



COE-DAT ACTIVITY CATALOG 2026



**CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE
DEFENCE AGAINST TERRORISM**



*We Defend Against Terrorism to Bring
Peace at Home, Peace in the World.*

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Director's Message

The Centre of Excellence Defence Against Terrorism (COE-DAT) remains committed to its vital mission of providing key decision makers with a comprehensive understanding of Terrorism and Counter Terrorism in order to support NATO's and Partners' transformation to meet future security challenges. Terrorism remains a persistent and evolving threat to NATO and our partners, demanding collective vigilance and innovative solutions. COE-DAT is proud to serve as a hub for exchange of knowledge, collaboration, and the development of strategies in the fight against terrorism. In this ever-shifting landscape of global challenges, we recognize that terrorism continues to transform, presenting us with new complexities and dangers. It is imperative that our response evolves in parallel; therefore, we need active participation and collaboration. I encourage you to take part in numerous COE-DAT sponsored and hosted events and activities on Counter Terrorism. Through our thought-provoking events, research initiatives, and products, we can deepen our understanding of the evolving dynamics surrounding terrorism and craft proactive responses that outpace the adaptability of those who seek to disrupt peace and stability.

Mission

Provide key decision-makers with a comprehensive understanding to terrorism and Counter Terrorism challenges, in order to support NATO's and the Nations of Interest transformation to meet future security challenges.

This transformation is embedded into NATO's three declared core tasks of deterrence and defence, crisis prevention and management, and cooperative security.

Vision

To remain an internationally recognized and respected resource of expertise, and serve as NATO's hub for research, education, and collaboration amongst the global counter-terrorism community of interest.

Who We Are / What We Do

The Centre of Excellence Defence Against Terrorism (COE-DAT) is a NATO-accredited, multinational organization, comprising contributions from seven NATO member nations: Albania, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Türkiye and the United States. COE-DAT serves as NATO's focal point for Counter Terrorism (CT) expertise, fostering collaboration with academia, think tanks, international organizations, and other Centres of Excellence

As a key contributor to NATO's Long-Term Military Transformation, COE-DAT focuses on capacity building to address terrorism threats in all forms. Its mission encompasses research, training, and concept development, delivering specialized guidance and advisory support on Defence Against Terrorism (DAT) to NATO, partner nations, and allied organizations.

COE-DAT consistently contributes to CT doctrine and policy framework development, promoting innovative solutions to counter emerging terrorism trends and asymmetric threats. Through a demand driven Education and Training program, COE-DAT contributes to enhancing interoperability and strengthening CT capabilities across the Alliance and with NATO PN's.

The Centre's ability to offer a holistic, multidisciplinary approach to terrorism ensures that it remains at the forefront of NATO's efforts to mitigate and counter global security threats. COE-DAT's work directly impacts NATO's readiness and resilience by shaping doctrine, providing subject-matter expertise, and facilitating international collaboration aimed at addressing both conventional and unconventional forms of terrorism.



Introduction

The Centre of Excellence - Defence Against Terrorism (COE-DAT) is pleased to present the Activity Catalog, containing a complete listing of courses, workshops, conferences, and seminars conducted by COE-DAT. The Activity Catalog describes a variety of unique educational programs and forums designed to support professional development in the fields of Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism.

Located in Ankara, Türkiye, COE-DAT is a NATO accredited International Military Organization that assists with transformation within NATO. The Centre contributes subject matter expertise and education for developing Counter-Terrorism doctrine, capability, and interoperability. The Centre enhances the Alliance's critical work in the field of Counter-Terrorism, providing a platform for experts and practitioners, as well as contributing observations, applications, and recommendations for NATO. The Centre's key activities focus on education and training of NATO and partner nations personnel. Since COEDAT's inauguration in 2005, the Centre has conducted over 340 activities. The majority of activities are week long courses tailored for Captain (OF-2) to senior grade officers and the respective civilian equivalents working in various capacities in the defense against terrorism. Course participants come from NATO member states, partner nations, international organizations, and countries requesting participation. Since 2005, 15,483 students/participants from 124 countries and 3,657 lectures/speakers from 73 countries participated in COE-DAT activities.

COE-DAT's professional staff is dedicated to providing specialized training and education. Combining military and civilian expertise, COE-DAT organizes a highly qualified team of experts, lecturers, instructors, and guest speakers from NATO, partner nations, international organizations, and universities.

