



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



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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR PILOT COURSE 32000 “MIO in Maritime Oil and Gas Assets” 11 – 15 Nov 2024**

DATE: 15 April 2024

REFERENCES: A. NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2024

1. NMIOTC supported by a team of Subject Matter Experts has developed the pilot iteration of new Course “MIO in Maritime Oil and Gas Assets” in order to provide a comprehensive understanding of the engineering aspects of offshore oil and gas assets, related operations, current industry legal framework, security environment, health and safety issues. The course is designed for operational planners and staff officers from tactical and operational level, without specific oil and gas engineering and operational background. The pilot course will take place at the Centre’s premises in Souda Bay, Greece, from 11 to 15 Nov 2024.

2. The aim of this course is to train security and MIO planners properly in order to be able to understand and assess security threats to offshore oil and gas assets and to support the effective planning of MIO, considering operational, technical and safety characteristics of oil and gas assets while applying advanced security assessment methodologies.

3. The target audience is NATO Nations’ and Partners’ personnel functioning as Staff Officers / operational planners, MIO team leaders from tactical, operational NCS/NFS HQs, individual NATO Naval Forces, members of NATO/ Allied Response Force (NRF / ARF). Personnel from Joint Commands and other related agencies (Coast Guard, Port Police, etc.), education and training facilities and equivalent civilian personnel from relevant government/agencies involved in Maritime Security 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- Professional (3), Speaking- Functional (2), Reading- Professional (3), Writing- Functional (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 curriculum of course includes the following theoretical and practical learning objectives:

- a. The upstream offshore oil and gas sector
- b. Safety and security issues for oil and gas offshore operations and maritime assets
- c. Key legal aspects and concerns in offshore oil and gas related Ops
- d. Planning in MIO/VBSS operations on maritime oil and gas assets
- e. Conduct of MIO/VBSS operations on maritime oil and gas assets for various scenarios

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

7. The Pilot Course attendance is **FREE** of charge.

9. The course will start on **Monday, 11 November 2024 and will end on Friday, 15 November 2024**, with a daily training period from 08:30 to 15:00. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

11. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register **no later than (NLT) Monday 7 October 2024**. Candidates from Non-NATO Entities must submit their applications **NLT Monday 22 July 2024**, so that adequate time is provided for NATO approval procedures. Registration should be made on NMIOTC’s official web site <https://nmiotc.nato.int/>.

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://e-prime.org/login.aspx>.

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1. Administrative Instructions

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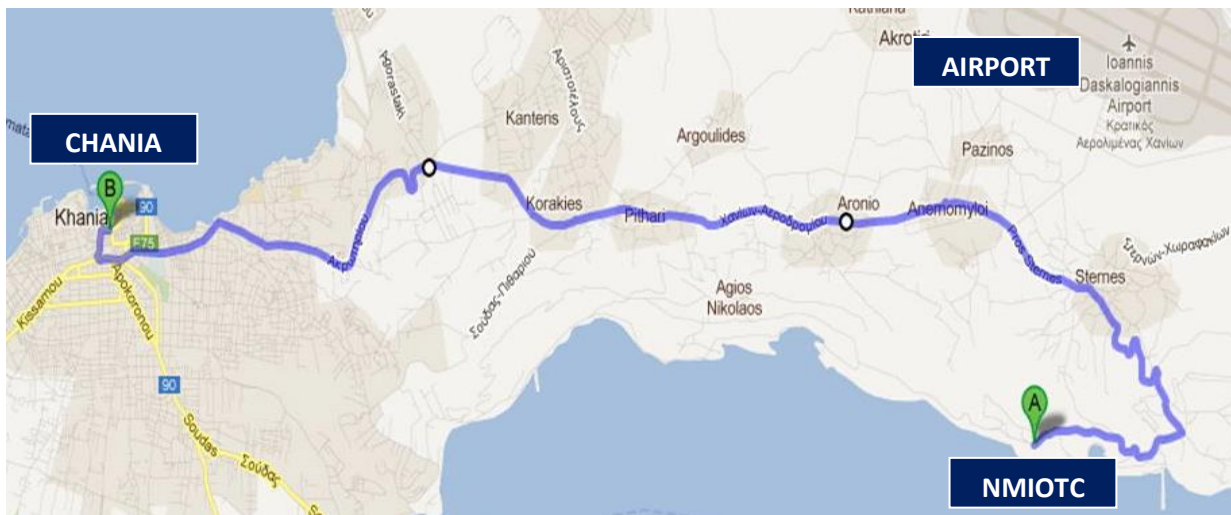
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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS**

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:** Participants are requested to sign up to NMIOTC registration portal found in NMIOTC website <https://nmiotc.nato.int> or using directly the link <https://nmiotc.classter.com/Actions/Registration>. A signup confirmation message will be received to the email provided during the sign up process, along with the respective credentials. Submit your application to the respective course/event by using the “Application Management” function at the top left corner of the portal main page. If you encounter any problem during registration process, please contact [studentadmin@nmiotc.nato.int](mailto:studentadmin@nmiotc.nato.int) or NMIOTC POCs.

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. **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.

5. **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.

**6. Accommodation:** The 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 centre 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") and including breakfast and internet connection, is as follows:

AKALI 4\* hotel [www.akali-hotel.gr](http://www.akali-hotel.gr). (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform)

E-mail: [info@akali-hotel.gr](mailto:info@akali-hotel.gr) Tel: (+30) 28210 92872.

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.

THE CHANIA HOTEL 5\* hotel [www.thechaniahotel.com](http://www.thechaniahotel.com), E-mail:

[info@thechaniahotel.com](mailto:info@thechaniahotel.com) Tel. +30 28210 90002

KRITI 3\* hotel, [www.kriti-hotel.gr](http://www.kriti-hotel.gr) , E-mail: [info@kriti-hotel.gr](mailto:info@kriti-hotel.gr), Tel. +302821051881

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

PORTO VENEZIANO 3\* hotel [www.portoveneziano.gr](http://www.portoveneziano.gr).

E-mail: [hotel@portoveneziano.gr](mailto:hotel@portoveneziano.gr) Tel: +30 28210 27100.

SAMARIA 4\* hotel [www.samariahhotel.gr](http://www.samariahhotel.gr) (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform")

E-mail: [reservations@samariahhotel.gr](mailto:reservations@samariahhotel.gr) Tel.: (+30) 28210 38600.

**7. Arrival and Departure:** The participants should book a flight 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:

- a. 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: [www.e-ktel.com/en/services/dromologia](http://www.e-ktel.com/en/services/dromologia)
- b. By taxi from the airport directly to Chania city center, 24/7, approx. 25,00€
- c. Additionally, there are several rental car agencies at the airport. Rental car agencies that have offered special prices for NMIOTC guests are as follows:
  1. 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.
  2. Spa Tours & Cars Enterprises: E-mail [info@spatours.gr](mailto:info@spatours.gr), [www.spatours.gr](http://www.spatours.gr), tel. +30 28210 57444.

**8. Transportation:** Transportation will be provided on a daily basis from Chania city center pick-up points (Akali, Samaria (Arkadi is asked to use the Samaria stop as well), Kydon, Kriti (Porto Veneziano is asked to use the Kriti stop as well) to NMIOTC and vice-versa, during the course.

**9. Medical service:** The trainees are required to have a valid health insurance according to their respective national standards. The 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.

**10. 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.