

# MPSOTC COURSE GUIDE 2024



Multinational  
Peace Support  
Operations Training Center





The Partnership Training and Education Centres (PTECs) are nationally or multi-nationally sponsored education and training institutions which are united under a single concept that is endorsed by the North Atlantic Council and recognized by NATO.

The PTECs offer courses, seminars, and workshops to both military and civilian personnel in order to

provide education, training and instruction in diverse areas consistent with the objectives and priorities of NATO's policy on partnerships. They also provide a platform for operational training by offering both classroom and field venues for exercises.

Partnership Training and Education Centres (PTEC) play an essential role in supporting NATO's objectives for partnership with non-member countries. Initially launched in 1998, PTECs were formally established in 1999 under the Partnership for Peace programme to develop training and education activities with Euro-Atlantic partners.

To reflect the changes in the Alliance's Global Partnerships, the PTEC Concept was extended to the Mediterranean Dialogue (MD) and the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI) countries in 2008. Since 2012, a single concept for all centres hosted by Allies, EAPC/PfP, MD and ICI partners, as well as partners across the Globe with a partnership programme with NATO, while respecting the specificity of the different partnership frameworks, is in place.

As a result, the opening of facilities for Education and Training (E&T) in NATO Nations and Partner Countries has led to enhanced interoperability for NATO-led multinational operations.

The Partnership Training and Education Centres Commandants Conference (PTEC CC) was established by NATO in November 2000 to coordinate the work amongst the Centres and NATO. The first PTEC community was administered by the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) Partnership Coordination Cell (PCC) from 2000 until 2002. The NATO School became the Chairman in 2002 and HQ SACT became Co-Chairman in 2013.



## 34 PARTNERSHIP TRAINING AND EDUCATION CENTRES (PTECs)

### 1 AUSTRIA

- Austrian Armed Forces International Centre (AUTINT)

### 2 BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

- Peace Support Operations Training Centre (PSOTC) - NATO Accredited Centre

### 3 BULGARIA

- Foreign Languages Department (FLD) National Military University - NATO Accredited Centre

### 4 COLOMBIA

- Colombian International Demining Centre (CIDES)

### 5 EGYPT

- Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding (CCCCPA)

### 6 FINLAND

- Finnish Defence Forces International Centre (FINCENT) - NATO Accredited Centre

### 7 GEORGIA

- Sachkhere Mountain Training School (SMTS)

### 8 GERMANY

- German Armed Forces United Nations Training Centre (DEU UN Trg Centre) - NATO Accredited Centre  
- Partner Language Training Center Europe (PLTCE), Garmisch, Germany - NATO Accredited Centre - US Centre located in Germany

### 9 GREECE

- Hellenic Multinational Peace Support Operations Training Center (MPSOTC) - NATO Accredited Centre

### 10 HUNGARY

- Hungarian Defence Forces Peace Support Training Centre (HDF PSTC)

### 11 ITALY

- European Personnel Recovery Centre (EPRC)  
- International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL)

### 12 ISRAEL

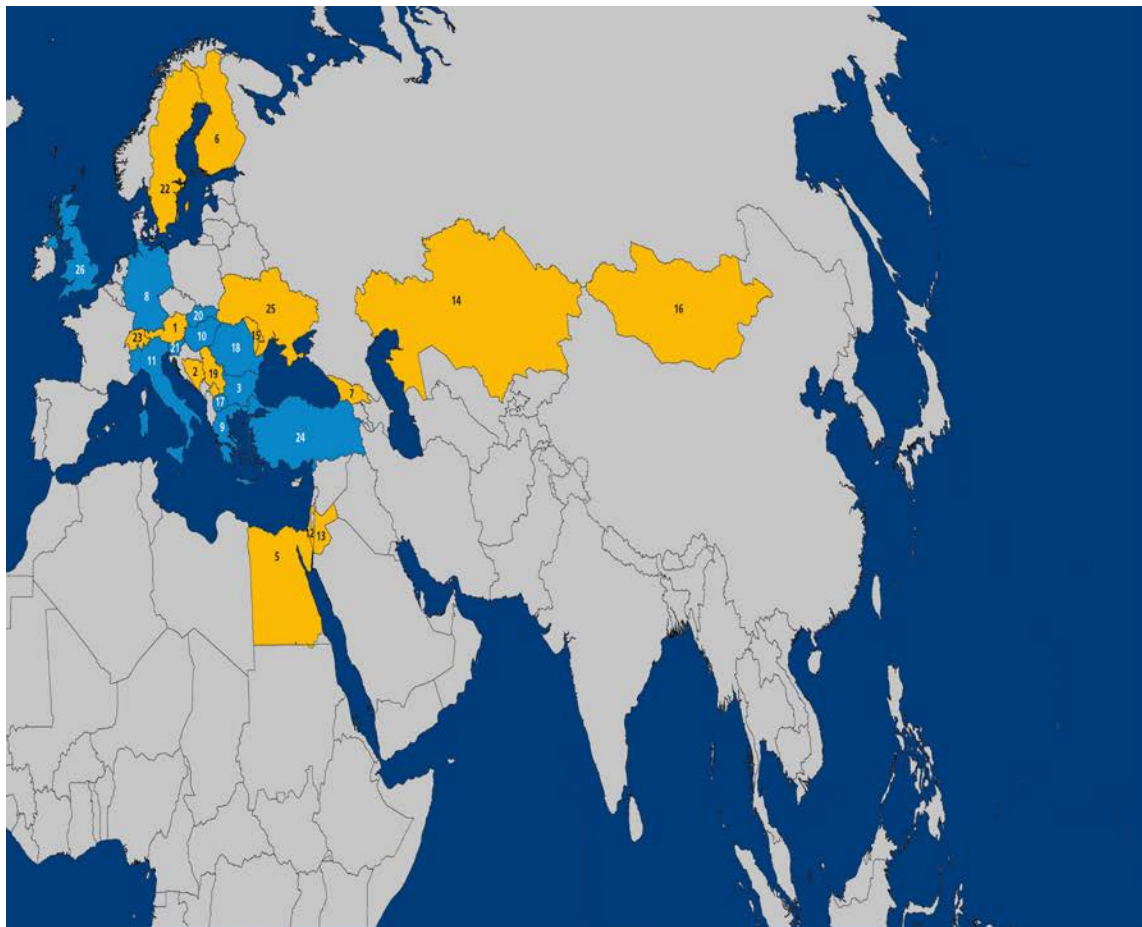
- Israel Defense Forces - Military Medical Academy (IDF MMA)

