



**NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION
NATO MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE
NMIOTC
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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 12000 “C-IED IN MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONS” (IED-ED-31904 / ACT 688.20), 12 – 16 Oct 2026**

DATE: 21 Apr 2026

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

1. Taking into account the NPOW 2026 (Ref. A), as well as the accreditation by ACT of the 12000 Course as “NATO Approved,” NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO and Partner Nations to participate in this event, which will take place at the Centre in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece from 12 to 16 Oct 2026.

2. The aim of the course is to educate and train Boarding Team personnel in NATO TTPs to undertake targeted maritime search and exploitation tasks on board vessels and other maritime infrastructure in support of C-IED operations. Upon completion of the course, trainees will be able to:

- a. Develop IED threat awareness and adapt search principles that support the Attacking the Network (AtN), C-IED main line of effort,
- b. Identify pre-boarding requirements (key considerations for conducting vessel search, tactical considerations, required resources and on-board actions),
- c. Integrate knowledge, skills and techniques in support of CME (on-board site exploitation, perform evidence / biometrics / forensics collection, vessel and people search) through mentored exercises, a Table Top Exercise (TTX) and a Final Tactical C-IED Exercise (FTX).

3. The target audience is Boarding Team members and other naval personnel functioning as Force Protection Coordination Officers (FPCOs) responsible for their ship / task group, or involved in Maritime Interdiction Operations. Additionally, the course is open to Command Team(CT) members (CO, XO, OPS, COMMS etc.) or equivalent civilian personnel who are involved in MIO, potentially related with C-IED in the Maritime Environment. Personnel from Law Enforcement Agencies (Coast Guard, Maritime Police, Civil Guard, etc.), educational and training facilities and equivalent civilian personnel who are involved in Maritime Interdiction Operations, potentially related with C-IEDs, 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 (3),
Speaking- Functional (2),
Reading- Functional (3),
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 12000 includes the following theoretical and practical modules:

- a. Module 12010 – Introduction/Multi Domain Operations
- b. Module 12020 – Overview of the global and Maritime IED threat
- c. Module 12030 – Fundamentals of the NATO C-IED approach and general CME application / Attack the Networks Operations
- d. Module 12040 – Make-up of an IED and the Threat to Boarding Teams
- e. Module 12050 – Biometrics in MIO (Collection Device Demonstration)
- f. Module 12060 – WMD Proliferation
- g. Module 12070 – IED Precursor Materials
- h. Module 12080 – Vessel Search Operations
- i. Module 12090 – Threat Assessment (Vessel Search – Theory Threats and Safety Considerations)
- j. Module 12100 – TSE Photography
- k. Module 12110 – Person Search
- l. Module 12120 – Tactical Site Exploitation (TSE) Considerations (Collection, Handling, Recording and Questioning)
- m. Module 12130 – TSE Handling of Evidence - Practical Considerations in CME
- n. Module 12140 – Planning & Executing Maritime Search Ops – Key Considerations
- o. Module 12150 – Maritime Search - Practical Exercise
- p. Module 12160 – Mentored Exercises (Search and Exploit a Vessel / Small Boat)
- q. Module 12170 – Final Tactical C-IED Exercise

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 85% of the modules. Evaluation of trainee performance will take place during the practical training. Trainees will demonstrate skills during practical drills and scenarios and will be assessed by NMIOTC Instructors.

8. The course will be delivered by NMIOTC Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) with the support of SMEs from the FBI, the C-IED COE, the HUN NCO Academy and GRC Police.

9. The tuition fee of the Course is **920 €** per person and includes transportation to and from the designated hotels and inside NMIOTC premises.

10. The course will **start on Monday, 12 Oct and will end on Friday, 16 Oct 26** with a daily training period from 08:30 to 15:00, including time for a lunch/snack break. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided in Enclosure 1.

11. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register **no later than (NLT) Friday 04 Sep 2026**. Candidates from Non-NATO Entities not participating in PfP, MD, ICI or PatG frameworks must register NLT (**12 June 2026**), 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. 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> and in the Partnership Real-time Information, Management and Exchange system (e-PRIME) at <https://e-prime.org>.

13. NMIOTC Points of Contact (POCs):

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Commandant

ENCLOSURE:

1. Administrative Instructions
2. Financial Request Forms

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 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 and
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. 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, 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, samariahotel.gr (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform). E-mail: reservations@samariahotel.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.
- 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.

NOTE: The accommodation for PD subsidized trainees will be arranged by NMIOTC. Further details will be provided in the Joining Instructions.

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€
- c. If participants subsidized by the PD Program require airport transportation, they must notify the Admin office (email: studentadmin@nmiotc.nato.int, tel: +30 28210 85710) of their flight details at least 5 days prior to the course starting date. In case of significant flight delays or changes, they **must contact their hotel directly, which is managing transportation**.

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 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 UNCLASSIFIED".

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST FORM

(To be attached by the PfP/MD/PatG Partner Nation to the official participation request)

ACTIVITY IDENTIFICATIONⁱ

Activity (Event):	Reference number:
Date:	Location:

PARTICIPANT IDENTIFICATION Partner Nation:	Rank/Service:
Family name:	First Name:
ID/Number:	Tel/Number:
Email:	Official address:

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE

Travel:	Tuition fee:
Accommodation:	Other:
Meals:	TOTAL:

BANK IDENTIFICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENTⁱⁱ (in capital letters)

Beneficiary ⁱⁱⁱ	
Currency requested	
Name of Bank	
Name of Agency	
SWIFT code ^{iv}	
IBAN code	
Account number ^v	

PARTNER NATION AUTHORISATION

Date:	Name:	Signature & Stamps:
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FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM

(To be attached by the PfP/MD/PatG Partner Nation to the official request for reimbursement)

ACTIVITY IDENTIFICATION^{vi}

Activity (Event):	Reference number:
Date:	Location:

PARTICIPANT IDENTIFICATION Partner Nation:	Rank/Service:
Family name:	First Name:
ID/Number:	Tel/Number:
Email:	Official address:

BANK IDENTIFICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Beneficiary	
Bank Name	
Account Number (IBAN)	
SWIFT Code	
Currency for Payment	

EXPENDITURE

Travel:	Tuition fee:
Accommodation:	Other:
Meals:	TOTAL:

NATION AUTHORISATION

Date:	Name:	Signature & Stamps:

ⁱ As it is in e-PRIME

ⁱⁱ **Unless each cell is completed, we are not able to remit the reimbursement**

ⁱⁱⁱ Official name of the bank account holder

^{iv} If IBAN code **is provided**, this cell can be empty

^v If IBAN code **is NOT provided**, indicate the bank account number in this cell

^{vi} As it is in e-PRIME