



**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 14000 “MARITIME IMPROVISED
EXPLOSIVE DEVICE DISPOSAL (M-IEDD)”, (MEG-EO-32008),
08 – 12 March 2027**

DATE: 02 Sep 2026

REFERENCES: NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2027

1. In accordance with the NPOW 2027, NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO Allies and partners, to participate in the Course 14000, which is scheduled to take place at the Centre in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece, from 08 to 12 March 2027.

2. The aim of the course is to educate and train EXCLUSIVELY EOD PERSONNEL to competently undertake M-IEDD operations onboard vessels and other maritime infrastructure. On completion of the course, trainees will be able to:

- a. Develop the IED threat awareness and apply the basic principles of IEDD to task resolution;
- b. Implement the subject knowledge including specialist skills and render, safe techniques in support of M-IEDD;
- c. Identify the related subjects of search and site exploitation (e.g. evidence preservation and collection, considerations during M-IEDD tasks);
- d. Plan / conduct M-IEDD operations, including: task appreciation, appraisal of tactical considerations in respect of the operating environment, M-IEDD team make-up, required resources, access and requisite on-board actions;

3. The target audience for this course is naval and law enforcement agencies EOD personnel (Coast Guard, Maritime Police, etc.), functioning as Team Commanders and Members (Personnel from military educational and training facilities are also eligible to participate).

4. The course is conducted in English. Language proficiency: Students must have language proficiency in English SLP 3.2.3.2. in accordance with STANAG 6001:

- Skill A Listening Level 3 Good.
- Skill B Speaking Level 2 Fair.
- Skill C Reading Level 3 Good.
- Skill D Writing Level 2 Fair.

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 14000 includes the following theoretical and practical modules:

- a. Module 14010 M-IEDD Concept and Threat Overview
- b. Module 14020 M-IEDD Principle and Philosophy
- c. Module 14030 Assault Introduction
- d. Module 14040 Hostage Management
- e. Module 14050 M-IEDD Equipment and Configuration
- f. Module 14060 M-IEDD Disruption
- g. Module 14070 Equipment Issue and Validation
- h. Module 14080 M-IEDD Disruption (Live Fire Demo)
- i. Module 14090 Syndicate Practice - Rapid Disruptor Placement
- j. Module 14100 Basic Manual Techniques
- k. Module 14110 Suicide Devices (Video & DEMO)
- l. Module 14120 M-IEDD Practical Exercise
- m. Module 14130 Mentored Training Lanes
- n. Module 14140 M-IEDD Mentored Exercises
- o. Module 14150 M-IEDD Final Tactical Exercise

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

7. Requirements for course completion and certification:

- a. **Attendance:** Minimum of 85% of all modules.
- b. **Evaluation:** Practical skill assessment via drills and scenarios led by NMIOTC's Sea Trainers.

8. The tuition fee for Course 14000 is **1000 €** and includes transportation to/from the designated hotels. The course is not subsidized by PD funds.

9. The course runs from **Monday, 08 March** to **Friday, 12 March 2027**, daily from 08:30 to 15:00 (includes a lunch/snack break). Please refer to Enclosure 1 for comprehensive administrative instructions.

10. Candidates are kindly requested to register no later than (NLT) **Friday 05 February 2027**. Registration should be made on NMIOTC's official web site www.nmiotc.nato.int.

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>.

12. NMIOTC Points of Contact (POCs):

- a. **Course Director**: Cdr Zbigniew Kościński POL(SOF)
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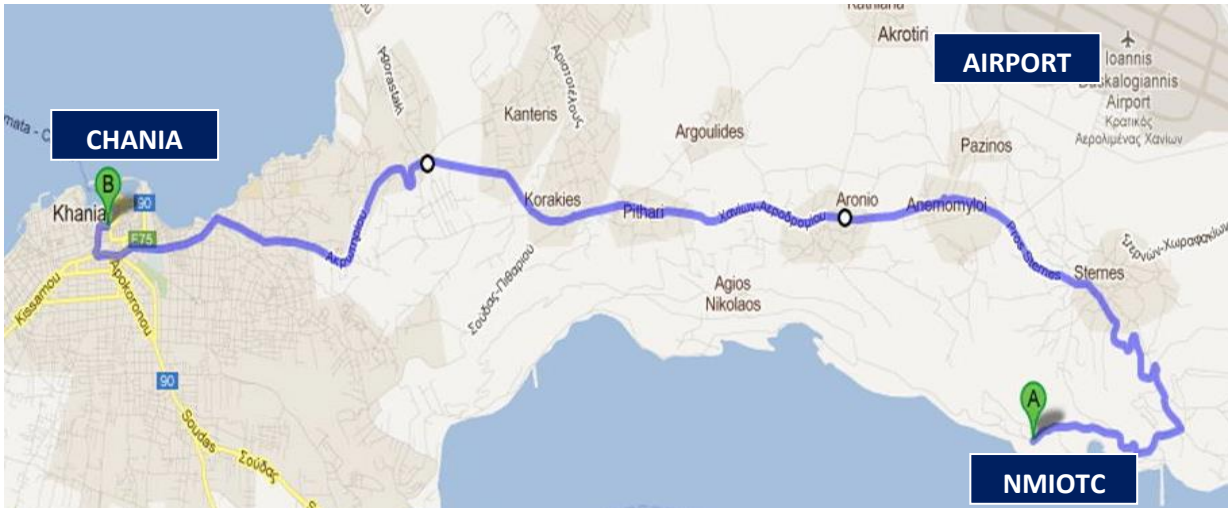
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Commandant

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@nmotc.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 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".