



NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION  
NATO MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONAL TRAINING  
CENTRE  
NMIOTC  
SOUDA BAY  
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GREECE



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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 13000 “COMMAND TEAM ISSUES IN MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO MANAGE THE MIGRANT AND REFUGEE CRISIS AT SEA” MOP-MO-22015, 23 - 27 May 2022**

DATE: 30 Nov 2021

REFERENCES: NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2022

1. NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO and partner nations to participate in this event, which will take place at Centre’s premises in Souda Bay, Chania, GREECE, from 23 to 27 May 2022.
2. The aim of the course is to deliver the appropriate knowledge to the Command Team of a naval unit in order to prepare them to fulfil the unit’s specific tasks related to operations to assist law enforcement agencies with the refugee and migrant crisis at sea. The desired outcome is for the participants to develop an understanding of the main issues concerning the unit during operations in support of international efforts to manage the migrant and refugee crisis at sea.
3. Target audience is Officers ranging from OF-1 to OF-4 and from OR-7 to OR-9 (Staff Planners, Command Team members), as well as equivalent civilian personnel. Military or civilian personnel from other agencies and organizations tasked to participate in support of UN, NATO, and EU Maritime Interdiction operations 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- Functional (2), Speaking- Functional (2), Reading- Functional (2), Writing-Survival (1) (STANAG 6001).
5. The course is marked as “**NATO Unclassified** / Releasable to: PFP (except Russia), MD, ICI, PatG”. Non-NATO Entities are eligible for participation upon NAC approval. Registration should be made on NMIOTC’s official web site [www.nmiotc.nato.int](http://www.nmiotc.nato.int). NMIOTC applies security arrangements and regulations according to NATO standards.

6. The curriculum of Course 13000 is as stated below:

- a. Module 13010 – Migration overview
- b. Module 13020 – Legal Aspects in Migration Related Operations
- c. Module 13030 – Law Enforcement Operations to manage the crisis and Lessons Learned on Migrant Smugglers TTP
- d. Module 13040 – Operational phases and Unit's organization
- e. Module 13050 – Logistics Considerations
- f. Module 13060 – Medical Issues
- g. Module 13070 – Psychology aspects during Migration Related Operations
- h. Module 13080 – Cultural Aspects and Gender Perspective during Migration Related Operations
- i. Module 13090 – Case Studies and Lessons Learned in Migration Related Operations
- j. Module 13100 – Biometrics in support of NATO Operations and Evidence Collection
- k. Module 13110 – SAR procedures
- l. Module 13120 – Migration Related Table Top Exercise

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

7. The attendees must attend at least 85% of the module classes of the course. The achievement of POs / ELOs will be assessed during a Migration Related Table Top Exercise (TTX) upon conclusion of the course.

8. The cost for the course is **450 €** per person. Comprehensive administrative instructions can be found in Enclosure 1.

9. The course will start on **Monday, 23 May and will end on Friday, 27 May 2022**, with a daily training period from 08:30 to 14:30. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

10. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to return their application forms to NMIOTC **no later than (NLT) Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022**. Candidates from Non-NATO and Non-Partner Entities must submit their applications **NLT Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022**, 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).