### 13 JORDAN

- Jordan Armed Forces Language Institute (JAFLI)  
- Peace Operations Training Center (POTC)

### 14 KAZAKHSTAN

- Peacekeeping Training Centre of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Kazakhstan (KAZCENT)



**15 REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

- Continuous Training Center of the Armed Forces Military Academy (PGCTC)

**16 MONGOLIA**

- Five Hills Peace Support Operations Training Centre (FHPSOTC)

**17 REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA**

- Public Affairs Regional Centre (PARC)

**18 ROMANIA**

- The Regional Department of Defense Resources Management Studies (DRESMARA) - NATO Accredited Centre  
- Crisis Management and Multinational Operations Department (CMMOD) - NATO Accredited Centre

**19 SERBIA**

- Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Training Centre

**20 SLOVAKIA**

- The Armed Forces Academy of General Milan Rastislav Štefánik (SAFA) - NATO Accredited Centre

**21 SLOVENIA**

- The Slovenian PFP Language Training Center (PLTC) - NATO Accredited Centre

**22 SWEDEN**

- Swedish Armed Forces International Centre (SWEDINT) - NATO Accredited Centre

**23 SWITZERLAND**

- Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)  
- Peace Support Operations Training Centre Swiss Armed Forces International Command (PSO TC SWISSINT)

**24 TÜRKİYE**

- Partnership for Peace Training Centre of Türkiye (TUPTC) - NATO Accredited Centre

**25 UKRAINE**

- International Peacekeeping and Security Centre (IPSC)

**26 UNITED KINGDOM**

- UK Defence Academy (UKDA) - NATO Accredited Centre

**27 UNITED STATES**

- Joint Special Operations University (JSOU), Tampa, Florida - NATO Accredited Centre  
- Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), Monterey, California  
- The US Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute (PKSOI), Carlisle, Pennsylvania

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# Commander's Welcome



Welcome to the Multinational Peace Support Operations Training Center's Course Guide 2024. This booklet briefly presents a concise history of the Training Center, its capabilities and facilities, as well as a detailed list of the courses conducted by MPSOTC. More detailed information can be found in our official [web site](#).

Hellenic MPSOTC was founded in 1998 and since May 2000 is a certified PfP (Partnership for Peace) training center by NATO. In addition, it has been recognized as a training center by the UN to conduct UN Military Observers Courses as well as courses in relation to the Common Security and Defense Policy, as a member of the network of the European Security and Defense College (ESDC).

Since 2019 the Center has received unconditional quality accreditation from NATO, which reflects the high standards of the education provided. The result of this is the recognition of the Center's role in International Military training.

MPSOTC forges ties with the Academic community through cooperation with Universities (Aristotle University, University of Macedonia, International University of Thessaloniki), cooperates with International Organizations ( E S D C , O S C E , F r o n t e x ,

NATO School Oberammergau, CIMIC COE, StratCom COE, RACVIAC) and International Educational Centers as well as other training centers from the Partnership Training and Education Centres (PTECs) Community.

The aim of this extensive network of cooperation is to provide up to date training to the participants through the completion of important training and educational activities such as international courses, seminars, conferences and Mobile Training Teams (MTTs).

The Hellenic Multinational Peace Support Operations Training Center plays an important role in the training of the Hellenic Armed Forces by providing specialized training in a multitude of fields, as well as training for the Hellenic Peacekeeping Forces, before their deployment.

The professionalism, dedication and commitment of MPSOTC ensures that the education provided exceeds any expectations of the students, as well as any requirements for harmonization with the educational standards that have been set.

Closing, believing strongly that "Knowledge enables capability", I would like to welcome you at one of the Center's upcoming Courses, which are inspired by the following ancient saying: "As the ground, is unable to produce something without cultivation, so the human mind cannot give the expected results without education". (Plutarch, Ancient Greek historian, 46-119 AD)

**Thomas Gavranopoulos**  
**Colonel (GRC-A)**  
**Commander**

# Overview

The Multinational Peace Support Operations Training Center (MPSOTC) is one of the 34 existing in the world, NATO/PfP Training and Education Centers. It has been officially recognized with the name “PfP Training and Center in Greece” by NATO SG since 2000. It is an active member of Partnership Training and Education Centers (PTEC’s), Community, which is coordinated by ACT.

The Center is also recognized by UN, for organizing and conducting the “UN Military Observers’ Course”.



# Mission

**The primary MPSOTC 's mission is to provide training**



**Theoretical &**



**Practical**



# Accreditation

The primary mission, is to provide a multifaceted academic and realistic practical training, to Military, Police and Civilian multinational students, on PSOs related issues. MPSOTCs' training is fully complying with the most recent international accepted standards (NATO-UN-EU-OSCE), supported by its Quality Assurance Policy. The QA Policy was approved by NATO ACT QA Team, as unconditional in 2019 for 6 years. The accreditation will be distributing to students with a special badge on the course certificate. This factor establishes MPSOTC as the tenth PTEC which acquired Quality Assurance Certification on Training, and proves the Center commitment to continually training improvement.



