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SUBJECT: NATO Weapons Intelligence Team Course, Romania, Counter Improvised Explosive Device Centre of Excellence, 05 May – 22 May 2020.

DATE: 02 March 2020

REFERENCES: A. AC/259-N(2019)0017 VNCF WIT Training 2020 Project Description and Call for Support

1. NATO and Interoperability Platform Nations are invited to attend the NATO Weapons Intelligence Team Course in the facilities Romanian Engineering and EOD Training Centre/Romania, during the period 05 May – 22 May 2020. The course will be conducted by the C-IED COE in cooperation with the Romanian Ministry of National Defense (MoND), and in accordance with the Voluntary National Contribution Fund (VNCF) described at references A and B. Application deadline is 3 April 2020.

2. The WIT course provides Level One C-IED Exploitation capability to respond reactively to incidents involving the use of IEDs in land environment.

3. Should you have any questions, please contact the C-IED COE or ROU MoND Points of Contact, included in the Annex A.

José Antonio Cruz Moro
Colonel ESP Army
Director

ANNEXES:
A. Details of C-IED Weapons Intelligence Team (WIT) Course
B. Personnel Application Form (PAF)

1 Interoperability Platform members: Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Finland, Georgia, Ireland, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, New Zealand, Republic of North Macedonia, Serbia, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Ukraine, and the United Arab Emirates.
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INTEROPERABILITY PLATFORM NATIONS
COE C-IED Sponsoring Nations

Information:

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CAN - CAF C-IED TF
DETAILS OF C-IED WEAPONS INTELLIGENCE TEAM (WIT) COURSE

1. Execution

a. Joining instructions

The aim is to provide essential WIT training to people posted in national training facilities and/or prior to arrival in theatre. The course is open to NATO and Interoperability Platform Nations. Only nations who are able to fulfil these criteria should apply for the limited places on this course. Applications will be processed by C-IED COE.

Nations wishing to apply on these courses should follow the guidance bellow:

Candidates wishing to attend this course should follow the guidance bellow:

Go to “Courses register” through https://ciedcoe.org/index.php/courses-events and select WIT in ‘Courses or Events’. Fill in all the information required and submit the form.

In case you have troubles getting the webpage, contact the C-IED COE Course Assistant requesting an electronic version of the Personnel Application Form (Annex B). Once completed electronically, send it back to the C-IED COE Course Assistant.
In any case, be sure that the PAF is complete; otherwise the application will not be considered successful.

If nations request more than one attendant for the course, they are kindly asked to prioritize their attendees.

Applications after the deadline will not be accepted because the course list will be closed and announced to the participants. No shows without early cancellation will officially be reported to Nations.

- **Application deadline** is 3 April 2020.
- All applicants are to receive confirmation/regret form C-IED COE to their e-mail addresses within a couple of days after the application deadline. **No travel arrangements should be made prior to receiving formal confirmation** of their position allocations. Attendees have to bring copies of their travel order, PAF and NATO or NATIONAL Security Clearance (for non-NATO members).
- Those, who are selected, have to contact the Romanian Engineering and EOD Training Centre/Romania, in order to arrange the real live support issues (hotel, transportation, ETA – ETD).

b. Coordinating Instructions

Dates and Duty Hours: 0830-1700 Mon to Fri. Timings can be extended if needed.

04 May - Travel day for attendees & Instructor’s meeting
05 May – 22 May - Course days.
22 May (NBT 14:30) – Course & travel day

**It is essential that all students comply with these timings as personnel arriving late or leaving early will have a detrimental effect on the course and the host nation support. The final day of the course will end promptly at 14:30.**

c. Course Details:

(1) This is a tactical level course. Students must be prepared to undertake various tactical tasks, situations and other scenarios, as the instruction requires.

(2) Security Clearance. The Course security classification is NATO RESTRICTED. Please bring your current national (for Partner nations) or NATO security clearance (for NATO nations). Participants will be required to show the Security Clearance Certificate during the in-processing. **Without such a certificate, entry to the course will not be authorized.** Please remember to take also your ID to access the Romanian Engineering and EOD Training Centre facilities.

(3) Language profile. An adequate understanding of written and spoken English is required. In accordance with STANAG 6001, a level 3232 is recommended to gain maximum benefit and success in the course.
Course Loading. The Course can train up to 20 WIT students. Authority for allocations is C-IED COE. In case of oversubscription, the priorities for seat allocation will be:

(a) Personnel posted in national training facilities aimed to develop national WIT training capabilities;
(b) Personnel deploying on NATO recognized op in WIT/Tech Exploitation role within 6 months;
(c) Personnel deploying on NATO recognized op in WIT/Tech Exploitation role within 12 months;
(d) Personnel likely to deploy on NATO recognized op in WIT /Tech Exploitation role more that 12 months away;
(e) Personnel deploying on NATO recognized op in other role within 12 months.

