



NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION  
NATO MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE  
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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR ACT 688.9 COURSE 12000  
“C-IED IN MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONS”  
(12-16 Oct 2020)**

DATE: 27 Feb 2020

REFERENCES: A. NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2020  
B. HQ SACT 7000/TSC TTX 0400/TT-160215/Ser.: NU0156,  
Dated 16 Feb 16 (Course 12000 Accreditation)

1. Taking into account the NPOW 2020 and course 12000 certification by ACT as “NATO Approved,” NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO nations partner nations and Non-NATO entities to participate in this event, which will take place at the Centre’s premises in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece, from 12 to 16 Oct 2020. NATO has identified a need for Boarding Teams(BT) and Operating Forces to be trained so as to enhance personnel and units’ readiness prior to deployment in Maritime Interdiction (MI) within the Countering Improvised Explosive Devices in the Maritime Environment (CME) Programme of Work. Therefore, NMIOTC has scheduled the Course 12000 from 12 to 16 Oct 2020.

2. The aim of the course is to educate and train BT personnel in NATO TTPs to undertake targeted maritime search and exploitation tasks on board vessels and other maritime infrastructure in support of C-IED operations. Upon completion of the course, trainees will be able to:

a. Develop IED threat awareness and adapt search principles that support the Attacking the Network (AtN), C-IED main line of effort,

b. Identify pre-boarding requirements (key considerations for conducting vessel search, tactical considerations, required resources and on-board actions),

c. Integrate knowledge, skills and techniques in support of CME (on-board site exploitation, perform evidence / biometrics / forensics collection, vessel and people search) through mentored exercises, a Table Top Exercise (TTX) and a Final Tactical C-IED Exercise (FTX);

3. The target audience is BT members and other naval personnel functioning as Force Protection Coordination Officers (FPCOs) responsible for their ship / task group, or involved in MI. Additionally, the course is open to Command Team(CT) members (CO, XO, OPS, COMMS etc.) or equivalent civilian personnel who are involved in MIO, potentially related with C-IED in the Maritime Environment. Personnel from law enforcement Agencies (Coast Guard, Maritime Police, Civil Guard, etc.), educational and training facilities and equivalent civilian personnel who are involved in Maritime Interdiction Operations, potentially related with C-IEDs, are also eligible to participate.

4. The course will be conducted in English. Translation to/from other languages will not be provided. The following proficiency standards in English are required to attend: Listening- Good (3), Speaking- Fair (2), Reading- Good (3), Writing- Fair (2) (STANAG 6001).

5. The course is marked as “NATO Unclassified / Releasable to: PFP (except Russia), MD, ICI, PatG”. NMIOTC applies security arrangements and regulations according to NATO standards.

6. The course will include the following modules:
- a. The maritime IED threat
  - b. The NATO C-IED approach
  - c. Make-up of an IED and IED Precursor Materials
  - d. Vessel Search Operations
  - e. Small Boat Investigation
  - f. Intelligence Collection for Exploitation
  - g. Tactical Site Exploitation(TSE) Questioning
  - h. TSE DMAT Search
  - i. TSE DMAT Handling
  - j. TSE DMAT Photography
  - k. Person Search
  - l. Practical Search and TSE Exercise (Mentored)
  - m. Advanced Practical Search and TSE Exercise (Mentored)
  - n. Final Practical Search and TSE Consolidation Exercise

**NOTE:** A detailed agenda will be included in the Joining Instructions letter which will be released in due course.

7. In order to pass the course and acquire the relevant certificate, the trainees must attend at least 85% of the modules of the Course. Assessment of trainee performance will be accomplished during the practical training. Trainees will demonstrate skills during practical drills and scenarios and will be assessed by NMIOTC Instructors.

8. The tuition fee of the Course is **600 €** per person. Comprehensive payment instructions can be found in Enclosure 1.

9. The course will start on **Monday, 12 Oct and will end on Friday, 16 Oct 20**, training schedule will run from **08:30 to 15:00**. Due to the fact that the course will be run with the cooperation of private sector, the execution of the course is subject to the achievement of a minimum number of participation. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

10. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register **no later than (NLT) Friday 04 Sep 2020**. Candidates from Non-NATO Entities not participating in PfP, MD, ICI or PatG frameworks must register **NLT Friday 12 Jun 2020**, so that adequate time is provided for NATO approval procedures. Registration should be made on NMIOTC’s official web site [www.nmiotc.nato.int](http://www.nmiotc.nato.int).

**NOTE:** Partner nations (Partnership for Peace (PfP), Mediterranean Dialogue (MD), Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI), or Partners across the Globe (PatG) frameworks) are **eligible for NATO MPD subsidization programme** and should follow the procedures described in Enclosure 1, paragraph 2.

11. Event details can be found on the NMIOTC official web site [www.nmiotc.nato.int](http://www.nmiotc.nato.int), in the Education and Training Opportunities Catalogue (ETOC) at <https://e-itep.act.nato.int/Guest/ETOCindex.aspx> and in the Partnership Real-time Information, Management and Exchange system (e-PRIME) at <https://prime.hq.nato.int>.

