



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



5000 NSC-35/Ser.: NU 108

TO: See Distribution List

SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 10000 “MARITIME
INTERDICTION OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF COUNTERING
ILLICIT TRAFFICKING AT SEA” (ETOC MOP-MO-32012),
02 - 06 March 2026**

DATE: 03 Sep 2025

REFERENCE: A. NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2026
B. NMIOTC DIR 60-1 CHANGE 13 - Cost of NMIOTC Training
(Tuition Fees)

1. NMIOTC under the auspices and guidance of the Allied Command Transformation (ACT) will organize a course focused on issues and challenges in conducting Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO) to prevent and deter trafficking. The course program is scheduled to contribute in the effort of enhancing national and regional capabilities and cooperation in maritime interdiction. NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO members and partners to participate in this training, which will take place at the Centre's premises in Souda Bay, Greece, from 02 to 06 March 2026.

2. To that aim, a continuous and growing requirement has been identified for MIO forces and law enforcement personnel to be well-trained so as to enhance personnel and units readiness, prior to deployment in maritime operations. NMIOTC provides theoretical and practical training, responding to a wide spectrum of maritime operation issues, while the execution of joint practical exercises help to evaluate the effectiveness of procedures and any improvements required thereof. After the completion of the course students will be able to:

- a. Engage effectively in MIO in support of countering illicit trafficking at sea;
- b. Define human trafficking /smuggling;
- c. Evaluate the case of a crime scene, through photographic documentation and evidence collection;
- d. Introduce and use the SEEK II and Ares Javellin+ biometric collection devices and apply correct procedures for collection of flat and rolled fingerprints;
- e. Analyse suspect and boarding vessel's crew behaviour;

3. The target audience is composed of Officers ranging from OF-1 to OF-3 and OR-6 to OR-9, Command and Boarding Team members, personnel from other related governmental agencies such as Intelligence and Law enforcement agencies, who are also eligible to participate.

4. The course is conducted in English. Translation to / from other languages is not provided. The following proficiency standards in English are required to attend: Listening–Functional (2), Speaking–Functional (2), Reading–Functional (2) and Writing–Functional (2) (STANAG 6001).

5. This course is marked as “NATO Unclassified/Releasable to PfP (except Belarus and Russia)/MD/ICI/PatG(except Afghanistan)”.

6. The curriculum of Course 10000 will include the following theoretical and practical modules:

a. **Course 10000**

(1) Module 10010: Human Trafficking/Smuggling – Case Studies on Human Trafficking/Smuggling.

(2) Module 10020: WMD proliferation.

(3) Module 10030: MIO lesson learned.

(4) Module 10040: Intel support to MIO.

(5) Module 10050: Psychological aspects during trafficking operations.

(6) Module 10060: Introduction to MIO.

(7) Module 10070: Legal Overview.

(8) Module 10080: Crime Scene investigation/Evidence collection.

(9) Module 10090: RHIB Insertion.

(10) Module 10100: Gender Awareness.

(11) Module 10110: Crew Control/Suspect Crew Handling.

(12) Module 10120: Tactical Sweep.

(13) Module 10130: Biometrics Collection with SEEK II / Ares Javellin Devices.

NOTE: A detailed agenda will be included in the Joining Instructions, which will be released two weeks before the course start date.

7. In order to pass the course and acquire the relevant certificate, participants must attend at least 75% of the module classes of the course. (Assessment of trainee performance will be accomplished during the practical training. The trainees will demonstrate skills during practical drills and scenarios and will be assessed by NMIOTC Sea Trainers).

8. The course will be delivered by NMIOTC Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in their respective areas, with the support of SMEs from United States Naval Criminal Investigative Service (US NCIS).

9. The tuition fee is **570,00€** per person which includes transportation to and from the designated hotels and inside NMIOTC premises. The course is not subsidized by PD funds.


10. The course will start on **Monday, 2nd** and will end on **Friday, 6th February 2026**, with a daily training period from 08:30 to 15:00, included time for a lunch/snack break. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

11. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register **no later than (NLT) Friday 23 January 2026**. Candidates from Non-NATO Entities (NNEs) not participating in PfP, MD, ICI or PatG frameworks must register **NLT Monday 07 November 2025**, so that adequate time is provided for NATO approval procedures. Registration should be made on NMIOTC's official web site: www.nmiotc.nato.int.

