



NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION
NATO MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE
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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 18000 “MARITIME BIOMETRICS COLLECTION AND TACTICAL FORENSIC SITE EXPLOITATION”, INT-BI-37127, 02 – 06 Nov 2026**

DATE: 2 Apr 2026

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

1. Taking into account the NPOW 2026 (Ref. A), as well as the accreditation by ACT of the 18000 Course as “NATO Approved”, NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO Member States to participate in the training, which will take place at the Centre’s premises in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece, from **02 - 06 Nov 26**.
2. The aim of the Course is to provide students a basic understanding of Biometrics and Forensic Site Exploitation, how they apply in the NATO Intelligence Cycle, and the process to receive biometric match result data and Identity Intelligence (I2) support through the NATO Exploitation Portal (NEX) during NATO Maritime Operations.
3. The target audience is composed of Officers and Petty Officers (OR-5 to OF-4), as well as equivalent civilian intelligence personnel from NATO Nations.
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 - Professional (3), Speaking - Functional (2), Reading - Professional (3), Writing - Functional (2) (STANAG 6001, ed. 5)
5. The course is marked as “NATO Unclassified”. NMIOTC applies security arrangements and regulations according to NATO standards.
6. The curriculum of Course 18000 will include the following theoretical and practical modules:
 - a. **Course 18000**

- (1) Module 18010 - Biometrics in MIO
- (2) Module 18011 - Biometrics Collection with SEEK II device
- (3) Module 18012 - Data Handling on SEEK II device
- (4) Module 18013 - Biometrics Collection With Ares Javelin+
- (5) Module 18014 - Forensic Site Exploitation in MIO
- (6) Module 18015 - Forensic Photography
- (7) Module 18016 - Latent Fingerprint Lifting
- (8) Module 18017 - Physical Evidence Collection
- (9) Module 18018 - Forensic DNA Sample Collection
- (10) Module 18019 - Forensic Site Exploitation Practice
- (11) Module 18020 - Biometrics and Evidence Processing FTX
- (12) Module 18021 - NATO Exploitation Portal

NOTED: 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, the participants must attend at least 75% of the modules of the courses. (Assessment of trainee performance will be accomplished during practical training. The trainees will demonstrate skills during practical drills and scenarios and will be assessed by SME's)

8. The course will be delivered by Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from U.S. Naval Criminal Investigative Service (U.S. NCIS) and U.S. Army Europe and Africa (USAREUR-AF), with the support of NMIOTC SMEs in their respective areas of expertise.

9. The tuition fee for Course 18000 is **830,00€** per person and includes transportation to and from the designated hotels and in the vicinity of NMIOTC premises.

10. The course will start on **Monday 02nd** and will end on **Friday 06th Nov 26**, with a daily training period from 08:30 to 14:30, included time for a lunch/snack break. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

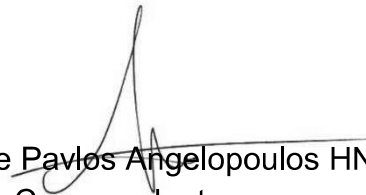
11. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register no later than (NLT) **28 Sep 2026**. Registration should be made on NMIOTC's official web site www.nmiotc.nato.int. More details in par. 2 of Enclosure 1.

12. Event details can be found on the NMIOTC official web site www.nmiotc.nato.int, in the Education and Training On-line Catalogue (ETOC) at <https://e-itep.act.nato.int/Guest/ETOCindex.aspx>

13. NMIOTC Points of Contact (POCs):

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Commandant

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 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 papadakisst@nmiotc.nato.int and cc mitsoulie@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 papadakisst@nmiotc.nato.int and cc mitsoulie@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 Policy: A late cancellation of a confirmed seat 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 NMIOTC calendar, our cancellation fees apply as follows:

- a. 30 to 15 days prior to course start date: 10% of student tuition due.
- b. 14 to 8 days prior to course start date: 25% of student tuition due.
- c. 1 week prior to course start date: 50% of student tuition due

6. Dress Code: 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. 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 including breakfast and internet connection, is as follows:

THE CHANIA HOTEL 5* hotel (booking via e-mail: info@thechaniahotel.com with reference to NMIOTC). Tel. +30 28210 90002. The hotel offers a 20% discount for car rental at letsdrive.gr.

HILTON Garden Inn 5* (Booking via email: reservations@hgichania.com & Dionysis.makastaridis@hilton.com with reference to NMIOTC).

KYDON 4* hotel, 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, samariahhotel.gr (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform). E-mail: reservations@samariahhotel.gr Tel.: +30 28210 38600.

AKALI 4* hotel, akali-hotel.gr (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform or via e-mail: info@akali-hotel.gr with reference to NMIOTC). Tel: [\(+30\) 28210 92872](tel:+302821092872).

ARKADI 3* hotel arkadi-hotel.gr (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform. Email info@arkadi-hotel.gr, tel: +30 28210 90181. The hotel offers a 20% discount for car rentier at letsdrive.gr.

KRITI 3* hotel, kriti-hotel.gr (promotional code "NMIOTC26" via hotel's online booking platform or via e-mail: info@kriti-hotel.gr, with reference to NMIOTC). Tel. +30 28210 51881.

PORTO VENEZIANO 3* hotel, portoveneziano.gr (booking via e-mail: hotel@portoveneziano.gr, with reference to NMIOTC), 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. 35.00€

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: 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.

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 are required to provide your passport or your national identification during in-processing and whenever you enter the premises. The overall security classification of presentations/discussions is up to Unclassified.