Moreover, the Center supports the national contingents training and the education of Staff elements during the mission predeployment preparation for UN, NATO and EU led missions. Also, MPSOTC can provide MTT (Mobile Training Teams) upon request covering specific training topics. Training delivery is provided by MPSOTC Instructors, guest instructors and lecturers from national and international academic environment, and organizations (NATO, UN, EU, OSCE).

In that direction, MPSOTC maintains special relation with academic institutes and entities, such as University of Macedonia and Aristotle University in Thessaloniki, National Defence College and European Security and Defence College (ESDC). Additionally, from 2020 MPSOTC has sign a Letter of Intention with TNTD/OSCE (Transnational Threats Department/ Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe) and co-organise the join Cultural Property Protection Course.

All courses are open to NATO, PFP, MD, ICI ,Partners across the globe,as well as to IOs (UN,EU,OSCE). More details can being reached in our official [web page](#).

The working language is English. Students should be able to comply with NATO STANAG 6001 requirements [Listening Good(3), Speaking Fair(2), Reading Good(3), Writing Fair(2)] or CEFR B2.

MPSOTC maintains 2 reserved posts for international Staff Officers and Instructors, declaring that its international character and orientation.



# Admin Issues

The MPSOTC, is located in «Papatheofilou» Army Camp, at Kristoni, 2 Km from Kilkis, and 40 min driving time from Thessaloniki. Access to the Training Centre is possible by car, train or bus.

Transportation from/to “MAKEDONIA” (SKG) airport in Thessaloniki is provided for free, for all students by MPSOTC. Participants have to inform MP-SOTC about their travel arrangements at least one week prior to their arrival. Otherwise, transportation will be the student’s own responsibility.

Dress Code : Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) is required during training (or “smart casual” for civilians). For official social events, jacket and tie is required (or similar for ladies).

Participants would enjoy the use of medical facilities provided by the Greek Army. If a special treatment might be needed, it will be provided by the 424 Military Hospital in Thessaloniki, at 24/7 status. Emergencies are treated in Kilkis General Hospital. Dental care lies on participants’ own expenses.

Application and seat allocation procedure follow the “first come, first served” basis and for each course, an official invitation detailed letter is circulated through official channels and authorities. Expression of interest is taking place through the relevant request (application form) and upon approval, an official confirmation message is following.



# Trainees

**109 Countries\***



**6.008 trainees\***

\*According to MPSOTC data until 25 May 2023


# Courses List

1. **International Humanitarian Law Course (Online)**  
*IHL Course: 15 - 19 Jan 2024 (1 week)*
2. **Security Management in Situational Prevention Course (Online)**  
*SMSP Course: 5 - 16 Feb 2024 (2 weeks)*
3. **NATO Basic Public Affairs Officer Course A**  
*PAO A Course: 26 Feb - 8 Mar 2024 (2 weeks)*
4. **NATO Peace Support Operations Basic Course**  
*BASIC : 15 - 26 Apr 2024 (2 weeks)*
5. **Hostile Environment Awareness Training Course (HEAT)**  
*HEAT Course: 22-26 Apr 2024 (1 week)*
6. **UN Military Observers Course**  
*UNMO Course: 13 - 31 May 2024 (3 weeks)*
7. **NATO PAO Advanced Media Operations Course (PAO Advanced)**  
*NATO Media Ops Course: 10 - 21 Jun 2024 (2 weeks)*
8. **Sea/Land Border Security and Refugees/Arms/Dual-Use Goods Control Course**  
*BSRAGC Course: 1 - 12 Jul 2024 (2 weeks)*
9. **Safety for Journalists School**  
*Sep 2024 (1 week)*
10. **Cultural Property Protection Course (OSCE)**  
*CPP Course: 2- 6 Sep 2024 (1 week)*
11. **Hostile Environment Awareness Training Course**  
*HEAT Course: 9 - 13 Sep 2024 (1 week)*
12. **Building Integrity Course (Online)**  
*BI Course: 23 - 27 Sep 2024 (1 week)*
13. **NATO Strategic Communications Course**  
*STRATCOM Course: 7 – 18 Oct 2024 (2 weeks)*
14. **Integrated Border Management Course (ESDC)**  
*IBM Course: 21 - 25 Oct 2024 (1 week)*
15. **NATO Basic Public Affairs Officer Course B**  
*PAO Basic B Course: 4 - 15 Nov 2024 (2 weeks)*
16. **NATO CIMIC Field Workers Course**  
*NATO CIMIC Field Workers Course: 18 - 29 Nov 2024 (2 weeks)*
17. **Cross Cultural Competency for CSDP Missions and Operations Course (ESDC)**  
*CCC for CSDP Missions & Operations Course: 29 Jan - 2 Feb 2024 (1 week)*


**Remarks:** All Courses' info can be reached through NATO e-PRIME, NATO e-ITEP (ETOC) and EEAS Goalkeeper.

Course Fees for all courses 250€ per person per week, except from HEAT Course. The cancellation policy is included in the confirmation letter.


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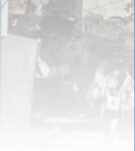


Christina Papageorgiou



## Neutral Intermediary

- Evacuation of wounded from conflict areas
- Access to places of detention under all (Host Country and international authorities)
- Representations to all warring parties in case of violations of IHL
- Facilitating negotiations and release of hostages
- Facilitating



To provide military Officers, including operators and military lawyers, as well as civilians, with the opportunity to learn how to apply the principles and rules of the Humanitarian Law.

ePrime: MPSOTC.12.4  
ETOC: ETE-IT-35526

Purpose

**International Humanitarian Law (Online)**  
LISTED

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;"><u>Learning Topics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principles of International Humanitarian law (IHL)</li> <li>IHL and human right law</li> <li>Judicial and non judicial enforcement IHL</li> <li>Targeting decision making</li> <li>Means and methods of warfare</li> <li>Rules of engagement</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;"><u>Students Criteria</u></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: white;">OR-8 up to OF-5</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: white;">Civilians with relevant work/ professional background</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;"><u>Remarks</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Up to 35 participants (20 slots are available to international trainees)</p>	

**Purpose**

To provide trainees with a minimum required background in order to become capable of planning and conducting security plans for personnel and critical infrastructures. Moreover, to enhance their critical thinking, knowledge and skills to raise their overall security awareness.

