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ABSTRACT

The Armed Forces around the world, despite the differences in their organization and mission, share some common points. The structure of the administration, the way of shaping the bodies that make up them, and the discipline are the attributes of every professional army on the planet.

In the context of these characteristics, there is another common feature, the supply chain is the transport, distribution and storage of the materials necessary for the operation of the armed forces.

The supply chain also exists in the private sector as it is an integral part of business management, and in many cases, it is a separate economic activity. The private sector has the characteristic that it is moving at the pace of technology, that is, new technologies and practices are directly adopted so that the business remains one step ahead of the competition.

The armed forces, however, do not have the mechanisms that are necessary for the implementation and adoption of new practices. In many cases the obstacles are the lack of personnel, materials, funds or circumstances, while in other obstacles come from the strict administration model and the lack of criticism within the troop.

It is difficult to impose discipline and freedom of thought at the same time, with the result that the changes are slow and that the armed forces are left behind in relation to the private sector, which exploits the rapid technological developments.

The purpose of the thesis is to investigate the reasons for this phenomenon, as well as to identify technologies that can revolutionize the supply chain within the armed forces. At the same time, reference will be made to good practices, and the views of different states, which have a different approach to this issue, will also be identified.

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Supply, Transportation, Armed Forces, Supply Chain, Innovation

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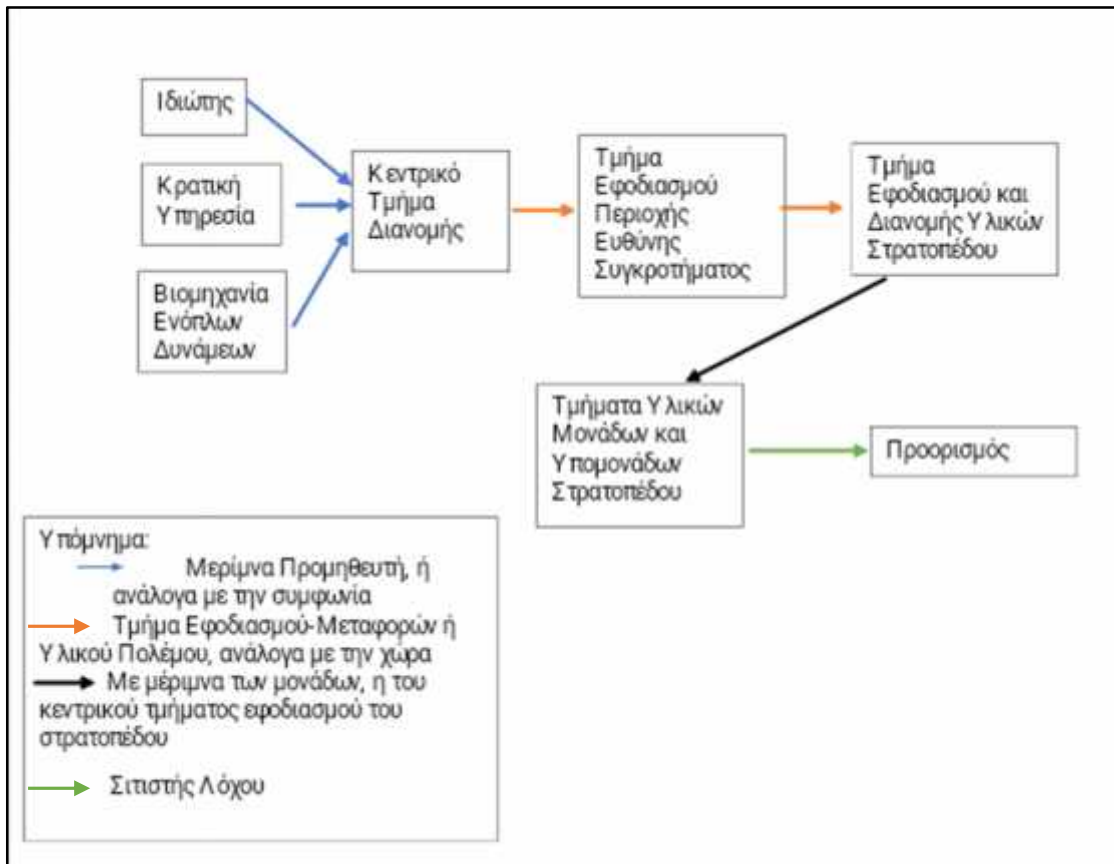
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