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SUBJECT: Calling Notice for Homemade Explosives Course - Advanced
 (HMEC-A) – Slovakia, 6-10 July 2020.

DATE: January 2020

1. Based on the NATO/IP customers demand on education and training in EOD area, the NATO EOD COE delivers Homemade Explosives Course - Advanced (HMEC-A).
2. NATO/IP nations are invited to attend the HMEC-A which will take place from **6 - 10 July 2020** at the Military Training Area (MTA) Lest, Slovakia.
3. **Deadline for registration is 24 April 2020.** The maximum number of seats available for the course is limited to 16 students.
4. HMEC-A provides NATO/IP EOD personnel with training on Homemade Explosives (HME) site identification, processing and safe disposal of hazardous material.
5. The HMEC-A course is recorded in NATO Education and Training Opportunities Catalogue (ETOC) as listed course. All of the latest course details are posted on EOD COE Website <https://www.eodcoe.org>
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ANNEXES:

A. Student Information Guide

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ANNEX A

to Calling Notice for HME-A, 6-10 JULY 2020

ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE

1. GENERAL OVERVIEW

a) Scope:

The HMEC-Advanced will be delivered by the EOD COE in cooperation with partnering institution – US Department of Justice Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

The course includes instructions and training on HME characteristics and hazards, recognition of a wide variety of HME precursors, as well as HME manufacturing facilities, HME scene safety and security. The students get an opportunity to utilize a unique hands-on approach to learning that combines classroom instruction, improvised laboratory, range demonstrations, and site exploitation-based training.

b) Aim:

The HME Advanced Course introduces responding personnel to the precursors used by criminals and terrorists in the manufacturing process of homemade explosives, along with the synthesized finished explosive mixtures. Students learn to identify the hazards of mixed or partially mixed precursor chemicals, identify unknown materials and related hazards, process a scene for evidentiary purposes and safely remove and dispose of these hazards.

c) Target Audience:

Applicants should preferably be EOD Qualified personnel, WTI specialists or SOF from NATO/PfP countries.

Language skills: IAW STANAG 6001, an adequate understanding of written and spoken English is expected from the course attendees. SLP 2222 is recommended as the minimum level of proficiency.

d) Learning Objectives:

1. Explain properties of HME and their precursors.
2. Demonstrate HME manufacturing Processes and equipment.
3. Operate equipment supporting HME scene processing.
4. Process clandestine explosives laboratory.

Students should be aware that the **HMEC-A is aggressively scheduled (extremely busy) course** that also requires evening and/or night classes/training.

e) Security Classification:

The overall security classification of the course is NATO UNCLASSIFIED.

f) Training Area:

Whole course will be organized and delivered at the **Military Training Area (MTA) Lest, Slovakia**. Be aware that **the course is not held in the city of Trencin, where the EOD COE is located!**

2. EXECUTION

Attendees are expected to arrive to the city of Zvolen no later than **Monday 6 July 2020, 07:00 AM**.

The pick-up point will be in front of the hotel FRANKO, Ludovita Stura (street) 520/11, Zvolen. The EOD COE bus will pick course attendees up and drive to MTA Lest.

a) Registration:

Nations applying for seats on this course should follow the instructions listed below:

1. Contact the EOD COE Point of Contact (Admin Officer) by official e-mail, sending an **electronic version of the Registration Form, which** is available at the following link: <https://eodcoe.org/en/education-training/education-individual-training-eampt-activities-2020/hmec-advanced/4> The registration deadline is set on **24 April 2020. Registration Forms submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.**
2. All applicants will receive a confirmation letter or a regret letter from the Admin Officer **NLT 07 May 2020. It is highly recommended that no applicant start managing the arrangements before receiving the confirmation of admission to the course!**

b) In-processing:

All attendees will be in-processed during the 1st day of the course (6 July 2020). In-processing will be carried out from **08:00 till 09:00 AM** in the Central Briefing Room within the Department of Simulation Technologies building of MTA Lest. During in-processing each attendee should be in possession of:

- ID card (e.g. passport) as listed in the registration form,
- NATO travel order/equivalent.

c) Course fee: A course administration fee of **285 € per attendee** will be collected on the first day of the course. Course fee does not apply for students from EOD COE Sponsoring Nations (CZE, HUN, POL, ROU and SVK).

d) Dress code:

The dress code will be Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) for military personnel and casual clothes for civilians, members of law enforcement and/or intelligence cells. Each attendee is advised to bring his/her waterproof jacket and adverse weather gear. **Each attendee is required to bring a service Battle Vest (no plates are required) and Helmet.** These will be frequently worn during the training scenarios.

3. SERVICE SUPPORT

a) Transportation:

Arrival by air / bus:

The recommended airport is Vienna (AUSTRIA). To reach the city of Zvolen attendees can use a rental car or public transportation means (bus).

Bus itineraries (schedules) can be found on the following web pages:

- <https://cp.hnonline.sk/bus/spojenie/> (please note that information is available in English and German language).

b) Accommodation details:

The attendees are responsible for their own accommodation arrangements in the city of Zvolen. Recommended accommodation facility is Hotel FRANKO and Pension FRANKO, since this location will be a daily EOD COE bus pick-up location.

c) Meals

As long as the availability of dining facilities is limited within the MTA Lest, **students are recommended to bring their daily meal for each course day** (including the first day of the course). There will be a kitchen available for students equipped with fridge, microwave oven, dishes, as well as basic refreshment in the form of water, soft beverages, tea, coffee and various snacks (sweet and salty).

d) Real life information:

Slovakia is part of European Union; cash money is Euro.

State emergency – all services: 112

Ambulance: 155

Fire brigade: 150

Police: 158