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**TO:** See DISTRIBUTION LIST

**SUBJECT:** Calling Letter for NATO Weapons Intelligence Team Course, 11-29 MAY 2026 Romanian Combat Support Training Centre in Râmnicu Vâlcea, Romania.

**DATE:** 09 February 2026

**REFERENCES:**

- A. Bi-SC Directive 075-007, MAR 2025.
- B. AJP 3.15 (C) (NATO C-IED Doctrine for Countering IEDs), FEB 2018.
- C. STANAG 2294 (ACIEDP-01, Edition A, Version 1, “NATO C-IED Training Requirements”), OCT 2025.
- D. STANAG 2298 (ACIEDP-02, Edition C, Version 1, “NATO Weapons Intelligence Team (WIT) Capabilities”), MAY 2025.
- E. AC/259-D (2025) 0089 - Conference of National Armaments Directors - Voluntary National Contribution Fund (VNCF), NATO Weapons Intelligence Team (WIT) Training Project 2026-27, Executing Agent Agreement / Financial Management Agreement, 15 December 2025.
- F. C-IED COE POW 2026.
- G. Save the Date Letter (11NOV2025, S276-2025).

1. In accordance with references A and B, based on the doctrinal foundations of reference C and in order to meet the requirements of reference D, the C-IED Centre of Excellence (C-IED COE) conducts the 26.1 Weapons Intelligence Team (WIT) Course from 11 to 29 May 2026 at the Romanian Combat Support Training Centre in Râmnicu Vâlcea.

Course Code (ETOC): [IED-ED-3767](#)

2. The aim of the WIT Course is to train personnel to collect, collate, assess, and disseminate information on adversary capabilities relating directly to their use of weapons, caches, finds, etc. The course specifically includes the investigation of IEDs, IED explosions, the subsequent collection of explosion remains, intelligence and information, as well as providing technical and tactical assessment.<sup>1</sup>

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Representatives of the C-IED COE sponsoring nations, NATO and Interoperability Platform Nations<sup>1</sup> are invited to attend the NATO WIT Course, which will be conducted in the facilities of the Romanian Combat Support Training Centre. See Annex A for Course details.

3. The **deadline for application** for the 26.1 WIT Course is the **27<sup>th</sup> of March 2026**. Applications after the deadline will not be accepted. See Annex B for application instructions.
4. The course has in total 20 seats for attendees. The number of seats per nation will be prioritized according to requested operational needs. Authority for prioritization is the C-IED COE.
5. If **nations** request more than one attendant for the course, national POCs are **kindly asked to prioritize their attendees**.
6. All applicants will receive the confirmation/regret mail from C-IED COE not later than 06<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Selected participants can then start travel arrangements after this mail. No travel arrangements should be made prior to receiving the confirmation of participation.
7. Details regarding real life support, travel, accommodation, transportation and meals, are last year reference and will be confirmed on the confirmation email.
8. Should you have any questions, please contact the C-IED COE Points of Contact.

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ANNEXES:

- A. WIT Course Details
- B. Admin instructions  
B-1: PAF (Personnel Application Form)

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<sup>1</sup> Interoperability Platform members: Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Ireland, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, New Zealand, Serbia, Switzerland, Tunisia, Ukraine, and the United Arab Emirates.

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ANNEX A:  
COURSE DETAILS

**1. Training Audience**

- a. Training Audience for the WIT Course are ideally from Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Engineering, Intelligence, Military Police, Special Operations, and Infantry backgrounds. The rank of students attending the course normally range from NATO OR 4-8 and OF 1-3.
- b. 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.**
- c. Language proficiency
  - (1) An adequate understanding of written and spoken English is required.
  - (2) In accordance with STANAG 6001, a level of 3.2.3.2. is recommended for students to attend this course. Additionally, in accordance with ACIEDP-02 (ANNEX B), a minimal requirement of PLS 2222 is mandatory.

**2. Tentative Agenda**

07 May - Travel Day for Instructors  
08 May – Host Nation Support & CD meeting  
08 - 10 May – WIT Instructors meetings - Standardization  
10 May – Travel Day for attendees  
11 May to 29 May – Course days  
29 May (NBT 13:00) – Course closure & 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's support. The final day of the course will end promptly at 13:00.**

**Due to the distance between Râmnicu Vâlcea and Bucharest, it is highly recommended that students should plan their departure flight NBT 19:00 or the next day.**

**3. WIT Course Learning/Training Environment**

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 exercises. Land centric environments will be covered by lessons, demonstrations, and exercises.

