



Maritime Security Centre  
of Excellence  
**MARSEC COE**

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İstanbul-TÜRKİYE

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## Welcome

Maritime Security Centre of Excellence (MARSEC COE) was established as a Turkish entity in 2012. By the signing of an Operational Memorandum of Understanding among Türkiye (as framework and sponsoring nation), Greece and Romania (as sponsoring nations), intending to be both a regional and a global venue that addresses Maritime Security challenges, concept/doctrine & education/training requirements, became a Multinational Joint Military Organization in 2019. MARSEC COE gained the status of International Military Body as the 26th NATO accredited COE on 8 June 2020. The Centre expanded in January 2022, welcoming Portugal as its 4th member and sponsoring nation. For more information about NATO COEs:



Substantive focus areas for cooperation include Supporting Maritime Situational Awareness, contributing to Maritime Security Capacity Building, supporting Maritime Counter Terrorism, upholding Freedom of Navigation, fighting against the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Protection of Critical Infrastructure, and Maritime Interdiction Operations. MARSEC COE maintains a continuous engagement with NATO Nations and Partner Nations, as well as other agencies, academia and industry, to have a comprehensive understanding of its focus areas and wider support for its activities.

## Projects

### ❖ **Supporting Maritime Situational Awareness**

Identifying areas where the effective understanding of activities associated with the maritime environment could impact the security, safety, economy or environment, and further develop and share collaborative best management practices.

### ❖ **The Modelling of the Maritime Security Operations**

Developing a conceptual model in support of a Maritime Security Decision Support System.

### ❖ **Supporting Maritime Counter-Terrorism**

Analysing real case terrorist attacks and develop a publication on Best Practices in Counter-Terrorism and Counter-Improvised Explosive Device in Maritime Domain.

### ❖ **Fighting Against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)**

Providing knowledge and developing a publication on CBRN Defence Policy and Vilnius Summit Decisions: Implications for Maritime Security and WMD Proliferation.

### ❖ **Maritime Security Capacity Building: Best Practices and Lessons Learnt (L/L)**

Developing a publication on Best Practices and L/L from the Maritime Capacity Building in a Multinational Environment.

Allied Command Transformation has included the two MARSEC COE's concept development initiative proposals into its program of work:

➤ **Cyber Intelligence in Maritime Security Operations**

With the vision of a secure and resilient maritime environment safeguarded from cyber threats through enhanced cyber intelligence, collaboration, and innovation in maritime security operations, the concept aims to strengthen operational cyber capabilities in maritime security operations, fostering a comprehensive understanding of cyber incidents, vulnerabilities, and mitigation strategies for organizations operating in the maritime domain.

➤ **Usage of Maritime Unmanned Systems in Support of Maritime Security Operations**

Unmanned systems have been used to collect intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance data and have enhanced maritime situational awareness by providing more accurate and sustainable data. Unmanned systems' adaptability, versatility, and cost effectiveness have been indispensable to successful maritime operations. The concept focuses on responding to the question, "How can we use unmanned systems in Maritime Security Operations more effectively?"

**Cyber Intelligence in Maritime Security Operations Concept Development workshop:**

01 October 2024

**Usage of Maritime Unmanned Systems in Support of Maritime Security Operations workshops:**

27 March 2024

14 November 2024

**Maritime Counter Terrorism workshop:**

12 December 2024

**Maritime Situational Awareness Working Group Meetings:**

29 February 2024

26 April 2024

27 September 2024

10 December 2024

**The Modelling of the Maritime Security Operations Concept Symposium:**

17 April 2024

**Maritime Security Conference 2024:  
“Maritime Critical Infrastructure Protection and Seabed”**

27-28 June 2024

## **EXER MARSEC-25 is specifically designed to:**

- Improve cooperation, collaboration and awareness among Maritime Security stakeholders (e.g. governmental and civilian agencies, military, law enforcement, and international organizations etc.);
- Exercise maritime security practice, increasing thus awareness to maritime security threats and vulnerabilities, and generating mutual understanding between the stakeholders in the maritime environment;
- Help in developing leading guidelines on multinational and multiagency engagement for addressing Maritime Security challenges in a wide and entangled spectrum of situations;
- Allow for bridging together maritime security thinking towards a more common mentality;
- Contribute to development of Maritime Security (MARSEC) related concepts through experimentation.

