



NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION  
NATO MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE  
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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 2000 “BOARDING TEAM THEORETICAL ISSUES” (ACT 686.15), 18 – 20 JANUARY 2021, AND COURSE 3000 “BOARDING TEAM PRACTICAL ISSUES” (ACT 687.20), 21 – 29 January 2021**

DATE: 27 July 2020

REFERENCES: A. NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2021  
B. NMIOTC DIR 60-1 CHANGE 10 Cost of NMIOTC Training (Tuition Fees)

1. Taking into account the NPOW 2021 (Ref. A) as well as the accreditation by ACT of the 2000 and 3000 Courses as “NATO Approved,” NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO, NATO partners, and Non-NATO Entities (NNE) to participate in this training, which will take place at the Centre’s premises in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece, from 18 to 29 January 2021.
2. The aim of the courses is to train Boarding Team (BT) personnel in safely and efficiently applying NATO doctrines and procedures in Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO). The desired outcome is that the participants develop an understanding of the relevant theoretical and practical aspects pertaining to BTs in MIO.
3. The target audience is Officers ranging from OF-1 to OF-3 (Boarding Officers, Command Team members) and Petty Officers (CPO, PO) / Enlisted personnel (Boarding Team Leaders/Members), as well as equivalent civilian personnel. Military or civilian personnel from other agencies and organizations tasked to participate in MIO in support of NATO, Partner Nation, or other International Organizations and Non-NATO Entities are also eligible to participate.
4. The courses 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 courses are marked as “NATO Unclassified / Releasable to PFP (except Russia), MD, ICI, PatG.” NMIOTC applies security arrangements and regulations according to NATO standards.
6. The curriculum of Courses 2000 and 3000 will include the following theoretical and practical modules:

a. **Course 2000**

- (1) Module 2010 – Boarding Mission Requirements
- (2) Module 2020 – Inspection / Detection Techniques
- (3) Module 2030 – INTEL Gathering on MIO Targets
- (4) Module 2040 – Tactical MIO Planning
- (5) Module 2050 – Boarding Team Psychology
- (6) Module 2060 – Suspect Vessel's Crew Psychology
- (7) Module 2070 – NATO Biometrics in MIO
- (8) Module 2080 – Biometrics Collection with SEEK II Device

b. **Course 3000**

- (1) Module 3010 – Container Inspection
- (2) Module 3020 – Small Arms Training
- (3) Module 3030 – Tactical Sweep
- (4) Module 3040 – Crew Control/Suspect Crew Handling
- (5) Module 3060 – RHIB Insertion
- (6) Module 3070 – Heliborne Insertion (using Fast Rope tower)
- (7) Module 3080 – Boarding Under Multiple Threats
- (8) Module 3090 – Combat Medical Care in MIO

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

7. In order to pass the courses and acquire the relevant certificate, the participants must attend at least 85% of the modules of the courses. 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 Sea Trainers.

8. The courses will be delivered by NMIOTC Subject Matter Experts (SME) in their respective areas with the support of SME on Boarding Team/Suspect Vessel Psychological Issues from the Hellenic Navy.

9. The tuition fee for Course 2000 is **350 €** per person and Course 3000 is **450 €** per person. In total, the combined cost of the training is **800 €** per person as per ref B. The Course 3000 fee includes the use/expenditure of 50 simunition rounds. If an attendee would like to purchase more rounds, he/she may do so at their own expense (each round is 1.20 €). Comprehensive payment instructions can be found in Enclosure 1.

10. The courses will start on **Monday, 18 Jan and will end on Friday, 29 Jan 2021**, with a daily training period from 08:30 to 14:30. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

11. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register **no later than (NLT) Monday 14 December 2020**. Candidates from Non-NATO Entities not participating in PfP, MD, ICI or PatG frameworks must register **NLT Monday 21 September 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).

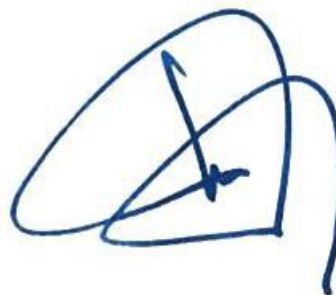
**NOTE 1:** Partner nations (Partnership for Peace (PfP), Mediterranean Dialogue (MD), Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI), or Partners across the Globe (PatG) frameworks), eligible for NATO MPD subsidization program should also follow the procedures described in Enclosure 1, paragraph 2.

