



# Euronaval 2016

DCNS' new submarine concept: SMX3.0

*This premier maritime trade show of Europe took place between 17 and 21 October 2016, with defence companies and customers flocking to Paris to explore 'Naval Technologies of the Future.' Vayu's Sayan Majumdar was on hand to report.*

The 25th Euronaval exhibition ended on 21 October in Paris-Le Bourget with very positive results for all involved: industrialists, delegations, international organisation, visitors and journalists. Created in 1968 and organised by GICAN (the French Marine Industry Group), this biennial event continues to confirm its position as world leader of naval defence exhibitions, with this year again a particularly promising affair.

For the 2016 edition, 129 delegations were welcomed at the exhibition, including 89 foreign military delegations representing 64 countries. Among the French and European delegations, there were ministerial and parliamentary delegations, as well as representatives from the Court of Auditors, the MEDEF, CNI, the Military School, IHEDN (Institute of Advanced Studies in National Defence).

On 18 October, at the French Ministry of Defence stand, the Minister of Defence Jean-Yves Le Drian chose the occasion of Euronaval to reveal a model of the future French intermediate-size frigates *Frégate*



The BrahMos stand at Euronaval 2016

*de Taille Intermédiaire* (FTI). The launch of the FTI programme was decided upon in mid-2015 on occasion of the legislation update for military programming. The objective is ambitious, as delivery of the first frigate is set for 2023. With a tonnage of 4,200-tonnes, the FTI will be crewed by a complement of 125. By 2030, these five new frigates will add to the French Navy order of battle comprising eight multimission frigates (FREMM) and two *Horizon*-class air defence frigates.

Also on 18 October, a high-level colloquium brought together industrialists, politicians and sailors to discuss a topical issue: *Together for safe and secure oceans*. Opened by the President of Euronaval, Patrick Boissier, this colloquium was concluded by Admiral Christophe Prazuck, Chief of Staff of the French Navy.

Against backdrop of the future order of Australian submarines, this three-day seminar, held in the presence of Martin Hamilton-Smith, Minister of Defence for South Australia, was an opportunity to encourage exchange and