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**TO:** See DISTRIBUTION LIST

**SUBJECT:** Calling Letter for the NATO Document and Media Exploitation (DOMEX) Course 26.1 from 11 to 29 MAY 2026 at the Romanian Combat Support Training Centre in Râmnicu Vâlcea, Romania.

**DATE:** 13 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 6502 (AintP-10, Edition B, Version 1, “Technical Exploitation”), MAY 2021.
- E. STANAG 6515 (AintP-15, Edition A, Version 1, “Countering Threat Anonymity: Biometrics in Support of NATO Operations and Intelligence”), FEB 2016.
- F. AC/259-D(2025)0042 - Voluntary National Contribution Fund (VNCF) NATO Document and Media Exploitation (DOMEX) Training 2025-26 Executing Agent Agreement / Financial Management Agreement.
- G. C-IED COE POW 2026.
- H. Save the Date Letter (12JAN26, S001-2026).

1. In accordance with references A, F and G, based on the doctrinal foundations of reference B and C, and in order to meet the requirements of references D and E, the NATO accredited C-IED Centre of Excellence (C-IED COE) conducts the **26.1 NATO Document and Media Exploitation Course from 11 to 29 May 2026 at the Romanian Combat Support Training Centre in Râmnicu Vâlcea.**
2. The aim of the course is to **enhance Technical Exploitation (TE) capabilities** as a critical enabler for intelligence production and operational decision-making. The course **focuses on** the effective conduct of Document and Media Exploitation (DOMEX), including **Document Exploitation (DOCEX), Media Exploitation (MEDEX), Cellular Phone Exploitation (CELLEX), and Unmanned Systems (UxS) Exploitation.** It develops the knowledge, skills and standardized procedures required to collect, preserve, process, analyze and report on Collected Exploitable Material (CEM) in a forensically sound and operationally relevant manner.

3. Representatives of the **C-IED COE Sponsoring Nations, NATO and Australia, Austria, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Switzerland and Ukraine** are invited to attend the NATO Document and Media Exploitation (DOMEX) Course, which will be conducted in the facilities of the Romanian Combat Support Training Centre (Romania). See Annex A for Course details.
4. The **deadline for application** for the 26.1 DOMEX Course is **31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**. Applications after the deadline will not be accepted. See Annex B for application instructions.
5. The course has **12 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.
6. If **nations** request more than one attendee per course, they are **kindly asked to prioritize their applicants**.
7. All applicants will receive the confirmation/regret mail from C-IED COE no later than 06<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Selected participants can start travel arrangements after this mail. No travel arrangements should be made prior to receiving the confirmation of participation.
8. Details regarding real-life support, travel, accommodation, transportation and meals will be provided on the confirmation email.
9. Should you have any questions, please contact the C-IED COE Points of Contact:

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- B. Admin instructions  
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ANNEX A:  
COURSE DETAILS

**1. Training Audience**

- a. The course is intended for trained personnel assigned to **International or National Field Exploitation Teams (FET), Weapons Intelligence Teams (WIT), or equivalent specialists involved in Technical Exploitation activities**. This includes, but is not limited to, Military Police, Military Search, Military Intelligence, Special Forces personnel, **and Intelligence or Operations Staff** supporting exploitation processes.

The course is designed for military ranks ranging from **OR-3 to OR-9** and **OF-1 to OF-4**, as well as equivalent grades from Law Enforcement and Intelligence Agencies.

Previous knowledge or experience in the use of electronic device extraction tools is not mandatory.

- b. The aim of the NATO DOMEX Course is to provide participants with essential Technical Exploitation knowledge and practical skills in:

- Document Exploitation (DOCEX)
- Media Exploitation (MEDEX)
- Cellular Phone Exploitation (CELLEX)
- Unmanned Systems (UxS) Exploitation

The course prepares personnel to conduct professional exploitation of captured digital and physical CEM in order to support intelligence, targeting, force protection and legal processes.

The course is open to **NATO Nations, Australia, Austria, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Switzerland and Ukraine.**

- c. Language proficiency

(1) An adequate understanding of written and spoken English is required.

(2) In accordance with STANAG 6001, a minimal level of SLP 2.2.2.2. is mandatory for students to attend this course.

