



NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION
NATO MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE
NMIOTC
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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, 19 – 23 May, 2025**

DATE: 20 November 2024

REFERENCES: A. NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2025
B. NMIOTC DIR 60-1 CHANGE 12 Cost of NMIOTC Training (Tuition Fees)

1. Taking into account the NPOW 2025 (Ref. A) NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO and NATO partners to participate in this training, which will take place at the Centre’s premises in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece, from 19th to 23rd of May 2025.

2. The aim of the course is to deliver the appropriate knowledge to command teams of naval units in order to prepare them to fulfill the units’ specific tasks related to the efforts of managing the migrant and refugee crisis at sea.

3. The target audience is members of the command teams of naval units ranging from OF-1 to OF-4 and from OR-7 to OR-9 and Law enforcement equivalents.

4. The course is conducted in English. Translation to/from other languages is not provided. The following proficiency standards in English (according to Stanag 6001) are required to attend the course:

Listening- FUNCTIONAL 2;

Speaking- FUNCTIONAL 2;

Reading- FUNCTIONAL 2;

Writing- SURVIVAL 1

5. The course is marked as NATO Unclassified NMIOTC applies security arrangements and regulations according to NATO standards.

6. The curriculum of Course 13000 will include the following theoretical and practical modules:

a. Course 13000

- (1) Module 13010 – Migration Overview;
- (2) Module 13020 – Legal Aspects in Migration Related Operations;
- (3) Module 13020 – Law Enforcement Operations to manage the crisis and Lessons Learned on Migrant Smugglers TTP;
- (4) Module 13040 – Operational phases and Unit's organization;
- (5) Module 13050 – Logistics Considerations in Migration Related Operations;
- (6) Module 13060 – Medical Issues in Migration Related Operations;
- (7) Module 13070 – Psychology aspects during Migration Related Operations;
- (8) Module 13080 – Cultural Aspects and Gender Perspective during Migration Related Operations;
- (9) Module 13090 – Case Studies and Lessons Learned in Migration Related Operations;
- (10) Module 13100 – Biometrics in support of NATO Operations and Evidence Collection;
- (11) Module 13110 – SAR procedures;
- (12) Module 13120 – Migration Related Table Top Exercise;

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

7. In order to pass the course and acquire the relevant certificate, participants must attend at least 85% of the modules of the courses.

8. The course will be delivered by NMIOTC Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in their respective areas with the support of SME on Law enforcement operations, Psychology, Cultural Aspects and Medical Issues.

9. The tuition fee for Course 13000 is **500 €** per person and includes transportation to and from the designated hotels and inside NMIOTC premises.

10. The course will start on **Monday 19th of May** and will end **on Friday 23rd of May**, with a daily training period from 08:30 to 14:30, including 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) 14th of April 2025**. Registration should be made on NMIOTC's official web site www.nmiotc.nato.int.

12. 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>.

13. **NMIOTC Points of Contact (POCs):**

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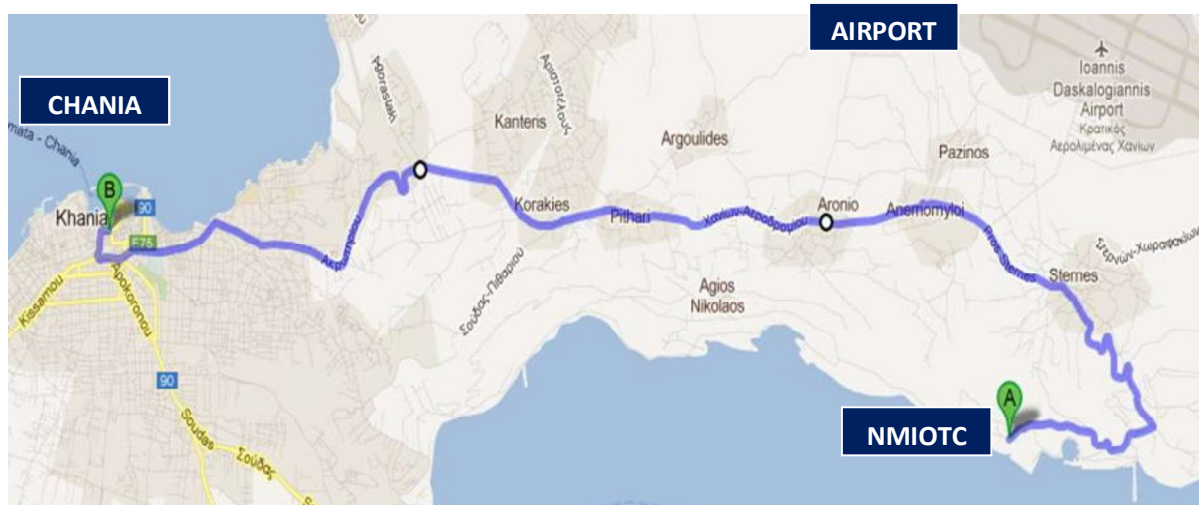
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ENCLOSURE:

- 1. Administrative Instructions
- 2. FARF &FAAF

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 code: CHQ). The 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 or NMIOTC PoCs.

3. **Visa Requirement:** The participants or their national authorities are responsible for 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:**

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 <u>2 working days before the start date of the event</u> , bank charges are not covered by NMIOTC. The receipt should be sent by email to papadakiss@nmiotc.nato.int and cc michaleasi@nmiotc.nato.int , lafkasm@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 michaleasi@nmiotc.nato.int , lafkasm@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. **Cancellation of participation – Obligations:** NMIOTC courses are in high demand, therefore a late cancellation of a confirmed course significantly impacts NMIOTC’s ability to maximize training opportunities for the Alliance and results in a financial loss for NMIOTC. Upon receipt of written confirmation from NMIOTC that your course has been placed on the NMIOTC calendar, our cancellation fees apply as follows:

Cancellation between 30 to 15 days from course start date: 10% of student tuition due

Cancellation between 14 to 8 days from course start date: 25% of student tuition due

Cancellation inside of 1 week from course start date: 50% of student tuition due

6. **Dress Code:** The participants are strongly recommended to wear Daily Service/ Battle Dress Uniforms or National Equivalent for the whole training as well as for the Graduation Ceremony.

7. **Meals:** A small canteen is available within the NMIOTC main building and provides snacks for a nominal cost. The participants who would like to have lunch while at NMIOTC must make their own arrangements, as NMIOTC does not provide this service.

8. **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, E-mail: info@thechaniahotel.com Tel. +30 28210 90002

AKALI 4* hotel www.akali-hotel.gr. (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform)

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

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

SAMARIA 4* hotel www.samariahhotel.gr (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform")

E-mail: reservations@samariahhotel.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.

9. **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 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. 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, www.rentacar-chania.gr, tel.+30 28210 89065.
 2. Spa Tours & Cars Enterprises: E-mail info@spatours.gr, www.spatours.gr, tel. +30 28210 57444.

10. **Transportation:** Transportation will be provided on a daily basis from Chania city centre pick-up points (Akali, Samaria (Arkadi/ The Chania 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.

11. **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.

12. **Security:** NMIOTC adheres to the NATO security standards. There is a strict access control procedure for the entrance into the Marathi main gate and the NMIOTC main building. You are required to provide your passport or your national identification during in-processing and whenever you enter the premises.