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ePrime: MPSOTC.8.6  
ETOC: CTM-CT-35525

## Security Management in Situational Prevention Course (Online) LISTED

### Learning Topics

- Introduction to security management
- National & International legal framework for security
- Service providers
- Terrorism (Modus operandi & characteristics)
- Planning security operations (Risks and threats)
- Cyber security awareness
- Risk analysis & risk management in crisis (theory and practice)
- Close protection team (CPT)
- Critical infrastructure protection
- Civil protection & emergency management agencies
- Intelligence management
- Basic principles of security personnel training
- Field first aid (Theory/Practice)
- Natural/Technical disasters & fire security planning

### Students Criteria

OR-4 up to OF-5

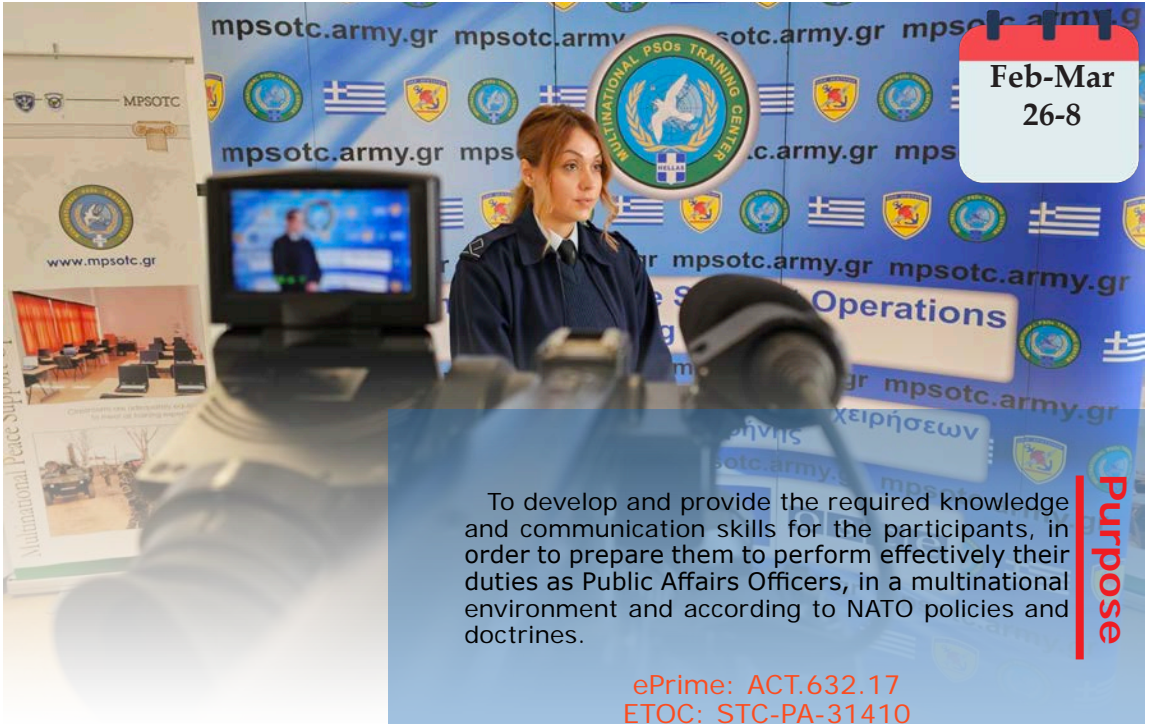
Police Officers & Employees from Public or Private Security Service Sectors.

Civilians with relevant work/ professional background

### Remarks

Up to 35 participants from EU (20 slots are available to international trainees)

Student enrollment is done through a national representative



**NATO Basic Public Affairs Officer Course A**  
**NATO APPROVED**

**Learning Topics**

- NATO PA policy
- NATO strategic communications
- Community relations and internal communications
- The role of press in military history
- Media operations
- Media and information environment
- PA products
- Types of questions
- Organizing and conducting news conferences
- Crisis communications
- Body language

**Students Criteria**

OR-8 up to OF-5  
Civilians with relevant work/  
professional background

**Remarks**

Up to 35 participants (20 slots are  
available to international trainees)



Apr  
15-26

**Purpose**

To prepare Officers, NCOs, Law – Enforcement personnel and civilians for a successful participation in Peace Support Operations led by NATO and International Organizations. Through a variety of different delivered lectures, participants hone their soft skills and acquire the latest knowledge in line with NATO and UN standards.

ePrime: ACT.860.4  
ETOC: MCP-CM-31406

**Peace Support Operations Basic Course**  
**NATO APPROVED**

- Learning Topics**
- PSOs background knowledge
  - Basic principles for PSOs
  - Inspection verification
  - Legal implications for PSOs
  - Cultural awareness
  - Code of conduct
  - Operation techniques (Checkpoint, Observation Post, Patrolling)
  - Soft skills (Negotiation-Mediation, Effective Communication Media Awareness)
  - Mine-IED awareness
  - Self/Buddy first Aid in the field
  - Land navigation techniques (GPS training included)

**Students Criteria**

OR-5 up to OF-3 (Military-Police)

Civilians with relevant work/ professional background

**Remarks**

Up to 35 participants (20 slots are available to international trainees)





**Purpose**

To improve participants' awareness of the multiple threats that are present in hostile field environments. In advance the aim is to train them on the ways and means of dealing with the dangers in an effective manner, in order to increase their survivability.