12. NMIOTC Point of Contacts (POCs):

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ENCLOSURES:

1. Administrative Instructions

ENCLOSURE 1 TO
Invitation Letter
SER: NU 108
DATED: 03 Sep 25

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR Course 10000 “Maritime Interdiction Operations in Support of Countering Illicit Trafficking at Sea”, NMIOTC, CHANIA, CRETE - GREECE

1. **Location:** The Course 10000 “Maritime Interdiction Operation in Support of Countering Illicit at Sea” will be hosted by NMIOTC, in Souda Bay, Crete, Greece from 02 to 06 Mar 26. NMIOTC is located in 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 code: CHQ).
2. **Registration:** Participants are requested to sign up to NMIOTC event portal 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 register to the Course 10000 “Maritime Interdiction Operations in Support of Countering Illicit Trafficking at Sea” by using the “Application Management” function at the top left corner of the portal main page. **Registration status can be verified within portal.** If you encounter any problem during registration process, please contact studentadmin@nmiotc.nato.int or NMIOTC PoCs, mentioned in paragraph 12. Registration should be submitted NLT **Friday 23 January 2026**.
3. **Visa:** Participants or their national authorities are responsible for any visa arrangements. The participants are advised to contact the proper diplomatic authorities 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/Participation Fee and Methods of Payment:** The fee for the Course 10000 “Maritime Interdiction Operations in Support of Countering Illicit Trafficking at Sea” participants is **570 €** per person. Transportation from the hotels to NMIOTC and versa during on all events days (02 to 06 Mar 26) will be provided (for pick up points see note in paragraph 8).

A.BEFORE THE MEETING/EVENT	INFORMATION	REMARKS
1. By Bank Deposit	NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE, NMIOTC BANK ACCOUNT 494/540010-48 SWIFT BIC: ETHN GRAA IBAN: GR3801104940000049454001048	Bank deposits should be completed not later than 2 working days before the start date of the event , bank charges are not covered by NMIOTC. The receipt should be sent by email to papadakiss@nmiotc.nato.int and Cc: mitsoulie@nmiotc.nato.int and petroulakiz@nmiotc.nato.int
2. By Debit/Credit Card	Upon notification from the participant, the direct link for credit/debit card payment will be sent to the designated-by the participant-email address.	The participant should send an email to papadakiss@nmiotc.nato.int and Cc: mitsoulie@nmiotc.nato.int and petroulakiz@nmiotc.nato.int for receiving the link for the credit/debit card payment
B. ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MEETING/EVENT	INFORMATION	REMARKS
3. By Debit/Credit card	A valid credit/debit card should be presented on the first day of the event.	The fee is always paid in euros [the credit/debit card may provide the option to pay in another currency (other than euro) and therefore the 'euro' currency option must be chosen].
4. By Cash	-	The fee is always paid in euros.

5. **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 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 5* hotel www.thechaniahotel.com
E-mail: reservations@thechaniahotel.com Tel: (+30) 28210 90002

AKALI 4* hotel www.akali-hotel.gr.
E-mail: info@akali-hotel.gr Tel: (+30) 28210 92872.

KYDON 4* hotel <http://kydonhotel.com/en>
E-mail: info@kydon-hotel.gr Tel.: (+30) 28210 52280.

SAMARIA 4* hotel www.samariahotel.gr

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.

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.

6. **Arrival and Departure:** The 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 centre 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
- b. By taxi from the airport directly to Chania city center, 24/7, approx. 35.00€

7. **Medical service:** First aid and emergency medical support is offered by NMIOTC paramedic and local Naval Hospital. However, for all other situations, medical expenses must be paid by the individuals or their insurance agencies. All participants are strongly advised to have appropriate medical insurance.

8. **Transportation:** Transportation will be provided on a daily basis (02 to 06 Mar 26) from the following Chania city centre pick-up points to NMIOTC and vice-versa:

- Akali Hotel
- Samaria Hotel (participants staying at Arkadi & The Chania Hotels, are kindly asked to use Samaria Hotel pick-up point).
- Kydon Hotel
- Kriti Hotel (participants staying at Porto Veneziano hotel are kindly asked to use Kriti Hotel pick-up point).

The pick-up times will be communicated a week before the event directly to all the registered participants at the email used in the process (see para 2).

The correct route to be followed to reach NMIOTC by rented/private vehicles will be included, as well.

9. **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. The overall classification of the Course will be "NATO Unclassified/Releasable to PfP (except Belarus and Russia)/MD/ICI/PatG(except Afganistan)".

10. **Social events:** An Ice breaker will take place at **a location/date/hour to be announced on the first day** of Course.

11. **Dress code:** The dress code for the Course is Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) while for the social event "Smart Casual". There are changing rooms available on the 2nd floor of the Center where anyone who is in civilian clothing can change in uniform, if they are military.