12. NMIOTC Points of Contact (POCs):

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ENCLOSURE:

1. Administrative Instructions

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**EXTERNAL:**

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SACT STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS  
HQ SACT MPD PPT  
HQ SACT MPD SENF FINANCE OFFICER  
SHAPE COS  
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JFC NAPLES / J9  
HQ JFC BS /J9  
MARCOM DCOS OPS  
MARCOM N7 T2  
CSW COE  
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HNDGS/D4  
HNGS/B2  
HELLENIC COASTGUARD HQ/TRAINING DIRECTORATE  
HELLENIC POLICE HQs/TRAINING DIVISION

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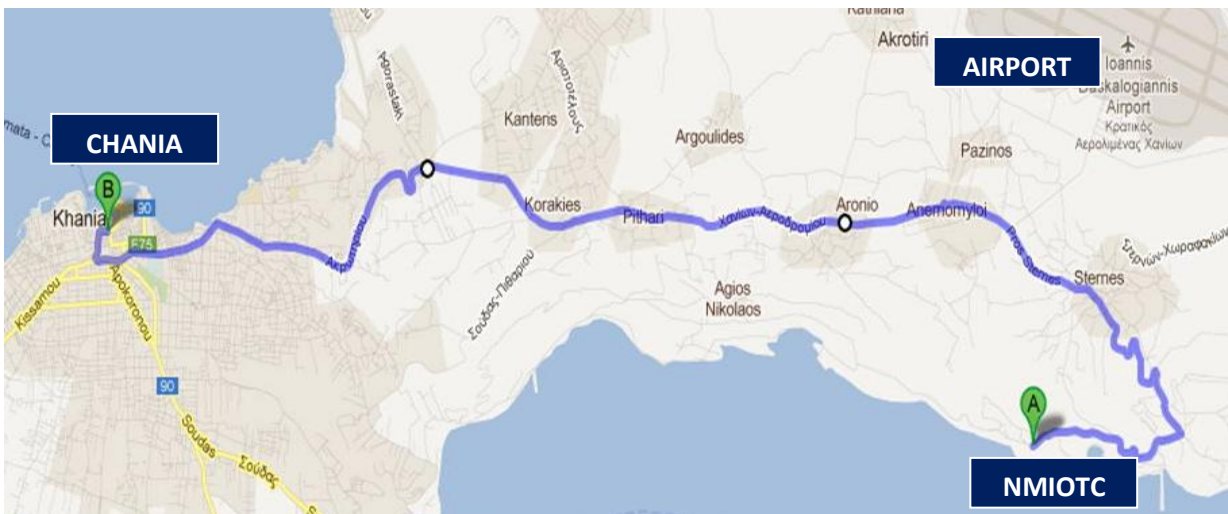
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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. Location:** NMIOTC is located on the Akrotiri peninsula near the city of Chania in the north-western part of Crete. The destination airport is Chania International Airport (“Ioannis Daskalogiannis” Airport) (airport code: CHQ). Distance from the city of Chania to NMIOTC is 20 km and from the airport to NMIOTC is 9 km. The following map provides orientation and general driving directions from the city of Chania to NMIOTC.



## **2. Registration:**

a. You are kindly requested to submit your Application Form through NMIOTC official web site <http://nmiotc.nato.int/join-us/trainee-joining-form/> within the given deadlines. Applications submitted after the specified deadlines may not be accepted. All applicants will receive an instant confirmation message. However the final confirmation will be provided after the process and acceptance of the application. It is advised not to proceed to travel arrangements before the final confirmation.

b. Applicants eligible for subsidization through NATO MPD subsidization program should submit the Financial Assistance Request form (FARF) to the following addresses:

MPD SENF Activity Coordinator: Major Ramazan Ekinci TUR (A)  
Phone: +1 757747 4290, NCN: 555-4290, Fax: +1 757747 3873  
E-mail: [Ramazan.ekinci@act.nato.int](mailto:Ramazan.ekinci@act.nato.int)

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If MPD subsidization is approved for the candidate, he/she will find further administrative details in the Joining Instructions, which will be sent to each trainee before the start of the course.

**3. Visa Requirement:** Participants or their national authorities are responsible for visa arrangements. Participants are advised to contact the proper diplomatic agencies for up to date information, well in advance. It is the individual's responsibility to apply for and obtain their visa and to have the proper travel and medical documentation. Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs website ([www.mfa.gr](http://www.mfa.gr)) provides relevant visa information requirements. NMIOTC will provide a Visa Support Letter, if requested.

**4. Tuition Fee:** The fee includes daily transportation from Chania city center to NMIOTC and vice versa during the course days. Full payment for tuition must be made to NMIOTC's Financial Officer on the first day of the course in cash or by credit card or by bank deposit to the NMIOTC bank account:

IBAN Number: GR 38 0110 4940 0000 4945 4001 048  
Swift BIC: ETHN GRAA  
Bank Name: National Bank of Greece

**Note:** Bank deposit must be completed **no later than 3 working days** before the start date of the event. The relevant document with proper justification must be e-mailed to NMIOTC Budget & Finance Officer at [kladosa@nmiotc.nato.int](mailto:kladosa@nmiotc.nato.int). NMIOTC will cover only the expense that the National Bank of Greece may charge for transactions and not potential charges of other banks.