**NOTE 2:** These courses must be taken together as Course 2000 is a prerequisite for Course 3000. **Applicants must register for both courses.**

12. 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>.

13. **NMIOTC Points of Contact (PoCs):**

- a. **Course Director:** LT Evan Possley USA(N)  
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1. Administrative Instructions

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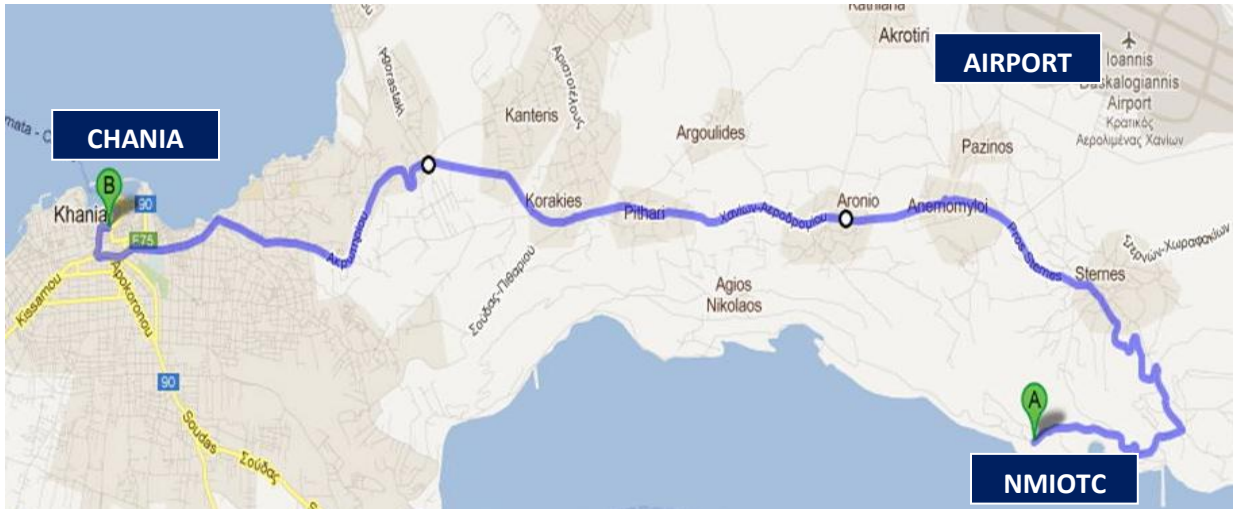
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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS**

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 [www.nmiotc.nato.int](http://www.nmiotc.nato.int) 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)

MPD SAP Manager: CIV Paola Pasini  
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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 obtain his/her 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, by credit card (American Express excluded) 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:** Participants are strongly recommended to wear 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 list of recommended hotels in Chania offering special prices, for participants who book directly with each hotel by e-mail using the code "**NMIOTC Guest**" including breakfast and internet connection, is as follows:

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 20")  
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 20")  
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.

**NOTE:** Accommodation for MPD subsidized trainees will be arranged by NMIOTC.  
Further details can be found in the Joining Instructions.

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. 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://e-ktel.com/images/pdfs/june2020/AIRPORT\\_FROM\\_01-06-2020.pdf](https://e-ktel.com/images/pdfs/june2020/AIRPORT_FROM_01-06-2020.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 offer special prices to 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 Akrotiriou 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 can provide diagnosis, first aid and treatment while the Prefectural Hospital of Chania can provide further diagnosis or specialist treatment if required. NMIOTC does not cover trainees' expenses for additional medical treatments and the settlement of medical bills is a patient/national responsibility.

11. **Regarding the current COVID-19 situation**, due to the Greek de-escalation plan and the preventive and protective measures we have implemented, we have determined that it is possible to execute this course. When registration closes we will evaluate if this is still valid. The registered participants will be updated by e-mail regarding any measures towards COVID-19 which must be undertaken, which may include cancellation of the course. The information will be also published on the NMIOTC website.

12. **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. It is required to hold your passport or your national identification during in-processing and whenever you enter the premises.