**2. Tentative Agenda**

11 May to 22 May – DOMEX Operator Phase

25 May to 29 May – DOMEX Analyst Phase

Mon to Fri from 08.30 to 17.00. **The final day of both phases will end promptly at 13.00.**

**Considering the distance between the base and Bucharest Airport, it is recommended to book the departure flight after 19.00 or the following day.**

### 3. DOMEX Course Learning/Training Environment

Recognizing the increasing importance and complexity of this capability, the C-IED COE, with direct NATO support, has redesigned its former two-week course into a comprehensive three-week DOMEX programme. The new structure differentiates between Operator-level and Analyst-level training, ensuring a coherent and progressive learning path.

#### Phase I – DOMEX Operator (Weeks 1 and 2)

The Operator Phase focuses on the tactical collection and initial technical exploitation of digital and physical media. Training emphasizes secure handling of devices, proper chain-of-custody procedures, forensic acquisition techniques, and the practical use of field exploitation tools. This phase prepares and certifies participants to rapidly and effectively **process seized CEM under operational conditions, while maintaining evidentiary standards and forensic integrity**. It includes, but is not limited to:

- Forensic acquisition of mobile devices, computers and removable media. Use of specialized forensic tools.
- Digital imaging and verification using cryptographic hashes.
- Proper chain-of-custody procedures.
- Rapid on-site extraction and prioritization of data.
- Handling of damaged devices and metadata.
- Technical exploitation of hardcopy documents.

Graduates will be capable of conducting safe, forensically sound collection, preserving and processing of CEM under operational conditions.

#### Phase II – DOMEX Analyst (Week 3)

The Analyst Phase is designed for personnel responsible for looking for specifics within the forensic images and/or transforming extracted data to support the production of actionable intelligence. This phase provides training in the **interpretation and analysis of DOMEX outputs through the use of specialized digital forensic tools and methodologies**. Participants learn to correlate exploitation results with other intelligence sources, reconstruct user activity, identify networks and relationships, and produce structured analytical reports in support of operational planning, targeting and decision-making, focusing on:

- Data and metadata interpretation.
- Timeline reconstruction and activity analysis.
- Identification of hidden or deleted information.
- Link analysis and network mapping.
- Production of detailed exploitation reports.

Graduates will be able to generate technical and analytical products directly supporting commanders, intelligence and operational planners.

Applicants may select the phase that best aligns with their professional duties and experience. Personnel requiring basic DOMEX collection and processing skills may only apply for the **Operator Phase**, while those primarily involved in analytical functions may only request to attend the **Analyst Phase**.

Candidates seeking a comprehensive understanding of the full exploitation process are encouraged to attend **both phases (Operator + Analyst), comprising the complete three-week course**. These candidates will have priority in the seats' allocation.

#### 4. Coordinating Instructions

- a. Duty Hours: 08.30-17.00 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. The Course can train up to 12 DOMEX students. **The authority for allocations is the C-IED COE.**
- d. In the event of oversubscription, the priorities for seat allocation will be: (1) Military and Law Enforcement personnel on active duty in a Technical Exploitation role. (2) Other personnel in a Technical Exploitation role. (3) Other personnel not involved in Technical Exploitation.
- e. Please remember that, if nations have requested more places than they are allocated, they will be asked to prioritize their attendees.

#### 5. Miscellaneous

Further Course dates: Another iteration is planned for Sep 2026, location TBD.

#### 6. Service Support

Romanian Combat Support Training Centre Location:

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

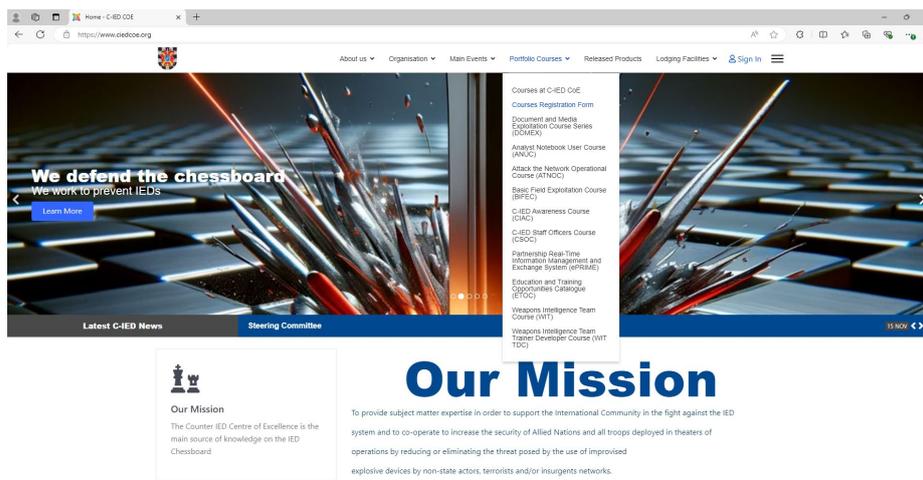
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## ANNEX B: ADMIN INSTRUCTIONS

