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INVITATION
For “Cultural Property Protection” Pilot Course 2020
31 Aug – 04 Sep 2020
at MPSOTC Greece

1. Background

To serve Peace Support Operations (PSOs) training tasks and requirements, MPSOTC conducts several Courses per year for personnel categories that include troops, staff officers, observers / monitors, civil servants, policemen / law enforcement and civilians. One of these courses is the “Cultural Property Protection” Pilot Course, which will be held from **31 Aug – 04 Sep 2020**.

The maximum number of slots at the course is 35; however, the international students cannot exceed 25. Available slots is limited to 3 per interesting nation, but in order to encourage the largest possible international participation, each nation may bid for reserve slots as well. The closing date for bids is the **16th of August 2020**.

2. Course Specification

a. Accreditation

The “Cultural Property Protection” Pilot Course is the result of cooperation between MPSOTC and OSCE.

b. Purpose and Aim

The overall purpose of the course is to familiarize Officers, NCOs and Civilians with all aspects of Cultural Property Protection, including the responsibilities of Armed Forces and Non-State Actors, Data Collection and Risk Assessment, Education in CPP Topics across the spectrum of armed conflict. The overall aim of the course is to develop and improve the skills and knowledge of each student, in order to be capable of establishing, organizing, manning, equipping Cultural Property Protection units/teams and to provide a basic training on issues related to the personnel with relevant duties.

c. Objectives

Through general orientation, within one-week theory and practice, students will receive:



- 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
- Aspects of Internet/Dark Web. Illicit Trafficking of Antiquities Regulation Prospects.
- Education and Training 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

d. Student Criteria

To be eligible to attend the “Cultural Property Protection” Pilot Course, nominees must fulfill the following criteria:

- Military Personnel with a general military background experience from national duties.
- Military Personnel ranking from OR-8 (Master Sergeant) to OF-5 (Colonel).
- Law Enforcement Personnel ranking from OR-8 to OF-5 (army equivalent).
- Civilians and employees coming from Private Security Sector or relevant background.



- Public servants are equally welcomed from other levels of governance i.e. Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Defense, Environment, Culture and Internal Affairs as well.

- Language proficiency: Non-native English-speaking Students must have the following proficiency standards in English, as described in NATO STANAG 6001: **Listening: Good (3), Speaking: Fair (2), Reading: Good (3) and Writing: Fair (2).**

- For non-military personnel, same language proficiency is needed, according to the relevant international standards for language competence.

e. Security Clearance

The course will be conducted at **UNCLASSIFIED** level. Security clearance is not required.

f. Course Duration

From **31 Aug to 04 Sep 2020 (08:00 – 14:30 daily).**

g. Course Fees

Full course tuition fees cost is **130 €** (Euros) per person (total) and includes:

- Transportation from/to “MAKEDONIA” airport in Thessaloniki (SKG) on arrival and departure days;
- Daily shuttle service from/to hotels in Kilkis;
- Course relevant material;
- Social ice-breaking on starting day and “farewell dinner”;
- Social events (visit to archaeological sites or other cultural events).

h. Finance and Subsidies

- Salaries and allowances for participants remain under responsibility of the sending party, in accordance with the pertinent national regulations.

- Travel costs, hotel accommodation and daily meals will be a students’ responsibility.

- MPSOTC maintains a special agreement with three local hotels in Kilkis vicinity. Special discounts apply, by stating that you are an MPSOTC student.

- Transportation from/to “MAKEDONIA” int. airport in Thessaloniki,



Greece is provided for free, for all students, by MPSOTC. Please notify in advance about your flight details.

- MPSOTC maintains a special cooperation with two of the local restaurants, where you can enjoy your meal / dinner at discounted pricing (simply state that you are MPSOTC student).

i. Currency and Banking

Currency in Greece is Euro (€). Banking system and large shops normally accept most of the international credit cards.

j. Medical Emergencies

Students will receive, during the Course, all necessary treatment in case of medical emergencies, through the provided military medical support.

k. Dress Code

Students will have to carry up, Field Uniform (military) or “Smart Casual” (civilians) during training and opening/closing ceremonies. For social events, semi-formal or business casual attire is required.

3. Student Allocation Procedure

a. Student Joining Report – Application Form

Student’s Joining Report – Application Form should be sent to MPSOTC **not later than August 16th, 2020**. MPSOTC reserves the right to elaborate requests received later than the aforementioned date, if slots are available.

It is important that the invitation itself is reaching out the student on time, since it contains essential information. MPSOTC will be able to provide a read ahead package with useful material, prior the Course’s start, such as joining report, Course curriculum, etc.

b. Point of Contact (POC)

In the joining report – application form, a national point of contact (POC) should be mentioned, that authorizes the participant to attend the course. Skip this step if the application forms are attached to an official letter from national MoD, MFA, NATO HQ, embassy, etc.

c. VISA Application (Non-EU Citizens)

All trainees coming from abroad are required to have a valid passport to



satisfy border control measures.

VISA is a mandatory issue. Please advise your local authorities for visa requirements before you start planning your trip.

VISA arrangement procedures for non-EU citizens are a students' responsibility.

d. Arrival and Departure Timings

As mentioned before, transportation from/to "MAKEDONIA" Int. Airport (SKG) in Thessaloniki / GREECE is provided for free, by MPSOTC after request.

When in Kilkis, students will be picked up at 07.30 a.m. from their respective hotels, Monday to Friday from 31 Aug to 04 Sep 2020. Students should plan to leave MPSOTC after 14:00 a.m. hrs. on Friday 04th of Sep, depending on their flight details. Any activity in Greece after that time shall be on the individual student's expenses.

e. Application Process

The course application form can be found online at: <https://mpsotc.army.gr> (downloads section) and is also attached to this document. The application should be sent electronically to MPSOTC.

All timely received application forms will be processed, and the student will be informed regarding their request, through an official answer for their participations' acceptance or not. Copies of student's passports or IDs are required for participation approval.

f. POC for Administration and Other questions

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