For future participants and interested parties, please check www.coedat.nato.int for the possible changes in the activity schedule and contact information for educational and training opportunities.

We look forward to welcoming you at COE-DAT in Ankara.



Quality Assurance

COE-DAT has been awarded the NATO Quality Assurance Unconditional Accreditation Certificate, valid for six years, starting January 2025. This follows a thorough evaluation by the HQ SACT Quality Assurance Team of Experts (QA ToE) in 11-12 September 2024, during which COE-DAT was assessed against 31 NATO Quality Standards. The accreditation confirms that COE-DAT's processes and procedures meet NATO's Education and Training (E&T) quality assurance standards, ensuring the accuracy, consistency, and reliability of its curriculum.

The COE-DAT staff is dedicated to providing NATO-approved education and training to our participants through a team of highly qualified experts, lecturers, instructors, and prominent guest speakers from national and international military/civilian organizations and universities.



Basic Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Against Terrorist Attacks Course

(NATO Approved-Residential)

Course Fee: 300 €

Date : 02-06 February 2026

Course Codes

- e-PRIME : ACT.936.4
- ETOC : CTM-CT-36847

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- To provide a better understanding of how nations can build and maintain demonstrably effective national Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience (CISR) programs in an increasingly complex threat and security environment by adopting blocks of the 'Modern CISR Model' embodying a whole-of-nation, all-hazards, and sound risk management approach to building an effective national CISR posture and culture of resilience.
- The course focuses primarily on the four critical 'lifeline' infrastructure sectors (energy, water, communications and transportation) and provide case studies. While the course looks at the entire threat surface, it retains a basic focus on the terrorist threat.

CONTENT

- What exactly is CISR, and why is it important in today's security environment?
- NATO Policy, Regulation and Governance of CISR
- Current & Emerging Threats to CI - Adversary Playbooks and Practices
- Building and Sustaining Military/Public/ Private Partnerships in CISR
- Risk Analysis, Assessment and Management Including Methodologies and Tools
- Information and Intelligence Sharing to Support CISR
- Crisis Management and Incident Response
- Current and Emerging CISR Issues, Concerns, and Challenges
- Supply Chain Security and Resilience
- Best Practices for Improving the Security and Resilience

TRAINING AUDIENCE

- The course is designed for Military personnel (OF 2 and above) or civilian equivalents (police officers, academics experts) who have minimal formal training or background in areas such as Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism.
- Attendees should be working in domains such as Counter-Terrorism, special operations, intelligence, operations, plans, training, force protection, C-IED, PSYOPS, INFO OPS, STRATCOM, public affairs, police, law enforcement, and judicial. Rank exceptions are considered on the basis of operational/academic experience.
- The course is open to selected individuals from NATO, NATO partner countries (such as Partnership for Peace, Mediterranean Dialogue, Istanbul Cooperation Initiative, Partners across the Globe), and international organizations (such as the United Nations, European Union, African Union, and the Organization).



Defence Against Terrorism Course *(NATO Approved-Residential)*

Course Fee :300 €

Date : 02-06 March 2026

Course Codes

- e-PRIME : ACT.577.22
- ETOC : CTM-CT-4757

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- To provide basic knowledge about terrorism including its various forms, origins, motivations, strategies, tactics, financing, and recruitment;
- To develop understanding of Counter-Terrorism in national and international contexts;
- To apply a whole of society, interagency and international approach in Countering-Terrorism.



CONTENT

- Definition, History and Evolution of Terrorism;
- Terrorist Motivations, Ideologies and Recruitment;
- Modus Operandi of Terrorist Groups;
- NATO CT Policy;
- International Cooperation in CT;
- Financing Terrorism;
- Terrorism, Media and Cyberspace;
- Foreign Terrorist Fighters (FTFs) and the Returnees;
- Developing a National Counter-Terrorism Strategy;
- The Role of Hard Power in Counter-Terrorism;
- The Role of Soft Power in Counter-Terrorism;
- Good Practices in Integrating Counter-Terrorism;
- Developments in Terrorism and CT, and Implications for the Future;
- Future Trends in Terrorism and CT;
- NATO's CT Reference Curriculum (CTRC);
- Understanding CT Aspects Relevant to Mission;
- CT Strategies of the Allies;
- Terrorist Threat Analysis in Relation to Reinforcement and Sustainment Networks;
- CT Approach Across NATO Disciplines.