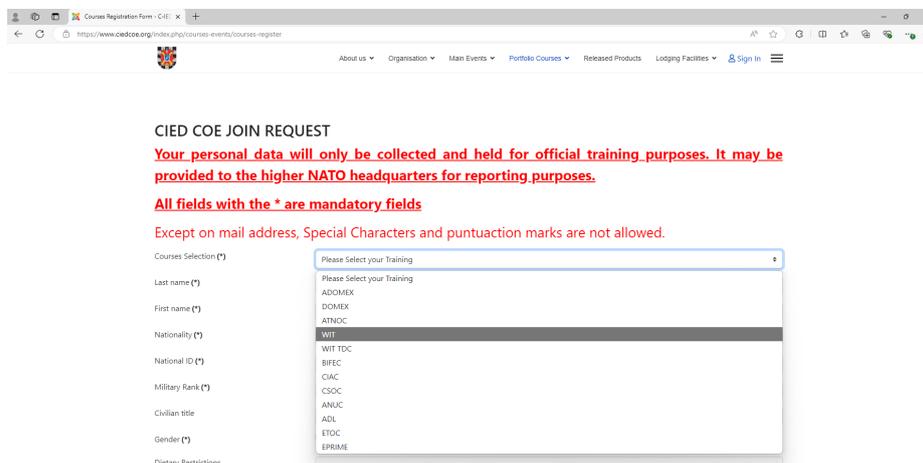
### 1. Application for the course

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 DOMEX 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 and request an electronic version of the Personnel Application Form (PAF). Once completed, send it back digitally to the C-IED COE Course Assistant (C/C [domex@ciedcoe.org](mailto:domex@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.

- 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 only be used 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 UNCLASSIFIED RELEASABLE TO AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, IRELAND, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, SWITZERLAND AND UKRAINE**”. 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 the 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 security clearance certificate.**

## 4. CIS

- a. Laptops for teamwork will be provided by the C-IED COE.
- b. Students are allowed to bring own laptops to the Romanian Combat Support Training Centre. Laptops will also be 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 in-processing. Attendees from the 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 attendees must contact the Romanian Combat Support Training Centre to coordinate all the related real-life support details.
- b. **Travel to Romania**
  - (1) Romania is part of the European Union and part of the Schengen area. 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 the Romanian Embassies or Consulates 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**

- (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 0040 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 0040 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 has 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 in the subject: **DOMEX 26.1**). Do not use other booking platforms for reservation apart from 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. Please 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, the Hotel will only be able to 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 on the 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, the price will be 30 EUR (approx. 150 RON). This activity is not mandatory, although we encourage the participation of all instructors and students. More information can be requested to ROU POC.
- (6) **Please keep in mind that the free daily transportation will be provided only from/to the Simfonia Boutique Hotel.**

(7) **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). If you require any special meal, please inform ROU POC about food restrictions.

g. **In-processing**

(1) Registration of all participants will be carried out 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 at the Romanian Combat Support Training Centre (Real-Life Support):

OF- 3 Major Samoila Ovidiu (ROU Army)  
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Email (UNCLASS): [samoila.ion@forter.ro](mailto:samoila.ion@forter.ro)

(2) POC for applications at the C-IED COE:

Course Administration – E-mail (UNCLASS): [coursesadmin@ciedcoe.org](mailto:coursesadmin@ciedcoe.org)  
(Please include in C/C DOMEX generic address [domex@ciedcoe.org](mailto:domex@ciedcoe.org) in all DOMEX course related e-mails).

(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 Document and Media Exploitation Course 26.1 (DOMEX)**

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

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| Last name:   |  |
| First name:  |  |
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| 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:  |  |
| List previous DOMEX experience and in what role  |  |
| <p>Are you due to deploy within next 6 months?<br/>YES/NO ..... Specify date of arrival .....</p> <p>Are you due to deploy within next 6 – 12/18 months?<br/>YES/NO ..... Specify date of arrival .....</p> <p>What specific DOMEX role .....</p> <p>Estimated length of tour (months) .....</p> |  |

**Attendee contact details**

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| Telephone n° | E-mail address |
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**Unit contact details**

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| Telephone n° | E-mail address |
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| <b>Travel details</b> |             |                    |
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| Arrival to            | Date / Time | Means of transport |
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