#### 4. Advanced Distributed Learning (ADL)

- a. **ADL will be open to WIT Course students only**, having the confirmation of attending the course. To join the resident WIT course phase, **it is mandatory to successfully complete** an e-learning ADL WIT phase. Those who have not attended or failed in the ADL phase will not get permission to attend the course. Students are requested to send their ADL certificate 10 days prior to the beginning of the course, handing it over to the CD during in-processing.
- b. Students must create an account at the JADL portal <https://jadl.act.nato.int/> and request to join the [ADL 208 Weapons Intelligence Team \(WIT\) Prerequisite Course](#) under the tab Courses\NATO\NATO COEs\C-IED COE (be advised, the completion of the ADL course requires, at least, two working days).
- c. **ADL POC:** Course Administration, Email (UNCLASS): [coursesadmin@ciedcoe.org](mailto:coursesadmin@ciedcoe.org) (C/C [wit@ciedcoe.org](mailto:wit@ciedcoe.org)).

#### 5. Coordinating Instructions

- a. Dates and Duty Hours: 0830-1700 Mon to Fri (timings can be extended if needed).
- b. **This is a tactical level course**. Students must be prepared to undertake various tactical tasks, situations, and other scenarios, as the instruction requires.
- c. Course Loading. The Course can train up to 20 WIT students. **The authority for allocations is C-IED COE**. In case of oversubscription, the priorities for seat allocation will be:
  - (1) Personnel posted in national training facilities aimed to develop national WIT training capabilities.
  - (2) Personnel deploying NATO recognized operations in WIT/Technical Exploitation role within 6 months.
  - (3) Personnel deploying NATO recognized operations in WIT/Technical Exploitation role within 12 months.
  - (4) Personnel deploying NATO recognized operations in other role within 12 months.
- d. In the event of oversubscription and within the bounds of the priorities above, C-IED COE will endeavor to spread course loading across nations before any nation is allocated more than two (2) seats.
- e. If nations have requested more places than they are allocated, they will be asked to prioritize their attendees.

#### 6. Miscellaneous

Further Course dates: Another iteration is planned for Sep 2026 in Hungary.

#### 7. Service Support

Romanian Combat Support Training Centre Location:

**31<sup>st</sup> Tudor Vladimirescu Blvd., Ramnicu Valcea, 240191, Romania**

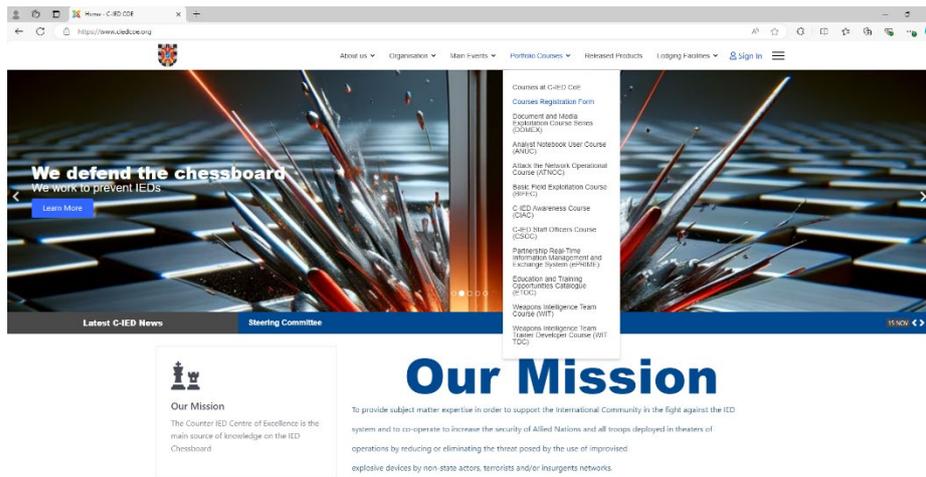
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**ANNEX B:**  
**ADMIN INSTRUCTIONS**

