

Colonel (Art.) Nikolaos VOTSIOS was appointed International Relations Director at the General Directorate of National Defence Policy and International Relations of the Hellenic Ministry of National Defence on the 1st of February 2016.



Education

- He graduated from the Hellenic Army Academy in 1988 as an artillery second lieutenant.
- He has attended various schools and training classes, throughout his career in the Armed Forces.
- He is a graduate of the Joint School of Strategic Intelligence of the Supreme Joint War College and of the National Defence College.
- He holds a Master of “European and International Relations” from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens-Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration (1997-1999).
- He holds a Master in “Strategic Human Resources Management” from ALBA Graduate Business School of Athens (2006-2007).

Career

- As a junior officer he served as Battery Commander in various Artillery and Antiaircraft Artillery Units.
- As a senior officer he served at the XVI and II Mechanized Infantry Divisions, at the Hellenic Army General Staff and the Hellenic National Defence General Staff, as well as at the Bilateral Defence Relations Department of the MoD General Directorate of National Defence Policy and International Relations (2006-2010).
- He has commanded an Artillery Battalion as well as the Recruits Squadron at the Artillery Training Centre.
- He participated in the UN mission in Georgia (UNOMIG) and served as an Intelligence officer.
- He served at the Public Affairs Office of SHAPE, in Mons Belgium, and after the beginning of the crisis in Ukraine, he was appointed as Intelligence, Plans and Policy Section Head in the same Headquarters.

He is married and has two sons.