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NATO MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE
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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 23000 “WEAPONS INTELLIGENCE TEAM (WIT) SUPPLEMENT IN THE MARITIME ENVIRONMENT” (IED-ED-35437 / ACT850.6), 19 - 23 May 2025**

DATE: 13 January 2025

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 as well as the accreditation by ACT of the 23000 Course as “NATO Approved,” NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO nations, and partner nations to participate in this event, which will take place at the Centre’s premises in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece, from **19 to 23 May 2025**.
2. The aim of the course is to educate and train WIT personnel in NATO Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTPs) to conduct Level 1 – Field Exploitation tasks on board vessels and other maritime infrastructure, as well as in the Underwater Environment, in support of C-IED operations.
3. The target audience is WIT-qualified Military and Law Enforcement Personnel (or those qualified with national/multinational 1st Level Technical Exploitation / Field Collection skills) involved in Technical Exploitation / Forensic Investigation in their respective units or organizations.
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-Functional (2), Speaking- Functional (2), Reading- Functional (2), and Writing- Functional (2) (STANAG 6001).
5. The course is marked as “NATO Unclassified / Releasable to PfP (except Belarus and Russia), MD, ICI, PatG (except Afghanistan)”. NMIOTC applies security arrangements and regulations according to NATO standards.
6. The curriculum of Course 23000 includes the following modules:
 - a. **Module 23010** - Overview of the Maritime IED threat.
 - b. **Module 23020** - The NATO WIT Process.
 - c. **Module 23040** - Maritime Terrorism, Tactics and Targets.
 - d. **Module 23045** – Exploitation Unit Capabilities.

- e. **Module 23050** - Underwater (UW) Hazardous Device Recognition and Construction.
- f. **Module 23060** - Fragmentation Analysis.
- g. **Module 23065** - Latent Print Collection.
- h. **Module 23070** - UW Explosive Effects.
- i. **Module 23080** - Post Incident Surface Ship Inspection.
- j. **Module 23090** - UW Post Blast Collection Methods.
- k. **Module 23100** - Maritime Search 1 (Vessel search – Search Methods).
- l. **Module 23105** - Maritime Search 2 (Land Side / Shore).
- m. **Module 23110** - Maritime Search 3 (UW Scene Management).
- n. **Module 23120** - Case Study Presentation #1.
- o. **Module 23130** - Case Study Presentation #2.
- p. **Module 23135** - Battle Damage Assessment Equipment Demonstration.
- q. **Module 23140** - Practical Syndicate Exercise (Search and Exploit Scene).
- r. **Module 23145** - Dive Brief Demonstration.
- s. **Module 23150** - Practical UW Exploitation Exercise.
- t. **Module 23160** - UW Damage Assessment.
- u. **Module 23165** - Device Reconstruction Analysis.
- v. **Module 23170** - Final Tactical C-IED Exercise.

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

7. In order to pass the course and acquire the relevant certificate, participants must attend at least 85% of the modules of the course. Assessment of trainee performance will be accomplished during the practical training. Trainees will demonstrate skills during practical drills and scenarios and will be assessed by NMIOTC Instructors. All necessary diving operations will be carried out by the NMIOTC EOD Divers.

8. Course Curriculum will be supported by the FBI, the US NAVY, the SHAPE HQ ESCD C-T, the BEL EOD Battalion, the HUN NCO Academy, the C-IED COE, the US NCIS, as well as by EOD Divers, Legal Advisors, Level-3 SME's and other relevant SME's with high level expertise.

9. The tuition fee of the course is **1100 €** per person and includes transportation to and from the designated hotels and inside NMIOTC premises. Comprehensive payment instructions and cancelation policy can be found in Enclosure 1.

10. The course will start on **Monday, 19 May and will end on Friday, 23 May 2025**. The training schedule will run from 08:30 to 17:00 with 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 14 Apr 2025**. Registration should be made on NMIOTC's official web site: www.nmiotc.nato.int. Due to the high demand for this training, prospective attendees are requested to refrain from making travel arrangements until participation is confirmed by NMIOTC. All efforts will be made to ensure a diverse representation of participating nations. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided in Enclosure 1.

12. Event details can be found on the NMIOTC official web site www.nmiotc.nato.int and 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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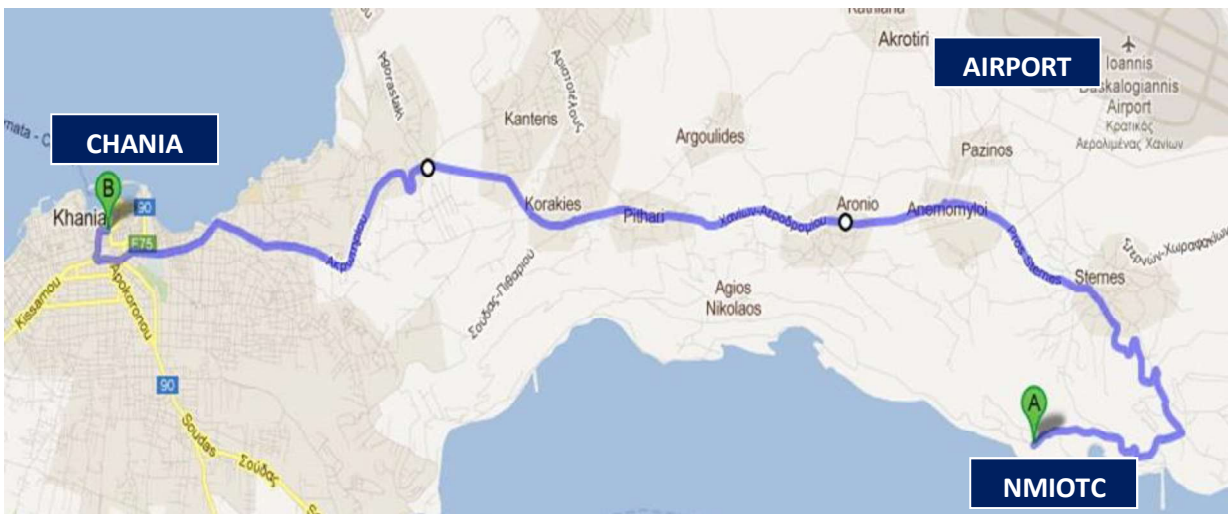
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ENCLOSURE:

1. Administrative Instructions

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: 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 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 lafkasm@nmiotc.nato.int and cc masourakii@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 lafkasm@nmiotc.nato.int and cc masourakii@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. A lunch box will be delivered at the training areas on a daily basis.

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.samariahotel.gr (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform")

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.

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 and 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: Trainees are required to have a valid health insurance according to their respective national standards. 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 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 security classification of presentations/discussions is up to "NATO Restricted / Releasable to Interoperability Platform Partner Nations". Therefore, all participants will be required to show the respective Security Clearance Certificate during the in-Processing.