

The charioteers of Iniochos 2025



In Greece it is not hard to find traces which refer to many of the traditional stories and myths which takes you back to ancient times of the life of the gods in this Mediterranean country. Fantastic tales about wonderful events as well as intrigues and ancient battles, continue to live on in nowadays society. Such references can also be found with the Hellenic Air Force, like with their annual exercise “Iniochos” which has been held here since 1980 and now more than ever very much alive. The symbol of Iniochos, which refers to an old statue of a charioteer found in an ancient complex in Delphi, is proudly displayed at the fighter jets’ exercise badges. So again in 2025, where the first 2 weeks of April were reserved for 12 international air force units and a wide variety of aircraft types to train together over the Peloponnesus peninsula.

2025 edition

The organisation of the Hellenic AF exercise is executed by the Air Tactics Centre (ATC), part of the 116th Combat Wing, at Andravida air base. Iniochos, which was originally set up as a national, small scale tactical level exercise, has grown through the years into an INVITEX (invitation exercise, open to international participation) and medium scale exercise, while striving to become the



most competitive exercise in Europe and Mediterranean region. With that in mind it was no surprise that this years edition had been the biggest in Iniochos’ history. 12 nations had their aircraft flown multiple times a day resulting into 1300 conducted exercise missions. The exercise growth was also displayed by the fact that the original exercises Single Base Concept, where all participants fly from Andravida, had been left as for example the nearby base of Araxos was hosting many of the Hellenic fighter aircraft. The exercise mission scenarios were described as complex and