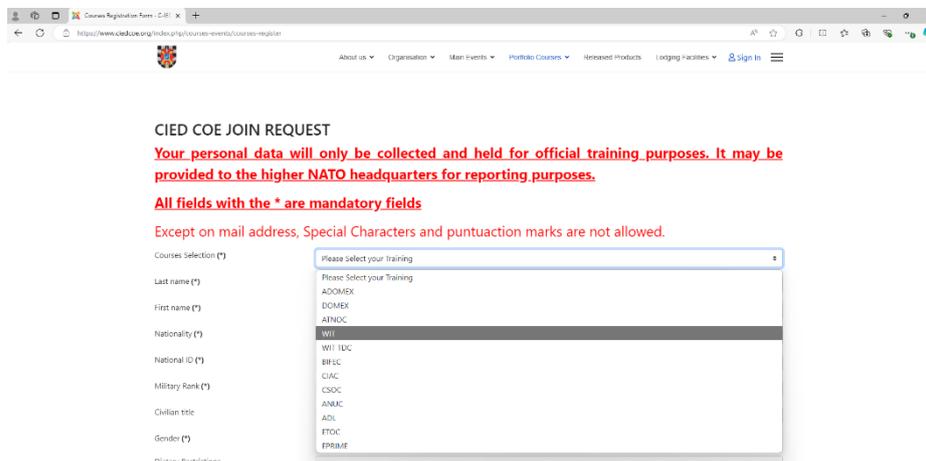
**1. Application for the course**

Candidates wishing to apply on this course should go to <https://www.ciedcoe.org> and follow the guidance below:

- a. Under “Portfolio Courses”, choose “Courses Registration Form”.



- b. Select WIT Course.



- c. Fill in all the additional information required and submit the form.
- d. In case you have trouble getting access to the webpage, contact the C-IED COE Course Assistant requesting an electronic version of the Personnel Application Form (PAF). Once completed send it back digitally to the C-IED COE Course Assistant (C/C [wit@ciedcoe.org](mailto:wit@ciedcoe.org)).
- e. **Make sure that the PAF is complete, otherwise the application will not be successful.**
- f. Final seat allocation will be made by the C-IED COE.

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g. **No shows without early cancellation will be officially reported to Nations.**

**2. Dress code**

- a. Duty uniform or battle dress uniform (BDU).
- b. Uniform outside will be used only when travelling from the hotel to military facilities.
- c. No IPE will be needed. All the equipment needed to run the course will be distributed.

**3. Security Classification**

- a. The classification of the course is “**NATO RESTRICTED RELEASABLE TO INTEROPERABILITY PLATFORM NATIONS**”. Please bring your current national (for Partner nations) or NATO security clearance (for NATO nations).
- b. Participants will be required to send a copy of their Security Clearance Certificate to C-IED COE Course Assistant two weeks prior to the beginning of the course (NLT 28APR26) and provide it during the in-processing. **The course cannot be attended without the certificate of security clearance.**

**4. CIS**

- a. Three laptops belonging to C-IED COE will be provided for teamwork, for each team of four inside the classroom.
- b. Students are allowed to bring own laptops to the Romanian Combat Support Training Centre. Laptops will be also useful after working hours to review documentation. Terms and conditions must be accepted accordingly.

**5. Course fee**

There will be a course fee of **600,00 RON** (app. 125 EUR) to be collected during registration (in processing). Attendees from C-IED COE Sponsoring Nations are excluded (CAN, CZE, DEU, ESP, FRA, GRE, HUN, NLD, PRT, ROU, SWE, TUR, and USA).

**6. Real Life Support**

- a. The selected attendants must contact the Romanian Combat Support Training Centre to coordinate all the related real live support issues.
- b. **Travel to Romania**
  - (1) Romania is part of European Union part of Schengen Space. The Romanian currency is Romanian Leu (RON), conversion rate is 1 EUR ≈ 5,08 RON.
  - (2) 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 Combat Support Training Centre can provide a certificate supporting the Visa request process. In that case, applicants are requested to provide in due time full name as stated in the Passport and the passport number to the Romanian Combat Support Training Centre POC stated below.

c. **Transport**

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- (1) From and to the Bucharest Henri Coanda International Airport - transportation can be booked in advance, through:
  - (a) Bus seat reservation, made at one of the following available links:
    - i. <https://normandiatransfer.ro/?lang=en> - price is 120 lei/one way (~ 25 EUR); if your flight is delayed or cancelled, you should call at +40 250 861 611 to inform and coordinate next available bus.
    - ii. <https://www.bbilantravel.ro/index-2/> - price is 120 lei/one way (~ 25 EUR); if the flight is delayed or cancelled, you should call at +40 768 922 512 to inform and coordinate next available bus).
  - (b) Airport pick-up service - the Simfonia Boutique Hotel can provide airport pick-up service for a fee of 180 EUR/one way.
- (2) **For more information and guidance, please contact ROU POC.**
- (3) Daily transportation from/to Romanian Combat Support Training Centre: During the course, daily transport will be provided, free of charge, between the Centre (training area) and the Simfonia Boutique Hotel according to the details provided in the course agenda. **Participants will be picked up at the hotel at 08.00 on the first day.**