### Hostile Environment Awareness Training Course

#### Learning Topics

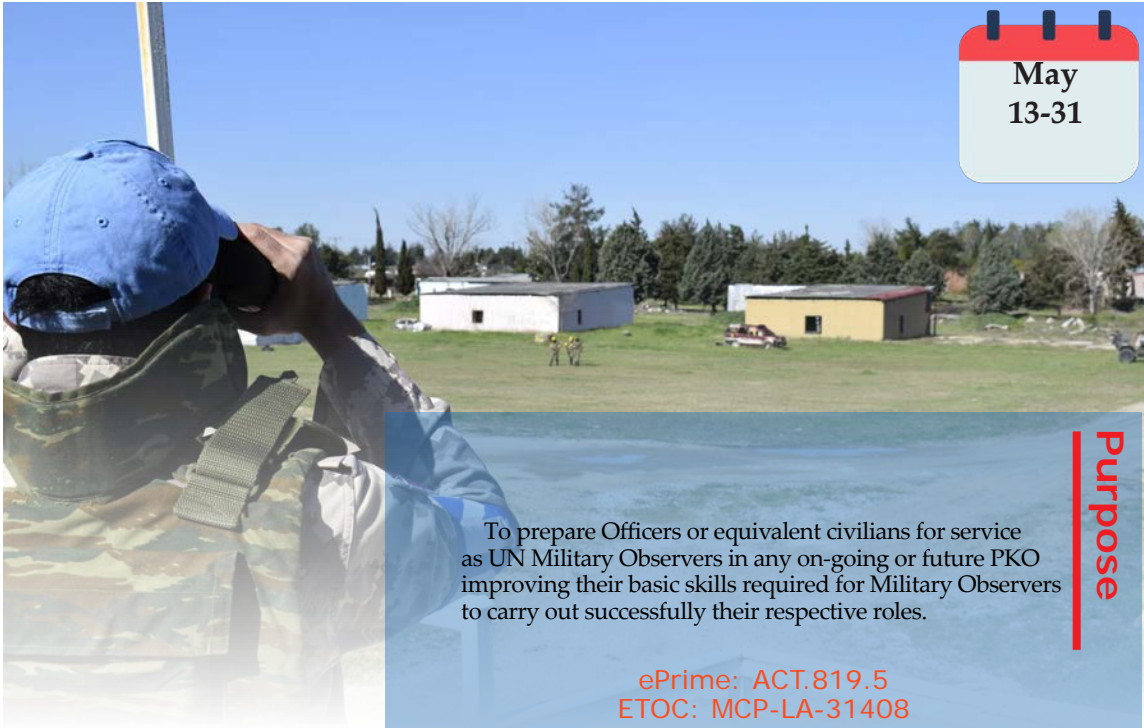
- Personal security awareness
- Communications
- Navigation & Orientation
- Medical skills & health
- Mobile security, explosives & roadblocks
- Hostage and kidnap survival

#### Students Criteria

Military and Civilians from the security sector or with relevant work/professional background

#### Remarks

Up to 20 participants (15 slots are available to international trainees)  
  
Cost will depend on the total number of trainees.



May  
13-31

**Purpose**

To prepare Officers or equivalent civilians for service as UN Military Observers in any on-going or future PKO improving their basic skills required for Military Observers to carry out successfully their respective roles.

ePrime: ACT.819.5  
ETOC: MCP-LA-31408

**UN Military Observers Course**  
UN ACCREDITED  
NATO APPROVED

- Learning Topics**
- Introduction to UN structure, doctrine, principles, SOPs
  - Description of UN PKO legal framework
  - Main field tasks (observation, monitoring, reporting) including field training
  - Dealing with cultural-language differences
  - Negotiation - mediation principles and techniques
  - Media interaction and security swariness
  - Liaison duties, coordination with IO's and NGO's
  - Investigation - Verification
  - Land navigation basic skills
  - Field first aid (theory/practice)
  - UN team management and other staff duties and reports

**Students Criteria**

OF-1 up to OF-4 (Military-Police)

Civilians with relevant work/professional background

**Remarks**

Up to 35 participants (20 slots are available to international trainees)



To prepare personnel for service in a NATO Strategic Communications Directorate Public Affairs Branch as Media Operations specialists.

ePrime: ACT.869.3

Purpose

**NATO PAO Advanced Media Operations Course (PAO Advanced)**  
**NATO APPROVED**

**Learning Topics**

- Plan, synchronize and conduct media operations and media relations activities
- Advise command on media Relations
- Act as NATO military spokesperson
- Crisis communications
- Contribution to information environment awareness
- Use of media products
- Coordination with StratCom and joint effects processes

