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NATO MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONAL
TRAINING CENTRE
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GREECE**



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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 19000 “CYBER SECURITY ASPECTS WITHIN MARITIME OPERATIONS”, COP-CD-22104, 23 - 27 Nov 26.**

DATE: 06 May 2026

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

1. Taking into account the NPOW 2026, NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO Allies and Partners, to participate in the “NATO Approved” Course 19000, which will take place at the Centre in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece, from **23 - 27 Nov 26**.

2. The main focus of this course is the cyber security aspects of maritime operations. It aims to familiarize planners, without sufficient cyber operational background, with maritime cyber security considerations and to enable them to contribute effectively to the planning and control of maritime operations.

3. The target audience is NATO Nations’ and Partners’ Community of Interest (COI), maritime personnel functioning as staff officers/operational planners, from tactical, operational NCS/NFS HQs, individual NATO Naval Forces, members of NATO Response Force (NRF), Allied Reaction Force (ARF) without dedicated (specialized) Cyber Security operational background. Personnel from Joint Commands and other related Agencies (Coast Guard, Port Police, etc.), educational and training facilities and civilian personnel from relevant government / agencies involved in Maritime Security 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 (as described / coded in STANAG 6001) are required to attend: Listening – Professional (3), Speaking – Professional (3), Reading – Professional (3) and Writing – Professional (3) (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 includes the following theoretical and practical indicative learning objectives:

- a. Maritime Cyber Threats, Ethical Hacking Phases / Concepts, Cyber Security Policy.

- b. Cyber Risk Management, Cyber Intelligence Support to Cyberspace Operations, Cyber Situational Awareness – Cyber Common Operational Picture,
- c. Cyber Threat Intelligence ,Critical Infrastructure, Cyber Threats, Hacking Demo, TTX
- d. Understand MDO as the orchestrated employment of capabilities across Maritime, Land, Air, Space, and Cyber domains.

7. The agenda of the course will be included in the Joining Instructions, which will be released in due time before the course start date.

8. In order to pass the course and acquire the relevant certificate, the participants must attend at least 85% in order to be considered as “successful attendees”. Failure to follow at least 85% of the course will prevent a participant from acquiring the relevant certificate.

9. The course will be delivered by NMIOTC Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) with the support of SMEs from SHAPE J6/ SHAPE CYOC / MARCOM N6 and Academia (University of Warwick, Technical University of Crete) as well as private vendors.

10. The tuition fee for Course 19000 is **550,00€** per person. NMIOTC will provide transportation to and from the designated hotels and inside NMIOTC premises. Comprehensive payment instructions can be found in Enclosure 1.

11. The course will start on **Monday 23 Nov 26 and will end on Friday 27 Nov 26**, with a daily training period from 08:30 to 15:00, including time for a lunch/snack break. Detailed administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

12. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register no later than (NLT) **Monday 30th October 26**. Registration should be made on NMIOTC’s official web site <https://nmiotc.nato.int/>.

NOTE 1: Partner Nations (Partnership for Peace (PfP), Mediterranean Dialogue (MD), Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI), or Partners across the Globe (PatG) frameworks), eligible for NATO PD subsidization program should submit the financial assistance request form (FARF) (Enclosure 2) to NATO PD SAP manager saskia.demeyer@nato.int, SHAPEPDSAPManager@shape.nato.int and follow the procedures described in Enclosure 1, paragraph 2.

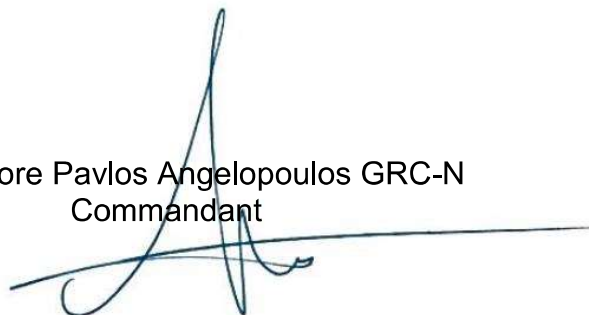
13. Event details can be found on the NMIOTC official web site www.nmiotc.nato.int, in the NATO Education and Training Opportunities Catalogue (ETOC) at <https://e-itep.act.nato.int/Guest/ETOCindex.aspx> and in the Partnership Real-time Information, Management and Exchange system (e-PRIME) at <https://prime.hq.nato.int>.

14. NMIOTC Point of Contacts (POCs):

- a. **Course Director:** Captain Dimitrios Megas GRC (N)
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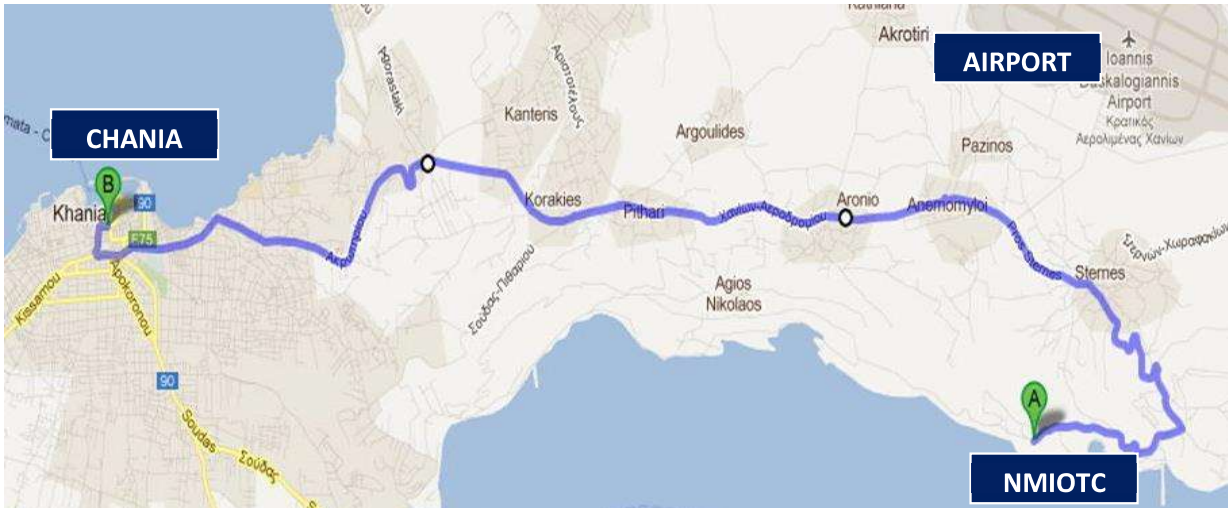
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ENCLOSURE:

1. Administrative Instructions
2. FARF & FRRF

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Location: NMIOTC is located on the Akrotiri peninsula near the city of Chania in the northwestern part of Crete. The destination airport is Chania International Airport (“Ioannis Daskalogiannis” Airport) (airport code: CHQ). 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 apply for and obtain their 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 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 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. Meals: A small canteen is available within the NMIOTC main building that will provide 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.

7. 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](tel:+302821038600).

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](tel:+302821090181). 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.

8. 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 center 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**.

9. Transportation: Transportation will be provided on a daily basis from the following Chania city centre pick-up points to NMIOTC: AKALI hotel, SAMARIA hotel (ARKADI hotel is asked to use SAMARIA pick-up point), KYDON hotel and KRITI hotel (PORTO VENEZZIANO hotel is asked to use KRITI pick-up point).

10. 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.

11. 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

12. 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.

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:
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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