**5. Dress Code:** Trainees are strongly recommended to wear Daily Service/ Battle Dress Uniforms or National Equivalent for the whole training as well as for the Graduation Ceremony.

**6. Meals:** A small canteen is available within the NMIOTC main building that will provide snacks for a nominal cost. Participants who would like to have lunch while at NMIOTC must make their own arrangements as NMIOTC does not provide this service.

**7. Accommodation:** Participants are responsible to arrange their own accommodation as there is no accommodation facilities on the Centre's premises. NMIOTC can provide guidance / assistance, if requested. Hotels near Chania city center are highly recommended for transportation purposes. The following list of recommended hotels in Chania offer special prices (for participants who book directly with each hotel by e-mail using the code "**NMIOTC Guest**") and including breakfast and internet connection:

AKALI 4\* hotel [www.akali-hotel.gr](http://www.akali-hotel.gr).  
E-mail: [info@akali-hotel.gr](mailto:info@akali-hotel.gr) Tel: (+30) 28210 92872.

KYDON 4\* hotel [www.kydon-hotel.com](http://www.kydon-hotel.com) (promotional code "NMIOTC 19")  
E-mail: [info@kydon-hotel.gr](mailto:info@kydon-hotel.gr) Tel.: (+30) 28210 52280.

SAMARIA 4\* hotel [www.samariahhotel.gr](http://www.samariahhotel.gr) (promotional code "NMIOTC 19")  
E-mail: [reservations@samariahhotel.gr](mailto:reservations@samariahhotel.gr) Tel.: (+30) 28210 38600.

ARKADI 3\* hotel [www.arkadi-hotel.gr](http://www.arkadi-hotel.gr)  
E-mail: [info@arkadi-hotel.gr](mailto:info@arkadi-hotel.gr) Tel: (+30) 28210 90181.

HALEPA hotel 3\* hotel ([www.halepa.com](http://www.halepa.com)),  
E-mail: [hotel@halepa.com](mailto:hotel@halepa.com), Tel. +302821028440

PORTO VENEZIANO 3\* hotel [www.portoveneziano.gr](http://www.portoveneziano.gr).  
E-mail: [hotel@portoveneziano.gr](mailto:hotel@portoveneziano.gr) Tel: +30 28210 27100.

ROYAL SUN 3\* hotel [www.royalsunhotel.com](http://www.royalsunhotel.com).  
E-mail: [hotelroyalsun@gmail.com](mailto:hotelroyalsun@gmail.com) Tel: (+30) 28210 46363.

**8. Arrival and Departure:** Participants should plan to fly to Chania International airport (airport code: CHQ) and are responsible for their own transportation from / to the Airport during arrival / departure. Public transportation from Chania Airport to the city center is available as follows:

By bus: The bus stop is located outside the terminal and the ticket cost is 2,50 €. For further information and detailed timetables, visit the following link: [https://www.e-ktel.com/images/pdfs/easter/AIRPORT\\_FROM\\_02-05-2019.pdf](https://www.e-ktel.com/images/pdfs/easter/AIRPORT_FROM_02-05-2019.pdf)

By taxi from the airport directly to Chania city center, 24/7, approx. 25,00€

Additionally, there are several rental car agencies at the airport. Rental car agencies that have offered special prices for NMIOTC guests are as follows:

Gelasakis Car Rental: E-mail: [cars@stc.gr](mailto:cars@stc.gr), [www.rentacar-chania.gr](http://www.rentacar-chania.gr), tel.+30 28210 89065.

Spa Tours & Cars Enterprises: E-mail [info@spatours.gr](mailto:info@spatours.gr), [www.spatours.gr](http://www.spatours.gr), tel. +30 28210 57444.

**9. Transportation:** Transportation will be provided on a daily basis from Chania city centre pick-up points (Akali, Samaria, Kydon and Royal Sun at Acrotiriou st.) to NMIOTC during the course.

**10. Medical service:** Trainees are required to have a valid health insurance according to their respective national standards. Trainees from the EU Member States are required to possess a valid European Health Insurance Card. NMIOTC ensures first aid during training, providing emergency transportation to the Naval Hospital of Crete if needed. The Naval Hospital of Crete will provide diagnosis, first aid and treatment and transfer to Prefectural Hospital of Chania for further diagnosis or specialist treatment if required. NMIOTC is not covering trainees' expenses for additional medical treatments and the settlement of medical bills is a patient/national responsibility.

**11. Security:** NMIOTC adheres to NATO security standards. There is a strict access control procedure for entrance into the Marathi main gate and NMIOTC main building. You will be required to provide your passport or your national identification during in-processing and whenever you enter the premises.