



NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION
NATO MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONAL TRAINING
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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 1000 “COMMAND TEAM
MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONAL ISSUES”
(ACT 685.12), 27 September – 1 October 2021**

DATE: 18 Mar 2021

REFERENCES: A. NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2021
B. NMIOTC DIR 60-1 CHANGE 11 - Cost of NMIOTC Training
(Tuition Fees) 23 Nov 2020

1. Taking into account the NPOW 2021 as well as the accreditation by ACT of the 1000 course as “NATO Approved,” NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO, Partners and Non-NATO Entities to participate in this event, which will take place at the Centre’s premises in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece, from 27 September to 1 October 2021.

2. The aim of the course is to provide a comprehensive training package that comprises of theoretical aspects of Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO) followed by practical application in the NMIOTC simulator. The desired outcome is for the participants to execute MIO as a Command Team member following NATO standards.

3. The target audience is officers ranging from OF-1 to OF-3 (Staff Planners, Command Team members) and petty officers OR-4 to OR-9 (CPO/ PO, Boarding Team Leaders). Military or civilian personnel from other agencies and organizations tasked to participate in support of MIO 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).

NOTE: For all participants not familiar to maritime terminology and/or MIO concept, the ADL 097 “Introduction to MIO” will be available. Details on participating in this optional prerequisite course will be issued in due time.

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 curriculum of course 1000 includes the following modules:

- a. Module 1010 – MIO Planning
- b. Module 1020 – MIO Related Messages
- c. Module 1030 – Intelligence Support to MIO
- d. Module 1040 – Legal Issues – Rules of Engagement
- e. Module 1050 – MIO Phases
- f. Module 1060 – Units’ Organization
- g. Module 1070 – Air Assets Support to MIO
- h. Module 1080 – Negotiation Techniques in MIO
- i. Module 1090 – MIO Simulator Training/SIMEX
- j. Module 1100 – Evidence Collection and NATO Biometrics in MIO

NOTE: A detailed agenda will be included in the Joining Instructions letter which will be released no later than (NLT) 13.09.2021.

7. The participants must attend at least 85% of the module classes of the course, with obligatory participation in MIO Simulator Training which includes the assessment. During the execution of simulation scenario (SIMEX), the following aspects will be assessed:

- a. Building RMP in designated area, including:
 - Conducting hailing and interrogation of the traffic,
 - Identifying suspect vessels,
 - Employing organic air assets.
- b. Applying given ROEs and requesting for mission relevant ones;
- c. Applying proper voice and text comms;
- d. Evaluating ongoing MIO progress and providing recommendations.

8. The participants will be awarded with the certification statement (one of the following) corresponding with their performance:

- a. The trainee has proven the knowledge and skills of a fully capable MIO Command Team member by following NATO procedures in efficient execution of simulated MIO scenario, or;
- b. The trainee has proven the basic knowledge and skills of an MIO Command Team member by achieving the simulated MIO scenario objectives with minor performance deficiencies in following NATO procedures, or;
- c. The trainee has failed to prove the skill and knowledge required to execute MIO as Command Team member. In specific, the following training deficiencies were identified (followed by area of deficiency and listing of errors/mistakes which prevented achievement of scenario objectives).

9. The course will be delivered by NMIOTC Subject Matter Experts (SME) on their respective areas with the support of SME on Negotiation Techniques from Hellenic Navy.

10. The tuition fee of for the course is **390 €** per participant. Comprehensive payment instructions can be found in Enclosure 1.

11. The course will start on **Monday, 27 September and will end on Friday, 1 October 2021**, with a daily training period from 08:30 to 14:30. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

12. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register **NLT Sunday 5 September 2021**. Candidates from Non-NATO Countries not participating in PfP, MD, ICI or PatG frameworks must register **NLT Sunday 30 May 2021**, so that adequate time is provided for NATO approval procedures. Registration should be made on NMIOTC's official web site 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), eligible for NATO MPD subsidization programme, should follow the procedures described in Enclosure 1, paragraph 2.

