



NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION
NATO MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONAL TRAINING
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SUBJECT: **INVITATION LETTER FOR COURSE 20000 “MARITIME INTERDICTION OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF MANAGING PERILOUS SECURITY INCIDENTS ON COASTAL CRITICAL SITES”, SOF-SO-36739, ACT 891.7, 07-18 Dec 2026**

DATE: 31 July 2026

REFERENCE: NMIOTC Program of Work (NPOW) 2026

1. In accordance with the NPOW 2026 NMIOTC is pleased to invite NATO Allies and NATO Partners to participate in the “NATO Approved” Course 20000 which is scheduled to take place at the Centre, in Souda Bay, Chania, Greece, from 07 to 18 Dec 26.

2. The aim of the course is to train Special Operation Forces (SOF), SOF-like Specialized Forces and SOF-Enablers in doctrine, tactics, techniques and procedures, in order to identify, plan and execute operations in support of managing perilous security incidents in Coastal Critical Sites (CCS) within a Joint Operation Area (JOA), during a NATO operation.

3. The target audience is composed of Officers ranging from OF-1 to OF-4 (Specialized Teams, SOF Units, Amphibious Units) and Petty Officers (CPO, PO) / Enlisted personnel ranging from OR-1 to OR-9 (Specialized Teams, SOF Units, Amphibious Units). All students will be required to swim and perform physically demanding tasks as part of the training exercises. Students must be proficient at the following:

- a. 50 meters swim in full BDU.
- b. Five minutes water tread, keeping head above water.

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).

5. The course is marked as “NATO Unclassified / Releasable to: PfP (except Belarus-Russia), MD, ICI, PatG (except Afghanistan)”. NMIOTC applies security arrangements and regulations according to NATO standards.

6. The curriculum of Course 20000 includes the following theoretical and practical modules:

Course (20000)

- (1) Module 20010 – Legal Issues – Rules of Engagement in CCS
- (2) Module 20020 – Tactical Planning in CCS
- (3) Module 20030 – Tactical Movement Outside of CCS
- (4) Module 20040 – Breaching
- (5) Module 20050 – Tactical Movement Inside of CCS
- (6) Module 20060 – Suspect Control/Detainee Handling in CCS
- (7) Module 20070 – Combat Marksmanship in CCS
- (8) Module 20080 – Final Tactical Exercise (FTX)

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

7. The trainees will participate in a practical exercise at the conclusion of the course that will assess their comprehension of the course modules. Students will plan and conduct a mission brief to a notional “commander” and staff. By assessing their briefing and their response to questions, course’s instructors can evaluate the level at which the students mastered the course material.

8. The tuition fee for Course 20000 is **1270 €** per person and includes transportation to and from the designated hotels and inside NMIOTC premises.

9. The course will start **on Monday, 07 and will end on Friday, 18 December 2026**, with daily training periods from 08:30 to 15:00, including time for a lunch/snack break, and one (01) night training period from 20:00 to 23:00 Comprehensive administrative instructions are provided at Enclosure 1.

10. Candidates are kindly requested to register on NMIOTC’s official web site www.nmiotc.nato.int **no later than (NLT) Friday 06 November 2026**. Due to the high demand for this training, prospective attendees are requested to refrain from making travel arrangements until participation is confirmed by NMIOTC. All efforts will be made to ensure a diverse representation of participating nations.

NOTE: Partner Nations (Partnership for Peace (PfP), Mediterranean Dialogue (MD), Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI), Partners across the Globe (PatG) frameworks or 7NNN nations), eligible for NATO PD subsidization program should submit the financial assistance request form (FARF) (Enclosure 2) to NATO PD SAP manager SHAPEPDSAPManager@shape.nato.int and follow the procedures described in Enclosure 1, paragraph 2.

11. 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>.

12. NMIOTC Points of Contact (POCs):

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Commodore Pavlos Angelopoulos GRC-N
Commandant

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ENCLOSURES:

1. Administrative Instructions
2. Financial Assistance/ Reimbursement Request form (FARF, FRRF)

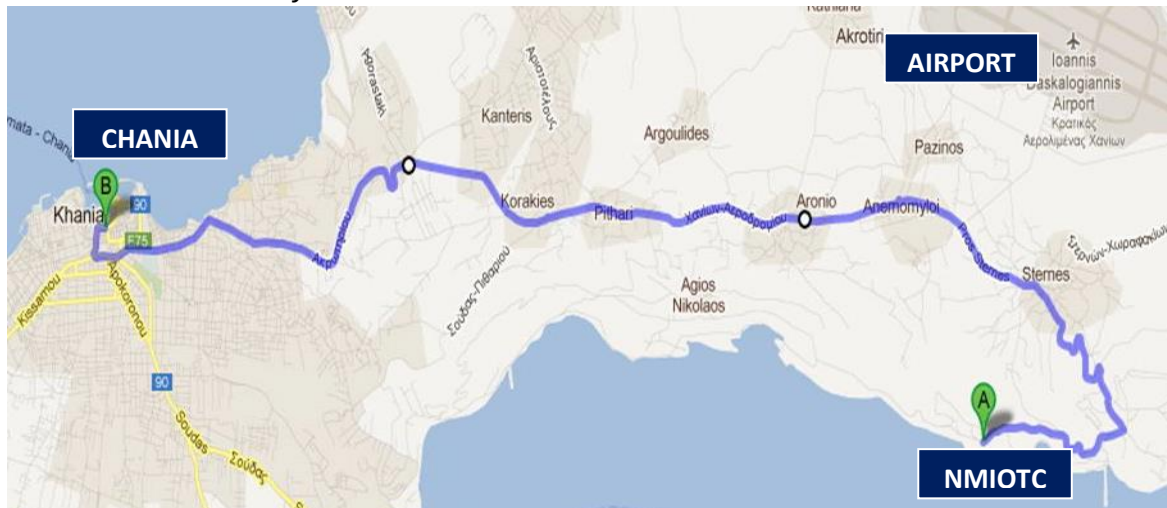
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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

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 registrations 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:** 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) 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
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:** Daily Service/Battle Dress Uniforms or National Equivalent.

7. **Meals:** A small canteen is available within the NMIOTC main building and provides snack for a nominal cost.

8. **Accommodation:** The participants are responsible to arrange their own accommodation. 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, included 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:2821038600).
- 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:2821092872).
- 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:2821090181). 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 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/Releasable to PfP (except Belarus-Russia)/MD/ICI/PatG (Except Afghanistan)".

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.