In event of oversubscription and within bounds of the priorities above, C-IED COE will endeavor to spread course loading across nations before any nation is allocated more than 2 vacancies;

If nations have requested more places than they are allocated, they will be asked to prioritize their attendees.

d. Legal. NATO Status Agreements define the status afforded to NATO International Military Headquarters and to their staffs:

(1) The NATO SOFA (Status of Forces Agreement; 19 June 1951);
(2) The Status of NATO, National Representatives and International Personnel Agreement (Ottawa Agreement, 20 September 1951);
(3) The Status of International Military HQ Agreement set up pursuant to the NAT (Paris Protocol, 28 August 1952);

Therefore, the status of participants from Nations party to the NATO SOFA is defined under these Agreements unless other arrangements are made. This is recalled in regard to waiver of immigration and Visa requirements for military personnel traveling on travel orders and national ID, as well as jurisdiction claims and import and re-export of equipment and similar facilities granted under the status agreements.

Participants who require a Visa to enter Romania, need to make own arrangements by requesting Visas through Embassies or Consulates of Romania in their country of origin. If required, the Romanian Engineering and EOD Training Centre, can provide a certificate supporting the Visa request process. In that case, applicants are requested to provide full name as stated in the Passport and the passport number to the Romanian Engineering and EOD Training Centre POC stated below in due time.

e. Advanced Distributed Learning (ADL) course as Prerequisite for Resident course.

To join the resident WIT course phase, it is mandatory to successfully complete an e-learning ADL WIT phase. Students must create an account at the JADL portal [https://jadl.act.nato.int/](https://jadl.act.nato.int/) and request to join the [ADL 208 Weapons Intelligence Team (WIT) Prerequisite Course](https://jadl.act.nato.int/) under the tab Courses\NATO\NATO COEs\C-IED COE.)
Only nominated personnel will get access to the ADL course after the deadline.

**ADL POC:** OR-7 Óscar Fernandez Alonzo (Master Sergeant ESP AF)
Phone no +34 918561066 Email (UNCLASS): ofernandez@ciedcoe.org

**f. Miscellaneous.**

(1) Further Course dates: This course is the first iteration of 2020. Another iteration is planned for 2020 (Sep 2020) in Hungary.

(2) Laptops/CD-ROMs: Students are allowed to bring laptops to the Romanian Engineering and EOD Training Centre. The MoND will provide computers for each WIT working team inside the classroom. Laptops could be useful after working hours to review documentation.

2. **Service Support**

a. Romanian Engineering and EOD Training Centre Location:

   **31st Tudor Vladimirescu Blvd., Ramnicu Valcea, 240191, Romania**

   45°06'20.4"N 24°22'20.9"E 45.105655, 24.372481

b. Costs for food and accommodation.

   (1) Accommodation: The Romanian Engineering and EOD Training Centre have arranged accommodation at the Hotel Simfonia, Ramnicu Valcea, www.hotelsimfonia.ro. A special rate approximately **63 EUR** (standard room for single use/ night, including breakfast, free parking and other services) has been negotiated.

   Once they are notified of their acceptance, students are responsible for their individual bookings via the hotel's own online booking system at e-mail address: contact@hotelsimfonia.ro (please emphasize for WIT 20#1). Is important for you to provide the e-mail address to where you would like to receive the confirmation.

   Hotel phone number: +40 350 800 000, mobile front desk number: +40 737 577 606. Credit card payment is accepted at the hotel. Prices have been given in EUR as a guide; note that all invoices will be issued in RON.

   Reservation deadline: 14 days before the arrival. After the deadline Hotel can only confirm requests depending on its availability.

   There are alternative accommodation possibilities in Ramnicu Valcea, within close walking range of the Romanian Engineering and EOD Training Centre (1 km approx.):

   **Hotel Castel***

   5th General Praporgescu St.
   TEL: +40 250 738 473
Please remind that the free daily transportation will be provided only from/to the Hotel Simfonia.

Having submitted your reservation, students have to contact Romanian Engineering and EOD Training Centre, POC Major Gabriel MIHALACHE, mihalache.gabriel@forter.ro.

Romanian Engineering and EOD Training Centre cannot provide on-post lodging. Any other lodging options should be discussed with Major Gabriel MIHALACHE, mihalache.gabriel@forter.ro.

(2) Meals: Breakfast for hotel guests will be provided at the hotel, between 07:00-07:50. Lunch will be provided at the Romanian Engineering and EOD Training Centre, only on working days for a price of 30 RON (app. 6 EUR). Those who request special diet, please inform POC about food restrictions.

c. In-processing and course administration fee:

All participants will be in-processed during the first day of the course. In-processing will start 05 May at 08:30 hrs at the Romanian Engineering and EOD Training Centre. There will be a course fee of **600,00 RON** (app. 125 EUR) to be collected during registration. Attendees from C-IED COE Sponsoring Nations are excluded (CZE, DEU, ESP, FRA, GRE, HUN, NLD, PRT, ROU, SWE, TUR and USA).

