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The Hellenic Institute for Strategic Studies (HEL.I.S.S) is an independent, non-profit institute for strategic studies, research, and analysis based in Athens, Greece. It is a natural sequel to the Greek Institute for Strategic Studies, which was founded in 1994.

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**Objectives:** The non-aligned and reliable expression of public discourse on geopolitical issues (geo-strategy, geo-economics), on foreign and domestic affairs of national interest and international affairs, with particular regard to issues of European interest, in line with the advisory contribution to the fulfilment of the relevant national interest objectives, and European integration.

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