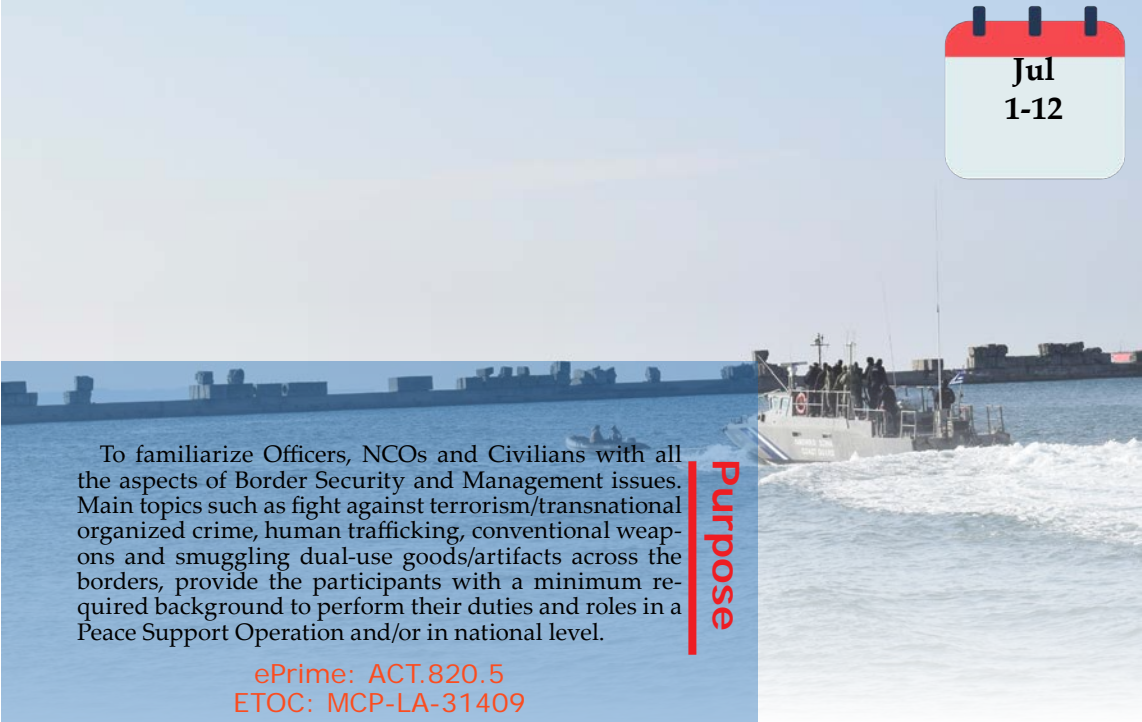
**Students Criteria**

OR-7 to OF-5 (according to assigned duties)

Previous Public Affairs and StratCom training

**Remarks**

Up to 35 students (25 slots reserved for international students)  
 Open to NATO, PfP, MD, ICI and PAoG



To familiarize Officers, NCOs and Civilians with all the aspects of Border Security and Management issues. Main topics such as fight against terrorism/transnational organized crime, human trafficking, conventional weapons and smuggling dual-use goods/artifacts across the borders, provide the participants with a minimum required background to perform their duties and roles in a Peace Support Operation and/or in national level.

**Purpose**

ePrime: ACT.820.5  
ETOC: MCP-LA-31409

**Sea/Land Borders/Security & Refugees/Arms/Dual-Use Goods Control Course**  
**NATO APPROVED**

**Learning Topics**

- Introduction to international organizations (IOs) working on borders management (OSCE-FRONTEX structure, current & future operations on border security)
- IOs-NGOs related with refugees handling (UNHCR, MSF, DRC)
- Cultural awareness (overview)
- Legal framework (Human / Refugee Rights, Rules of Engagement & Use of Force)
- Border control Unit (BCU) organization (Duties, manning, equipment & responsibilities)
- Border checks & controls (operations & techniques)
- Cyber/Financial crime activities
- Risk management
- Field training on border control and coast guard activities & procedures

**Students Criteria**

OF-1 up to OF-4 (Military-Police)  
Civilians with relevant work/professional background

**Remarks**

Up to 35 participants (20 slots are available to international trainees)



# SAFETY OF JOURNALISTS

To increase the readiness of young and professional journalists in dealing with the challenges of a war correspondent in the contemporary battlefield.

**Purpose**

## Safety for Journalists School LISTED

### Learning Topics

- Reporting War and Crises
- Introduction to the operational environment
- Risk Assessment
- Law of armed conflict
- Hostile Environment Awareness Training
- Self-Medical Care in the Field Aid
- Hostage survival
- Information security
- Digital Security
- Procedures and best practices

### Students Criteria

Professional or Student Journalists with or without military affiliation. Student selection and registration will be made with Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

### Remarks

Organized by a consortium of Hellenic MPSOTC, the Course of Journalism and Mass Communications of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Jean Monnet Chair for European Integration Journalism. Student Selection procedures and course fees will vary from other MPSOTC courses



Course's aim is to allow the participants to obtain knowledge and practical skills in order to be capable to address and enhance the Cultural Property Protection topic. Contemporary security environment, legal framework, Transnational Organized Crime, Terrorism, Artifacts' smuggling and the international cooperation are some of the core topics that allow the participants to achieve a holistic approach and make them aware about the root causes of the phenomenon.

**Purpose**

ePrime: MPSOTC.14.5  
ETOC: CMI-CI-25689

**Cultural Property Protection Course**  
OSCE/MPSOTC  
LISTED

**Learning Topics**

- Legal framework governing CPP
- Responsibilities of Armed Forces and Non-State Actors across the spectrum of armed conflict
- Criminological aspects in illicit trade of cultural property
- Contribution of OSCE, UNODC and Interpol to CPP
- Role of GOs, NGOs and IOs in CPP
- Threats, vulnerabilities and risk assessment for CPP in operational environment
- Data collection and risk assessment
- Peacekeeping/support mission in the CPP operational context
- Internet and dark web
- Education in CPP topics
- Responding in the event of evidence of ongoing or recent damage or destruction to cultural property
- INTERPOL - Stolen works of art database
- Proposing best practices for cultural property protection and combating trafficking in CP

**Students Criteria**

OR-8 up to OF-5  
Law Enforcement, Diplomats, Students & Employees from Public or Private Security Service Sectors.  
Civilians with relevant work/professional background

**Remarks**

Up to 35 participants (25 slots are available to international trainees)



**Purpose**

To improve participants' awareness of the multiple threats that are present in hostile field environments. In advance the aim is to train them on the ways and means of dealing with the dangers in an effective manner, in order to increase their survivability.

### Hostile Environment Awareness Training Course

#### Learning Topics

- Personal security awareness
- Communications
- Navigation & Orientation
- Medical skills & health
- Mobile security, explosives & roadblocks
- Hostage and kidnap survival

#### Students Criteria

Military and Civilians from the security sector or with relevant work/professional background

#### Remarks

Up to 20 participants (15 slots are available to international trainees)

Cost will depend on the total number of trainees.