## **Exercise Road Map:**

- EXPEC Conference (ESC): **11-13 June 2024**
- Initial Planning Conference (IPC):  
**02-04 October 2024**
- Main Planning Conference (MPC) & MEL/MIL Strategy Workshop: **March 2025**
- Final Coordination Conference (FCC) & MIL Scripting Workshop: **June 2025**
- OPEX: **October 2025**
- Execution Phase (CPX): **November 2025**

## International Ship and Port Security (ISPS) Code Course

**05-09 February 2024**

### **AIM**

The aim of this course is to give the participants 'Ship Security Officer Course', 'Company Security Officer Course' and 'Port Facility Security Officer Course' in order to meet specific requirements identified by International Ship and Port Facility Security Code.

### **Target Audience**

1. Personnel responsible for or involved with maritime security onboard ships and at port facilities and appropriate personnel (law enforcement and government/military entities) who have been allocated potential or specific tasks in an existing security programme.
2. Navy/CG personnel, appropriate personnel (SSO, CSO, PFSO) from both government and non-government agencies (intelligence and maritime administration), fixed and floating platforms and mobile offshore drilling units' security personnel and other maritime security stakeholders (Chamber of Shipping, Recognized Security Organizations (RSOs)] who are likely to engage in ISPS Code related issues.

### **Format**

In Person

### **ETOC/e-ITEP Course Code**

MOP-MO-25559, NATO Listed

### **POC**

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The deadline for applications is 29 January 2024 and preferably before then.

## Maritime Security Law Course

**01-05 April 2024**

### **AIM**

To improve staff officers' knowledge with respect to the legal framework and the related aspects that affect Maritime Security.

### **Target Audience**

Navy/Coast Guard and other Maritime Security Stakeholders.

### **Format**

In Person

### **ETOC/e-ITEP Course Code**

MOP-MO-25570, NATO Listed

### **POC**

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The deadline for applications is 25 March 2024 and preferably before then.



## Naval Cooperation and Guidance for Shipping (NCAGS) Course

**13-17 May 2024**

### **AIM**

The aim of this course is to provide NATO and national military personnel with a deep knowledge about NCAGS capabilities and a comprehensive understanding of the dependence and necessary interaction between military operations and merchant shipping as it applies to peacetime, crises and armed conflict operations at sea.

### **Target Audience**

Military and reserve personnel from NATO Command Structure (NCS) and NATO Force Structure (NFS) that either occupy NATO jobs with NCAGS relevance or who perform NCAGS functions and duties on order or on behalf of MARCOM NATO Shipping Centre. The course is open for NATO and Partners military personnel who are or will be operating within the NCAGS organisation.

### **Format**

In Person

### **ETOC/e-ITEP Course Code**

MOP-MO-25567, NATO Approved

### **POC**

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The deadline for applications is 06 May 2024 and preferably before then.

## Maritime Counter Terrorism Course

**08-11 October 2024**

### **AIM**

The course aims to provide the participants with the relevant information on counter terrorism in the Maritime Environment.

### **Target Audience**

Navy/Coast Guard personnel and equivalent civilian staff working at military HQs or units, governmental departments, and other non-governmental/ international bodies from NATO, NATO Nations, and Partners Nations (PfP, MD, ICI, PatG).

### **Format**

Virtual

### **ETOC/e-ITEP Course Code**

CTM-CT-26841, NATO Approved

### **POC**

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The deadline for applications is 01 October 2024 and preferably before then.

## Comprehensive Maritime Security Operations Course

**25 November – 06 December 2024**

### **AIM**

The aim of this course is to provide a comprehensive approach on Maritime Security, Maritime Security Operations (MSO), and its tasks, as they are articulated in NATO MSO Concept (MC 0588), including its History, Law, Concepts, Doctrines, Challenges, Operations Planning, and other aspects, through analysing challenges, risks, and threats on regional and global scale and their potential impacts on Alliance Security.

### **Target Audience**

Navy/Coast Guard personnel and equivalent civilian staff working at military HQs or units, governmental departments, and other non-governmental/ international bodies from NATO, NATO Nations, and Partners Nations (PfP, MD, ICI, PatG).

### **Format**

In Person

### **ETOC/e-ITEP Course Code**

MOP-MO-36714, NATO Listed

### **POC**

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The deadline for applications is 18 November 2024 and preferably before then.

**For other 21 courses of MARSEC COE, please visit MARSEC COE website & course catalogue.**

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