d. **Accommodation**

- (1) The Romanian Combat Support Training Centre have arranged and negotiated accommodation at the Simfonia Boutique Hotel, Râmnicu Vâlcea ([www.hotelsimfonia.ro](http://www.hotelsimfonia.ro)). A special rate of approximately **89 EUR** (standard room for single use/night, including breakfast, free parking, and other negotiated services).
- (2) Once they are notified of their course acceptance, students are responsible for their individual bookings **via the hotel's own online booking system at [contact@hotelsimfonia.ro](mailto:contact@hotelsimfonia.ro) (please emphasize for WIT 26.1 in subject). Do not use other booking platforms for reservation except the link provided.**
- (3) 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.
- (4) Reservation deadline: 7 days before arrival. Romanian host pre-booked a number of rooms for students. After the deadline Hotel can only confirm requests pending on its availability.
- (5) The Simfonia Boutique Hotel offers an Icebreaker on the first day of the course (19:00-22:00). There will be food and drinks included, and it will take place at the hotel's restaurant, roof top. All students and instructors who are accommodated in Simfonia Boutique Hotel can participate, free of charge. For those who are accommodated in other locations, there will be a price of 30 EUR (approx. 150 RON). Despite encouraging the participation of all the instructors and students, this activity is not mandatory. More information can be obtained from ROU POC.
- (6) **NOTE: The students will be organized in teams/syndicates and it's likely that teamwork may continue after duty hours. Considering this, it is highly recommended that all students could stay in the same hotel.**
- (7) **Please keep in mind that the free daily transportation will be provided only from/to the Simfonia Boutique Hotel.**

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(8) **Having submitted your reservation, students must contact Romanian Combat Support Training Centre POC, OF-3 Samoila Ovidiu, [samoila.ion@forter.ro](mailto:samoila.ion@forter.ro).**

e. Romanian Combat Support Training Centre cannot provide on-post lodging. Any other lodging options should be discussed with ROU POC ([samoila.ion@forter.ro](mailto:samoila.ion@forter.ro), mobile: +40 746258973).

f. **Meals**

Breakfast for hotel guests will be provided at the hotel, between 07:00-07:50. **Lunch** will be provided at the Romanian Combat Support Training Centre, only during working days for a price of **35 RON** (approx. 7 EUR). Those who request special diet, please inform ROU POC about food restrictions.

g. **In processing**

(1) Registration of all participants occurs during the first day of the course. **Administration fee and working days lunch are to be paid in cash (Romanian currency - RON).**

(2) Please remember to bring your ID to access the Romanian Combat Support Training Centre facilities. National ID, military ID or passport are accepted.

h. **Command and Signal**

(1) POC for the Romanian Combat Support Training Centre (Real Life Support):

OF- 3 Major Samoila Ovidiu (ROU Army)  
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FAX: +40 250 735 673    Mobile: +40 746258973  
Email (UNCLASS): [samoila.ion@forter.ro](mailto:samoila.ion@forter.ro)

(2) POC for COE (Applications):

Course Administration - Email (UNCLASS): [coursesadmin@ciedcoe.org](mailto:coursesadmin@ciedcoe.org)  
(Please include in C/C WIT generic address [wit@ciedcoe.org](mailto:wit@ciedcoe.org) in all WIT course related emails)

(3) Questions on course content and *curriculum* can be referred to:

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**Appendix B-1:  
 PAF  
 (Personnel Application Form)  
 For the NATO Weapons Intelligence Team Course 26.1 (WIT)**

**E-mail to: [coursesadmin@ciedcoe.org](mailto:coursesadmin@ciedcoe.org) (cc: [wit@ciedcoe.org](mailto:wit@ciedcoe.org)) or Fax to: + 34 91 856 2390**

Last name:	
First name:	
Nationality:	
National ID No:	
Military Rank:	
NATO Grade:	
Civilian title:	
Gender:	
Dietary restrictions (allergies, religion, etc.):	
Service ( <i>Navy/Army/Air Force/Marine</i> ):	
Specialist Branch ( <i>Infantry, Engineer, EOD...</i> )	
Organization or Unit:	
Duty Title:	
Security clearance:	
Priority No (according to para. 5 & 6)	
List previous WIT experience and in what role	
Are you due to deploy within next 6 months? YES/NO ..... Specify date of arrival .....  Are you due to deploy within next 6 – 12/18 months? YES/NO ..... Specify date of arrival .....  What specific WIT role ..... Estimated length of tour (months) .....	

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<b>Attendee Contact details</b>			
Telephone nº	Fax nº	E-mail address	NS1/Classified address

<b>Attendee's Unit/Organization Contact details</b>			
Telephone nº	Fax nº	E-mail address	NS1/Classified address

<b>Travel details</b>		
Arrival to	Date / Time	Method of travel
Departure from	Date / Time	Method of travel