# Building Integrity

Sep  
23-27

To provide trainees the root causes and the results of corruption, mismanagement in the the Defense and Security Sector. Moreover, students will understand how organisational governance and the available toolsets and strategies can contribute, in order a nation and/or an organisation develop resilience mechanisms, and as a result to increase its integrity.

Purpose

ePrime: MPSOTC.13.5  
ETOC: BIT-BI-35527

## Building Integrity Course (Online) LISTED

### Learning Topics

- Good governance
- Corruption root causes
- Legal framework
- Risk analysis and management
- Ethics and cultural dimensions
- Rule of law
- Corruption and security issues
- Corruption prevention strategies in operations and missions
- Strategy and tools for BI
- Role of media on tackling corruption within BI

### Students Criteria

OR-8 up to OF-5 (Military and Police)  
Civilians with relevant work/professional background

### Remarks

Up to 35 participants from EU (20 slots are available to international trainees)





To provide students with necessary knowledge and skills on Strategic Communication (StratCom) and Info Ops, in accordance with relevant NATO training material (unclassified).

ePrime: ACT.813.5  
ETOC: STC-ST-35524

**NATO Strategic Communications Course**  
NATO APPROVED

- Learning Topics**
- Introduction to NATO StratCom Concept & Policy
  - StratCom organisational structure
  - Analysis of the information environment
  - Introduction to NATO Info Ops policy
  - Introduction to NATO comprehensive operational planning
  - NATO Public Affairs and StratCom
  - NATO PSYOPS and Info Ops
  - NATO CMI/CIMIC and Info Ops
  - NATO Cyber Warfare and Info Ops
  - NATO Hybrid Warfare and Info Ops
  - Key Leader Engagement (KLE) Techniques

**Students Criteria**

OF-1 up to OF-4  
Civilians with relevant work/  
professional background

**Remarks**

Up to 35 participants (20 slots  
are available to international  
trainees)



Oct  
21-25

**Purpose**  
To provide participants with basic Knowledge of EU Integrated Border Management (IBM) concept. During the course students will be familiarized with the EU legislation, the inter and Intra agencies cooperation in EU, and how the military could play a supportive role to this function.

**Integrated Border Management Course (ESDC)**  
MPSOTC/ESDC

- Learning Topics**
- Concept of EU IBM
  - EU legislation for IBM
  - Military role in IBM
  - Inter and Intra cooperation among border management agencies
  - Lessons learned from Greece during migration crisis

**Students Criteria**

OF-1 up to OF-5 (Military and Police)

Staff personnel from EU institutions and Agencies

**Remarks**

Up to 35 participants from EU (20 slots are available to international trainees)

Student enrollment is done through a national representative



**NATO Basic Public Affairs Officer Course B**  
**NATO APPROVED**

**Learning Topics**

- NATO PA policy
- NATO strategic communications
- Community relations and internal communications
- The role of press in military history
- Media operations
- Media and information environment
- PA products
- Types of questions
- Organizing and conducting news conferences
- Crisis communications
- Body language
- Basic training as a spokesperson

**Students Criteria**

OR-8 up to OF-5  
 Civilians with relevant work/  
 professional background

**Remarks**

Up to 35 participants (20 slots  
 are available to international  
 trainees)



To provide the participants with a set of skills on Civil-Military Cooperation at the tactical level, based on NATO Doctrine and Manuals. This will enable the military personnel to be deployed as CIMIC Field workers' in NATO missions and the civilians understand what NATO CIMIC stand for.

**Purpose**

ePrime: ACT.845.4  
ETOC: CMI-CM-31412

**NATO CIMIC Field Workers Course**  
**NATO APPROVED**

**Learning Topics**

- Background Knowledge of CIMIC
- CIMIC organization and doctrine
- Structure and functionality of IOs and NGOs
- Approach to CIMIC core functions
- Principles of CIMIC
- Staff duties, techniques and procedures
- Media relations
- Negotiation and liaison principles and techniques
- CIMIC meetings
- Working with interpreters
- Working in a CIMIC Center
- Practical training, syndicate work and CIMIC exercise
- Protection of civilians in PSOs

**Students Criteria**

OR-8 up to OF-5  
Civilians with relevant work/  
professional background

**Remarks**

Up to 35 participants (20 slots  
are available to international  
trainees)



**Purpose**

To provide the fundamentals of understanding the cultural environment in a CSDP mission and to provide the participants with a comprehensive set of cross-cultural knowledge and skills. Moreover, this knowledge will reduce the risks of possible cultural related issues, including misbehaviours and misunderstandings.

**Cross Cultural Competency for CSDP Missions and Operations Course (ESDC) MPSOSTC/ESDC**

**Learning Topics**

- Cross-cultural competence in fragile and conflict environments
- Applying civilian and military methods to cultural awareness and operationalisation of culture
- Interagency cooperation
- Multicultural project management and leadership
- Cultural self-awareness reinforcing the affective aspect of learning
- Cross-cultural communication and negotiation in security and defence contexts
- Cultural Intelligence
- Risk analysis regarding cultural challenges
- Building Integrity as part of a culture
- Applying cross-cultural competence at strategic and policy level
- Cross-cultural competence (3C) for security purposes, including ethical considerations and decisions
  - Cultural awareness, including cultural, gender, ethnic, religious and professional identity.
- Good practices of cross-cultural competence
- Applying lessons learned
- Case studies and contemporary issues regarding cultural awareness and its operationalisation

**Students Criteria**

Staff personnel (Military and Civilians) from EU institutions and Agencies who are assigned to be deployed or already deployed in a CSDP mission

**Remarks**

Up to 35 participants from EU (20 slots are available to international trainees)

Student enrollment is done through a national representative

# Cultural Events



Visits to Vergina Archaeological Site where the Greek archaeologist Manolis Andronikos unearthed the burial site of the Macedonian kings, including the tomb of Philip II, father of Alexander the Great. Some of the most impressive and important exhibits from the Macedonian dominated period of the Greek history

Visits to the War Museum of Thessaloniki where are exhibited more than 10000 memorabilia presenting significant shapes of modern era's history of Greece. Also visits to Fort Rupel in Serres, a fortress at the North border of



Central Macedonia, Greece, built in 1914. Became famous for its defence during the German invasion of Greece in April 1941, where German and Bulgarian armies were completely stopped due to this.



