



**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 PILOT COURSE 31000 “Harbour Protection and its relation to MIO”, (MOP-MO-37028)  
7 – 11 Oct 2024**

DATE: 14 Jun 2024

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

1. NMIOTC together with the CSW COE developed the new Course “Harbour Protection and its relation to MIO” in order to counter this capability shortfall in the field of Harbour Protection (HP) as well as to enhance its importance and visibility in NATO. NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO nations to participate in the subject pilot course, which will take place at the Centre’s premises in Souda Bay, Greece, from 7 to 11 Oct 2024.
2. The aim of this course is to provide NATO and national military personnel with extensive knowledge and skills to effectively conduct HP duties and functions to improve NATO’s HP performance by exploiting the full potential of HP capabilities. To educate and train students in NATO practices and procedures regarding operational and tactical dimensions of planning and conducting an HP Operation (HPO).
3. The target audience is NATO-personnel on posts in the NCS or NFS involved in planning, executing, ordering and leading HP-Operations and personnel acting in leading functions as Harbour Protection Commander (HPC), Deputy-HPC (DHPC) or Battle Watch Captain (BWC) in a HP-Organisation. Officers ranging from OF-1 to OF-4 and Petty Officers OR-5 to OR-9 (WOs, CPOs and POs).
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”. NMIOTC applies security arrangements and regulations according to NATO standards.
6. The curriculum of Course 31000 includes the following modules:
  - a. 31010 Introduction (Development/Status of HP-capability in NATO)
  - b. 31020 Introduction to ATP-94
  - c. 31030 HP relationship to MIO
  - d. 31040 HP relationship to MDO
  - e. 31050 Planning considerations
  - f. 31060 Preconditions for a HPO
  - g. 31070 Necessary capabilities for HPO
  - h. 31080 Necessary organizations for HPO
  - i. 31090 HPO Process
  - j. 31100 Practical Execution
  - k. 31110 Develop 2nd OTHP and prepare Presentation
  - l. 31120 Present result of Syndicate Work to Auditorium
  - m. 31130 Identify and present IERs
7. The Pilot Course attendance is **FREE** of charge.
8. The course will start on **Monday, 7 Oct and will end on Friday, 11 Oct 2024**, with a daily training period from 08:30 to 15:00. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.
9. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register **no later than (NLT) Monday 09 September 2024**. Registration should be made on NMIOTC’s official web site <https://nmiotc.nato.int/>.
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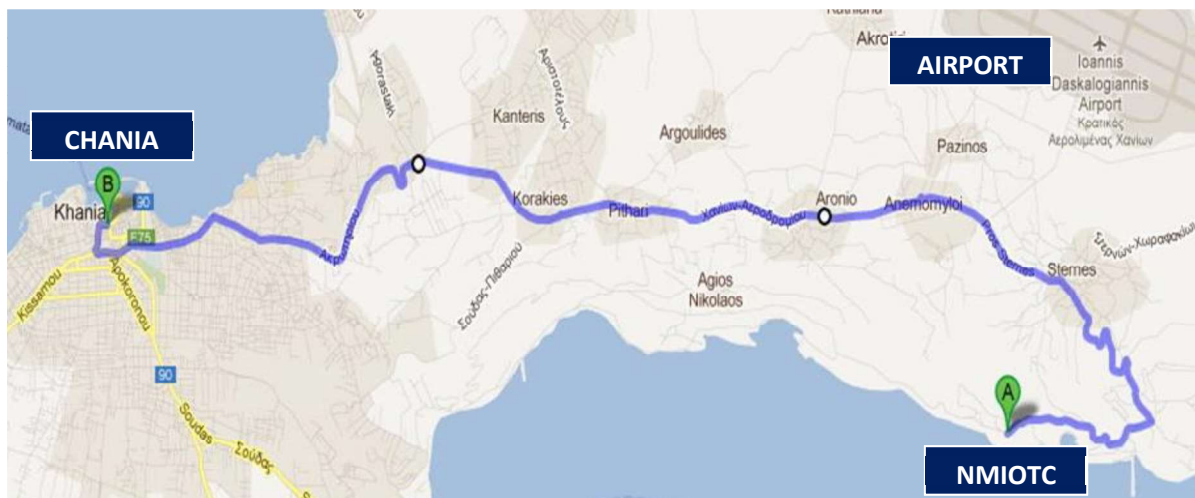
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ENCLOSURE:

1. 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:** 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. Login to <https://nmiotc.classter.com> and submit your application to the respective course/event by using the “Application Management” function at the top left corner of the portal main page. You will receive a relevant message after the process of your application and your application will be “ACCEPTED”. You can update your personal and participation information (accommodation, travel days, etc) until your registration status become “REGISTERED”, approximately 10 days before the event. Registration status can be verified within the portal. 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:

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

KYDON 4\* hotel [www.kydonhotel.com](http://www.kydonhotel.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.

SAMARIA 4\* hotel [www.samariahotel.gr](http://www.samariahotel.gr) (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform")  
E-mail: [reservations@samariahotel.gr](mailto:reservations@samariahotel.gr) Tel.: (+30) 28210 38600.

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.

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

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

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 and the Chania Hotel are 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.