see the facilities that will be used for testing the results of dTHOR.

The Netherlands Ministry of Defence noted as a conclusion the great collaboration within the consortium, and emphasized the need for each partner to focus on efficiently communicating the results of the research to the end-users, the European Ministries of Defence and navies.

*"As we enter the final year of the dTHOR project, this Consortium Meeting has reinforced our commitment to delivering impactful results and ensuring their dissemination to the right stakeholders, particularly the end-users. The collaboration across all workpackages reflects our shared focus on amplifying the project's outcomes, maximizing relevance, and paving the way for the implementation of dTHOR Ship Structural Health Monitoring (SSHM) system beyond its conclusion.",* said Trond Kvamsdal, dTHOR Project Coordinator.

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