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**SUBJECT:** Save the Date Letter for Counter Improvised Explosive Device Staff Officer Course (CSOC 26.1) 02-06 March 2026. Hoyo De Manzanares, Spain.

**DATE:** 15 September 2025

**REFERENCES:**

- A. Bi-SC Directive 075-007 20 March 2025.
- B. AJP 3.15 (C) (NATO C-IED Doctrine for Countering IEDs), February 2018.
- C. STANAG 2294 (ACIEDP-01, Edition A, Version 1, “NATO C-IED Training Requirements”), 12 November 2018.
- D. C-IED COE POW 2026 (draft).

1. NATO Nations and Australia, Austria, Ireland, New Zealand, and Switzerland are kindly informed that the first iteration of the CSOC in 2026 at the C-IED Centre of Excellence in Spain will be conducted from 02 to 06 March 2026.
2. Course Code (ETOC): [IED-ED-2206](#)
3. The aim of the CSOC is to provide Staff Officers and Senior Staff Assistants, at Upper Tactical and Operational level Headquarters, with the knowledge and skills to facilitate, manage and lead the C-IED effort by drawing together and coordinating the expertise and efforts of the other staff branches, and to become the Commanders' primary C-IED SME and operations advisor.
4. The desired Training Audience for the CSOC are Staff Officers and Staff Assistants from different nations and organizations mentioned above (including J2, J3 and J5). 6 seats will be prioritized for Law Enforcement personnel who are encouraged to participate in this course.
5. Attendance of the CSOC is a good preparation for possible students in the Attack the Network Course (AtNOC).

6. The classification of the course is NATO UNCLASS RELEASABLE TO Australia, Austria, Ireland, New Zealand, and Switzerland.
7. The official Calling Letter of the course is going to be released not later than 02 December 2025.
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