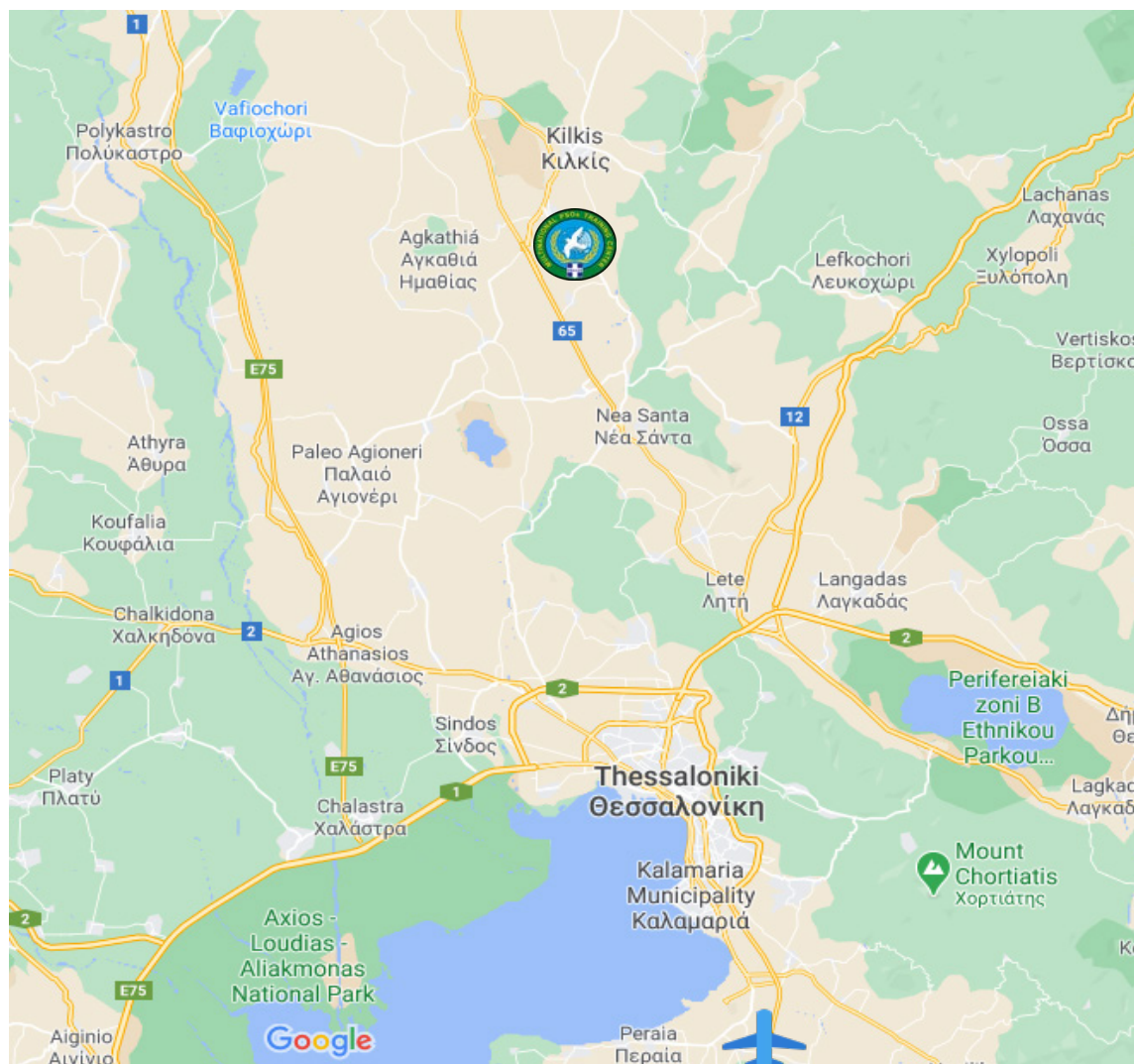
Visits to the Museum of the Macedonian Struggle. The museum has the richest collection of memorabilia and historical facts and findings from the time of Macedonian Struggle, aiming to preserve and spread the memory of Greek fights for the liberation of Macedonia.



# Premises



# Regional Info



The municipality of Kilkis is located 48 km north of the city of Thessaloniki, and 66 kilometres from the international Thessaloniki airport "MAKEDONIA" (SKG). It covers 323,8 square kilometres and its population is about 25.000. Kilkis is the economic, commercial and cultural centre of the region.

Banking services are available, including ATMs. The use of most common credit cards (Visa, Diners, Master Card, etc.) is possible almost everywhere. There is no currency exchange service in Kilkis and for your convenience, it is advisable to exchange currency, prior to your arrival, into euros (€).



# Accessibility

Our center can be accessed through:



**AIR:** Via “MAKEDONIA” (SKG) International airport of Thessaloniki and then by train, bus or car, in less than 60 min. From “MAKEDONIA” Airport via bus No 78 to railway terminal or shuttle bus terminal.

**TRAIN:** Thessaloniki railway terminal, is located in the heart of the city. It is accessible with bus line No 01X starting from the airport. The Railway station of Kilkis, is about 400m, from MPSOTC main gate.



**SHUTTLE BUS:** Thessaloniki bus terminal is located in the heart of the city. It is accessible with bus line No 01X starting from the airport. Daily departures, connect the city with Kilkis almost every hour.

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BUT TO MY TEACHER FOR LIVING WELL»

ALEXANDER THE GREAT



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