11. Event details can be found on the NMIOTC official web site [www.nmiotc.nato.int](http://www.nmiotc.nato.int).

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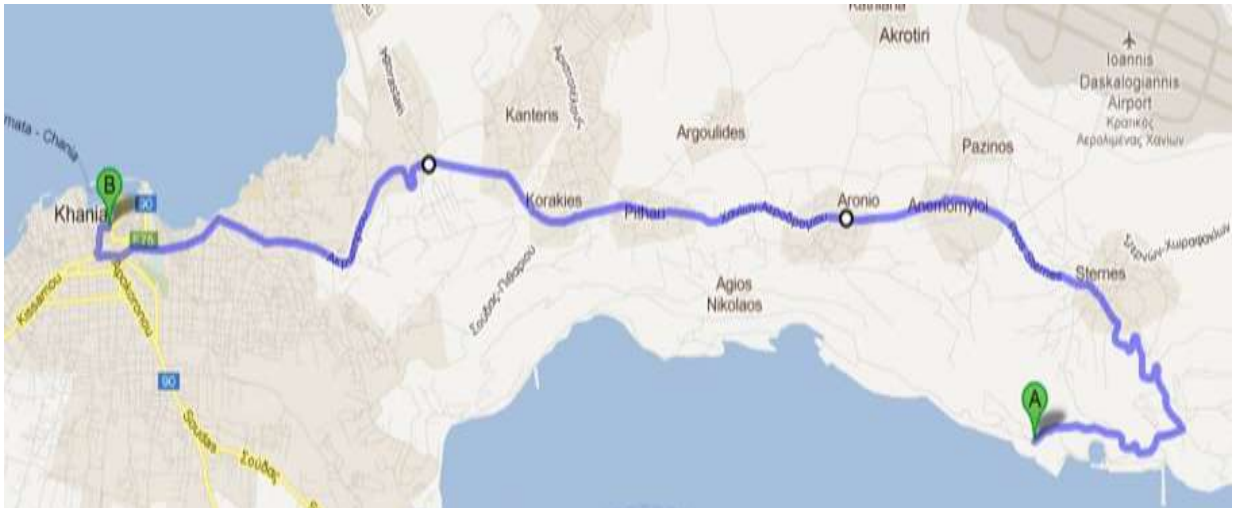
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ENCLOSURES:

- a) Administrative Instructions

## **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:** 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 a 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.

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:**  
a. The cost for the Course is **450 €** per person. The fee includes daily transportation from Chania city center to NMIOTC and vice versa during the course days.

b. Full payment in cash or by credit card will be made to NMIOTC's Financial Officer upon arrival at NMIOTC during the in-processing procedure. Attendees may also pay by bank deposit to NMIOTC's bank account with the following data:

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

**Note:** A direct line for card payment can be sent upon request. Bank deposit must be executed **no later than 3 working days** prior to the start of the event. The relevant paperwork must be forwarded to the Budget & Finance officer's e-mail: [kladosa@nmiotc.nato.int](mailto:kladosa@nmiotc.nato.int). NMIOTC will cover only the expenses that the National Bank of Greece may charge for transactions and not any potential charges of other third party banks that may be used as facilitators.

5. **Dress Code:** 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). (promotional code "NMIOTC 22")  
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 22")  
E-mail: [info@kydon-hotel.gr](mailto:info@kydon-hotel.gr) Tel.: (+30) 28210 52280.

SAMARIA 4\* hotel [www.samariahotel.gr](http://www.samariahotel.gr) (promotional code "NMIOTC 22")  
E-mail: [reservations@samariahotel.gr](mailto:reservations@samariahotel.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.

KRITI hotel 3\* hotel ([www.kriti-hotel.gr](http://www.kriti-hotel.gr)),  
E-mail: [info@kriti-hotel.gr](mailto:info@kriti-hotel.gr), Tel. +309891051881

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-kstel.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 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, Kriti 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 when needed. The Naval Hospital of Crete can provide diagnosis, first aid and treatment. The military doctors may arrange further diagnosis or specialist treatment with the Prefectural Hospital of Chania if required. NMIOTC is not covering trainees' expenses for medical treatments and the settlement of medical bills is a patient/national responsibility.

11. **COVID 19 awareness:** Please take under consideration that due to the current COVID-19 situation and the undertaken preventive and protective measures, the conduct of the course is considered, feasible. Furthermore NMIOTC is ready to welcome participants to NMIOTC's events according to the new travel rules as described in details in the governmental site <https://travel.gov.gr/#/> (protocol for arrivals in Greece) as well as the latest instructions uploaded to the NMIOTC site

<https://nmiotc.nato.int/general-information-on-coronavirus-covid-19/> which are to be followed at its latest update.

**Note:** It is advised the participants to take into account any further travel restrictions and rules from intermediate countries that they will travel through.

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. You will be required to provide your passport or your national identification during in-processing and whenever you enter the premises.