13. Event details can be found on the NMIOTC official web site 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>.

14. NMIOTC Points of Contact (POCs):

- a. **Course Director**: Lt Cdr Robert Kahsin POL(N)
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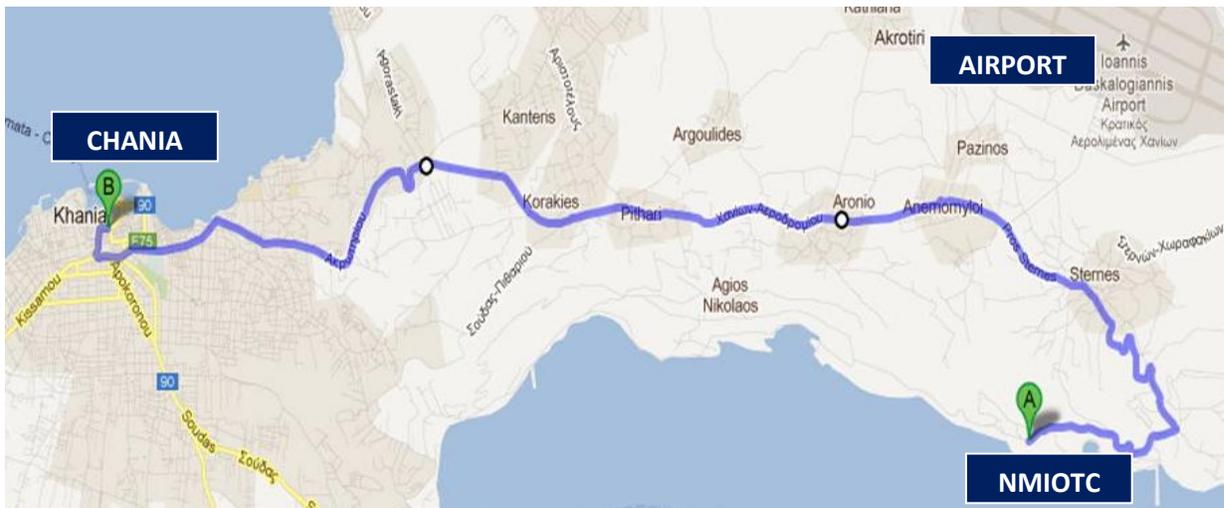
1. Administrative Instructions



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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 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:

PD SAP Manager: CIV Paola Pasini
Phone: +32 (0) 65/44.3649, NCN: * 1-254-3649,
E-mail: paola.PASINI@shape.nato.int

PD SAP Budget Manager: CIV Saskia De Meyer
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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) 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: Upon request a direct link for credit card payment can be sent to participant's email address to complete payment procedure before event's start date. 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. 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 advised 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 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.
E-mail: info@akali-hotel.gr Tel: (+30) 28210 92872.

KYDON 4* hotel www.kydon-hotel.com (promotional code "NMIOTC 20")

E-mail: info@kydon-hotel.gr Tel.: (+30) 28210 52280.

SAMARIA 4* hotel www.samariahotel.gr (promotional code "NMIOTC 20")
E-mail: reservations@samariahotel.gr Tel.: (+30) 28210 38600.

ARKADI 3* hotel www.arkadi-hotel.gr
E-mail: info@arkadi-hotel.gr Tel: (+30) 28210 90181.

HALEPA hotel 3* hotel (www.halepa.com),
E-mail: hotel@halepa.com, Tel. +302821028440

KRITI 3* hotel, www.kriti-hotel.gr ,
E-mail: info@kriti-hotel.gr, Tel. +302821051881

PORTO VENEZIANO 3* hotel www.portoveneziano.gr.
E-mail: hotel@portoveneziano.gr Tel: +30 28210 27100.

ROYAL SUN 3* hotel www.royalsunhotel.com.
E-mail: hotelroyalsun@gmail.com Tel: (+30) 28210 46363.

NOTE: Accommodation for MPD subsidized trainees will be arranged by NMIOTC.
Further details will be provided 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 web-page: www.e-ktel.com/en/services/dromologia

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, www.rentacar-chania.gr, tel. +30 28210 89065.

Spa Tours & Cars Enterprises: E-mail info@spatours.gr, 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, KRITI 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 do 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 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.