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   proficiency

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SUBJECT:                Calling Notice for Homemade Explosives Course - Advanced, Slovakia,  
 23 – 27 June 2025

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1. Based on the NATO requirements on education and training in the 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 in the Military Training Area (MTA) Lest, Slovakia, from **23 to 27 June 2025**.
3. The deadline for registration is **02 May 2025**. 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 as a listed course in the NATO Education and Training Opportunities Catalogue (ETOC). All of the latest course details are posted on the NATO EOD COE website: <https://www.eodcoe.org/en/education-training/education-individual-training-eit-activities-2025/hmec-advanced/>
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A. Student Information Guide

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**ANNEX A**

to Calling Notice for HMEC-A, 23-27JUN2025

**ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE**

**1. GENERAL OVERVIEW**

a) Scope:

The HMEC-Advanced will be delivered by the EOD COE in cooperation with the 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 various HME precursors, HME manufacturing facilities, and HME scene safety and security. The students get an opportunity to utilise 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/IP 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 the 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 know that the HMEC-A is an aggressively scheduled (extremely busy) course requiring evening classes/training.

e) Security Classification:

The overall security classification of the course is NATO UNCLASSIFIED.

f) Training Area:

The whole course will be organised and delivered at the **Military Training Area (MTA) Lest, Slovakia**. Be aware that the course is not held in Trencin, where the EOD COE is located.

## 2. EXECUTION

Attendees are expected to arrive in Zvolen **NLT on Monday 23 June 2025, at 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://www.eodcoe.org/en/education-training/education-individual-training-eit-activities-2025/hmec-advanced/>**
2. In case of any issues, contact the EOD COE Point of Contact (Admin) by e-mail.
3. Do not begin the registration process without resolving your course financing.
4. The registration deadline is set on **02 May 2025**. Registration Forms submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.
5. All applicants will receive a confirmation or regret letter from the Admin Officer **NLT on 9 May 2025**. It is strongly advised that no applicant starts managing arrangements before receiving confirmation of acceptance to the course.

### b) In-processing:

All attendees will be in-processed during the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the course (23 June 2025). In-processing will occur from **08:00 to 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 is 860 € per attendee. The method of payment will be indicated in the Confirmation Letter. Course fees do not apply to students from the NATO EOD COE Sponsoring Nations (CZE, HUN, POL, ROU and SVK) and NCS.

### 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 must bring a service Battle Vest (no plates are required) and a helmet.** These will be frequently worn during the training scenarios.

## 3. SERVICE SUPPORT

### a) Transportation:

#### **Arrival by air/bus:**

The recommended airport is Vienna International Airport (Austria). To reach the city of Zvolen, attendees can use a rental car or public transportation (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).

b) Accommodation details:

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

c) Meals

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

d) Real-life information:

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

State emergency – all services: 112

Ambulance: 155

Fire brigade: 150

Police: 158

