



NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION  
NATO MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE  
NMIOTC  
SOUDA BAY  
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GREECE



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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR PILOT COURSE 34000 “Irregular Migration in Maritime Interdiction Operations” 22 – 26 Jun 2026**

DATE: 3 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. NMIOTC supported by a team of Subject Matter Experts from the **Hellenic Coast Guard, Hellenic Navy and FRONTEX** has developed a Course **“Irregular Migration in Maritime Interdiction Operations”**. In this regard NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO and Partner Nations to participate in the Pilot iteration, which will take place at the Centre’s premises in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece, from 22 to 26 Jun 2026.

2. The aim of the course is the participants to develop the appropriate knowledge and practical skills in order to be prepared to fulfill their tasks related to Irregular Migration in the Maritime domain.

3. The target audience is Officers ranging from OF-1 to OF-4 and Petty Officers (CPO, PO) / Enlisted personnel (Members of the Command, Security and Recovery teams of a naval unit), as well as equivalent civilian personnel. Military Agencies, Law Enforcement Agencies (Coast Guard, Port Police etc.), other Governmental/International agencies and organizations and Non NATO Entities are also eligible to participate.

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- Professional (3), Speaking- Functional (2), Reading- Professional (3), Writing- Functional (2) (STANAG 6001, ed.3).

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

6. The curriculum of Course 34000 includes the following theoretical and practical modules:

- (1) Module 34010 – Irregular Migration Overview
- (2) Module 34020 – Irregular Maritime Migration Routes and Smuggling networks

- (3) Module 34030 – Case studies and Lessons Learned during Irregular Migration Related Operations
- (4) Module 34040 – Maritime Legal Framework & Operational Challenges
- (5) Module 34050 – Fundamental Rights: Protection needs at sea
- (6) Module 34060 – Migrant smugglers' characteristics and TTPs
- (7) Module 34070 – Operational phases and units organization
- (8) Module 34080 – Situation awareness, Regional risk analysis & intelligence-led Maritime Operations in MED
- (9) Module 34090 – Maritime domain awareness
  
- (10) Modules 34100 – Table top exercise
  
- (11) Module 34110 - Security Procedures;
  
- (12) Module 34120 – Recovery of Persons at Sea Procedures and Post Recovery Actions;
  
- (13) Module 34130 – Crowd Control Techniques;
  
- (14) Module 34140 – Final Tactical Exercise;

**NOTE:** A detailed agenda will be included in the Joining Instructions which will be released in due course.

7. In order to graduate and acquire the relevant certificate, the participants must attend at least 85% of the module classes of the course. The achievement of POs / ELOs will be assessed through a Table top exercise (TTXs) and through a Final Tactical Exercise (FTX) upon conclusion of the course.

8. The course will be delivered by NMIOTC Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in their respective areas with the support of SMEs from Hellenic Coast Guard, Hellenic Navy and FRONTEX .

9. The tuition fee for the course is **600 €** per trainee. Comprehensive payment instructions can be found in Enclosure 1.

10. The course will start on **Monday, 22 Jun and will end on Friday, 26 Jun 2026**, with a daily training period from 08:30 to 15:00. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided in Enclosure 1.

11. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register **no later than Monday 08 June 2026**. Registration should be made on NMIOTC's official web site [www.nmiotc.nato.int/](http://www.nmiotc.nato.int/).

12. Event details can be found on the NMIOTC official web site [www.nmiotc.nato.int](http://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. Points of Contact (POC).**

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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](mailto: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](http://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:**

<b>A.BEFORE THE MEETING/EVENT</b>	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 <b><u>2 working days before the start date of the event</u></b> , bank charges are not covered by NMIOTC. The receipt should be sent by email to <a href="mailto:papadakisst@nmiotc.nato.int">papadakisst@nmiotc.nato.int</a> and cc <a href="mailto:mitsoulie@nmiotc.nato.int">mitsoulie@nmiotc.nato.int</a> and <a href="mailto:kouroupiag@nmiotc.nato.int">kouroupiag@nmiotc.nato.int</a>
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 <a href="mailto:papadakisst@nmiotc.nato.int">papadakisst@nmiotc.nato.int</a> and cc <a href="mailto:mitsoulie@nmiotc.nato.int">mitsoulie@nmiotc.nato.int</a> and <a href="mailto:kouroupiag@nmiotc.nato.int">kouroupiag@nmiotc.nato.int</a> for receiving the link for the credit/debit card payment
<b>B. ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MEETING/EVENT</b>	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:** 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.

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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](mailto:info@thechaniahotel.com) with reference to NMIOTC). Tel. +30 28210 90002). The hotel offers a 20% discount for car rental at [letsdrive.gr](http://letsdrive.gr).

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

KYDON 4\* hotel, [kydon-hotel.com](http://kydon-hotel.com) (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform). E-mail: [info@kydon-hotel.gr](mailto:info@kydon-hotel.gr). Tel.: +30 28210 52280.

SAMARIA 4\* hotel, [samariahotel.gr](http://samariahotel.gr) (promotional code "NMIOTC" via hotel's online booking platform). E-mail: [reservations@samariahotel.gr](mailto:reservations@samariahotel.gr) Tel.: (+30) 28210 38600.

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

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

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

PORTO VENEZIANO 3\* hotel, [portoveneziano.gr](http://portoveneziano.gr) (booking via e-mail: [hotel@portoveneziano.gr](mailto: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 center is available as follows:

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- 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](http://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 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. The overall security classification of presentations/discussions is up to “**NATO UNCLASSIFIED**”.