Administration fee/ working days lunch will be paid only cash in RON (Romanian currency).

d. Transportation

(1) From and to the Bucharest Henri Coanda International Airport. Transportation from/to the Airport to/from the Hotel Simfonia Ramnicu Valcea or the above mentioned hotels it will be provided as following: a bus will be dedicated to all WIT participants, waiting at the Bucharest Henri Coanda International Airport (OTP) and it will be available on 04 May between 1500-1700 hours. The hours could be subject of changing depending on majority students’ arrival time. For those who arrive later, the Simfonia Hotel can provide airport pick-up service for a fee of /one way, between 09:00 – 18:00 and **140EUR/one way** between 18:00- 06:00 (for those who have accommodation booked at Simfonia Hotel).

(2) For those who do not want to use the military transportation can use public transportation. For more information and guidance please contact ROU POC.
(3) Daily transportation from/to Romanian Engineering and EOD Training Centre. During the course Romanian Engineering and EOD Training Centre will provide free of charge daily transportation between the Base (training area) and the Hotel Simfonia according to the details provided in the course agenda. Participants will be picked up at the hotel 08.00 on the first day of the courses respectively.

e. Dress code:

Attendees are expected to wear battle dress/field uniforms (or civilian equivalent) with appropriate boots. Please check the weather forecast close to the start of the course for the specificity of the weather and bring appropriate clothing.

3. Command and Signal

a. POC for the Romanian Engineering and EOD Training Centre (Real Life Support):

OF-3 Gabriel MIHALACHE (Major ROU Army)
Work Phone: +40 250 736 901, extension 179
FAX: +40 250 735 673 Cell: +40 748 152 651
Email (UNCLASS): mihalache.gabriel@forter.ro

b. POC for COE (Applications):

OR-7 Óscar FERNANDEZ ALONSO (Master Sergeant ESP AF)
Phone no +34 91856 1066
Email (UNCLASS): ofernandez@ciedcoe.org
Please include as CC WIT generic address WIT@ciedcoe.org in all WIT course related emails.

c. Questions on course content and curriculum can be referred to:

OF-3 Jesus BURGOS (Major ESP Army)
d. **Partner Nations’ applications** should be sent to the POC in **Military Partnerships Directorate**, Activity Coordination in Norfolk, USA, and as **information to the C-IED COE POC**. For questions on subsidization, please contact the financial POC at MCD SENF.

**Interoperability Platform Nations Applications.** Military Partnerships Directorate – MPD - SENF Activity Coordination, Norfolk, Virginia, USA:

OF-3 Mehmet Cakir, (Major TUR A)
Phone no +1 757 747 4180
Email: Mehmetumut.Cakir@act.nato.int

**Interoperability Platform Nations Financial Reimbursements.** MCD – SENF Fund Manager, Norfolk, Virginia, USA:

Mrs. Anna Hires
Phone no +1 757 747 4190; Fax no +1 757 747 4176
Email: anna.hires@act.nato.int
4. **Breakdown of the WIT Course Programme**

The training will consist of ADL-based theoretical lessons, classroom-based theoretical lessons, practical training and demonstrations; syndicate based planning sessions and live and non-live explosive exercise. Land centric environments will be covered by lessons, demonstrations and exercises.

Lesson Modules:
- NATO C-IED approach and Weapons Intelligence Process.
- Global Threat
- Tactical and Forensics Photography
- Military, Commercial and Homemade Explosives
- Forensics Techniques
- Electronics
- Conventional Weapons and IDF
- Crater & Fragmentation Analysis
- Questioning Techniques
- WIT Procedures and Scene Investigation Procedures
- WIT Reporting and Visual Record. Chain of Custody
- Make-up of an IED & Device Types
- Victim Operated IEDs
- Time Initiated IEDs
- Command Operated IEDs
- Vehicle Borne IEDs
- Personal Borne IEDs
- Bomb Factory Exploitation Procedures
- IED Events & Adversary TTPs
- IED case study
- Terrorist Tactical Design
- Water Borne IEDs
- Explosives Demo
- Photography Practical
- Forensics Practical
- Search Practical
- Terrorist Tactical Design Practical
- Documents and Media Exploitation (DOMEX)
- UAS Exploitation
- Off-Scene processing procedures
- Demo Task
- Exercise SLOW START (Non-live explosive exercises)
- Exercise SAND BOX (Live explosive exercises)
ANNEX B TO
C-IED COE S051-2020
DATED: 02 March 2020

Personnel Application Form (PAF)
for Weapons Intelligence Team (WIT) Training 05 May- 22 May 2020
(to be sent NLT 3 April 2020)

E-mail to: to ofernandez@ciedcoe.org (copy to WIT@ciedcoe.org and jburgos@ciedcoe.org)
or Fax to: +34 918562390

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