



**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 COURSE 8000 “C-IED CONSIDERATIONS IN MARITIME FORCE PROTECTION”, ACT 689.12, 14 – 25 Sep 2026**

DATE: 28 April 2026

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

1. Taking into account the NPOW 2026, NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO and NATO Partners to participate in the “NATO Approved” course 8000, which take place at the Centre in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece, from 14 to 25 Sep 2026.

2. The aim of the course is to educate and train students in NATO practices and procedures regarding operational and tactical dimensions of mitigating IED Threat in Maritime Domain. On conclusion of the course, students will be able to:

- a. Assess potential IED threat in terms of awareness and existing risk in the maritime environment;
- b. Produce a Force Protection Plan for their unit / naval force;
- c. Conduct Ops in the context of the Force Protection Plan, as well as Maritime Operations in an asymmetric threat environment;
- d. Impart relevant knowledge of existing NATO doctrines and develop training for their own ship / unit;
- e. Describe the Sources of Intelligence and explain the Tactical Site Exploitation on the Attack the Network (AtN) main Line of Effort (LoE);

3. The target audience is officers ranging from OF-1 to OF-3 (Staff Planners, Command Team members) and petty officers OR-4 to OR-9 (CPO/ PO, Boarding Team Leaders). Military or civilian personnel from other agencies and organizations tasked to participate in support of Maritime Interdiction 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- Professional (3), Speaking- Functional (2), Reading- Professional (3), Writing- Functional (2) (STANAG 6001).

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

6. The curriculum of Course 8000 includes the following theoretical and practical modules:

- a. Module 8010 – The Global Maritime Threat
- b. Module 8020 – Methods of Attack
- c. Module 8030 – Classification of Improvised Explosive Devices (IED's)
- d. Module 8040 – Water Borne IEDs (WBIEDs)
- e. Module 8050 – Force Protection Process/Model
- f. Module 8060 – IED Incident Response
- g. Module 8070 – Maritime Tactical Exploitation Awareness
- h. Module 8080 – Procedures for Person and Vehicle Search
- i. Module 8090 – Port arrival procedures including area and building search
- j. Module 8100 – Escalation of Force (EOF)
- k. Module 8110 – Vehicle Check Point Exercise
- l. Module 8120 – Introduction to ECM
- m. Module 8130 – International Ship and Port facility Security (ISPS) Code / other Legislation
- n. Module 8140 – Maritime Force Protection (MFP) Planning Process and Considerations
- o. Module 8150 – Attack the Network (AtN) and Exploitation
- p. Module 8160 – 4 Syndicate Table-Top Exercises (TTXs)
- q. Module 8170 – Final Tactical C-IED Exercise

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

7. In order to pass the course and acquire the relevant certificate, the participants must attend at least 85% of the modules. (Evaluation of trainee performance will take place during the practical training. The trainees will demonstrate skills during practical drills and scenarios and will be assessed by NMIOTC Sea Trainers.)

8. The tuition fee for the course is **1150 €** per trainee. Comprehensive payment instructions can be found in Enclosure 1.

9. The course will start on **Monday, 14 Sep and will end on Friday, 25 Sep 2026**, with a daily training period from 08:30 to 15:00. Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

10. For organizational purposes, candidates are kindly requested to register **no later than NLT Friday 07 August 2026**. Candidates from Non-NATO Entities must submit their applications **NLT Friday 29 May 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/.

NOTE: 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) to NATO PD SAP manager CIV Tom Van Rooy Shapepdmanager@shape.nato.int and also follow the procedures described in Enclosure 1, paragraph 2.

11. Course 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>.

12. NMIOTC Points of Contact (POCs):

- a. **Course Director:** SCPO Holger Wahl DEU(N)
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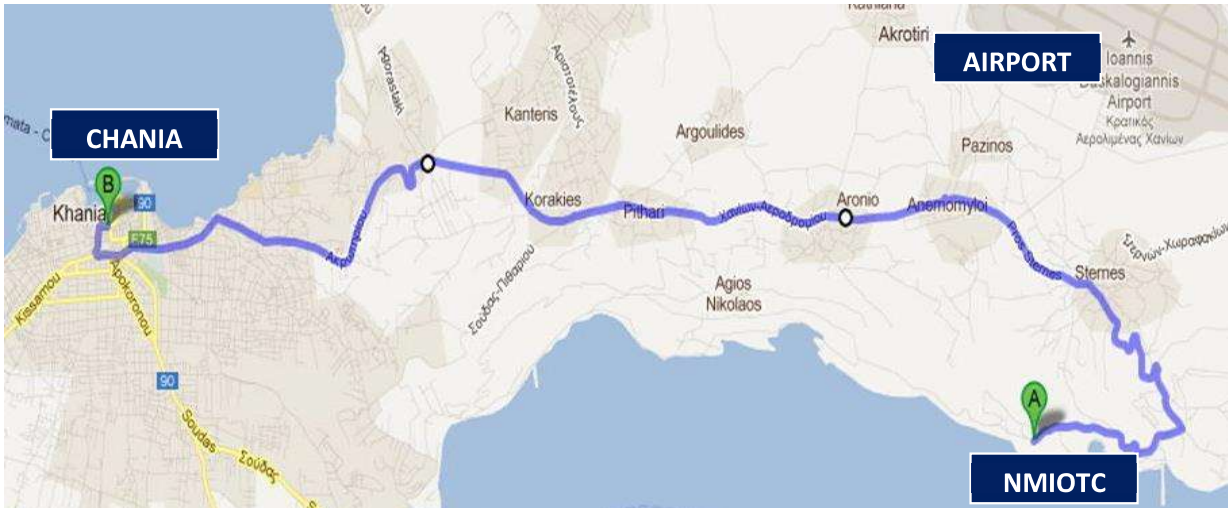
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Commandant

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