TRAINING AUDIENCE

- The course is designed for officers (OF-2 and above) or civilian equivalents (police officers, experts) who have minimal formal training or background in areas such as Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism;
- Attendees should be working in domains such as Counter-Terrorism, intelligence, operations, plans, training, force protection, PSYOPS, INFO OPS, STRATCOM, public affairs, police, law enforcement, judicial etc. Rank exceptions are considered on the basis of operational/academic experience;
- The course is open to selected individuals from NATO, NATO partner countries (such as Partnership for Peace, Mediterranean Dialogue, Istanbul Cooperation Initiative, Partners across the Globe), and international organizations (such as the United Nations, European Union, and Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe).

Human Security from A Gender Perspective and Child Protection in Counter-Terrorism Course

(Pilot Course*-Online)

Course Fee: Free of charge

Date : 13-17 April 2026

Course Codes

- e-PRIME : TBC
- ETOC : TBC

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- The aim of this pilot course is to develop participants' ability to evaluate and analyze the role of gender- and age-related factors in the global and interconnected nature of terrorism, recognized by NATO as a direct asymmetric threat to international security. It focuses on the distinct and disproportionate impacts of terrorism on women and children in contexts of instability, crisis, conflict, and post-conflict environments.



CONTENT

- Gender perspective in Counter-Terrorism planning, operations, and decision-making
- Child Protection and Children and Armed Conflict (CAAC)
- Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (CRSV) and risk mitigation
- Protection of Civilians (PoC) and related protection frameworks within a CT context
- Gender- and age-related vulnerability and risk analysis
- Gender- and age-specific terrorist recruitment dynamics
- Intersectional considerations in emerging and digital security domains
- Scenario-based exercises applying gender and child protection perspectives

TRAINING AUDIENCE

The course is designed for military officers (OF-2 and above) and civilian equivalents (including police officers and subject-matter experts) who have limited formal training or background in Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism.

- Participants should be working in fields such as Counter-Terrorism, intelligence, operations, planning, training, force protection, PSYOPS, INFO OPS, STRATCOM, public affairs, law enforcement, or the judicial sector as well as those engaged in gender, human security, or child-protection-related duties. Rank exceptions may be granted based on relevant operational or academic experience.
- The course is open to selected participants from NATO, NATO members, NATO Partners (PfP, MD, ICI, Partners across the Globe), and international organizations such as the United Nations, European Union, African Union, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

* This pilot course is under development and consolidates feedback from relevant professional communities to align with NATO standards and operational requirements in Counter-Terrorism.



Fighting the Financial Dimensions of Terrorism Course *(NATO Approved-Residential)*

Course Fee : 300 €

Date : 04-08 May 2026

Course Codes

- e-PRIME : ACT.793.5
- ETOC : CTM-CT-4759

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The aim of this course is to examine the conceptual framework and different dimensions of terrorism financing issue, to understand the sophisticated financial methods and tactics of terrorist organizations to fund their activities, to evaluate the national and international efforts against terrorism financing.

CONTENT

- Describe terrorism financing and, legal and illegal sources of financing terrorism.
 - Understand the concept of terrorism financing
 - Explain the source of terrorist organizations money transforms and their sources.
 - Explain stages of terrorism financing
 - Explain approaches and theories to terrorism financing
 - Given references, the student will describe terrorism financing and distinguish legal and illegal sources of financing terrorism.
- Define terror finance, crime nexus, international sanctions of financing terrorism.
 - Provide insights and discuss possibilities for terrorism and organized crime nexus.
 - Define international legal measures, mechanisms and sanctions for countering terrorism financing.
 - Explain the role of international organizations for countering terrorism financing including UNODC, Interpol, FATF, Egmont Group.
 - Provide insights for countering terrorism by providing examples from national experiences
 - Define human rights aspect of countering financing of terrorism.
 - Explain the gender dimension of countering terrorism financing.
- Define the methods, trends and challenges in financing of different terrorist organizations.
 - Understand how a terrorist group finances itself over case studies
 - Explain sources of finance for different terrorist organizations over case studies
 - Discuss trends of terrorism financing for a particular terrorist organization
 - Discuss how to counter terrorism financing over case studies
 - Rethink the means, methods and mechanisms of countering terrorism financing tailored for different terrorist organizations.

TRAINING AUDIENCE

- The course is designed for officers (OF-2 and above) or civilian equivalents (police officers, experts) who have minimal formal training or background in areas such as Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism.
- Attendees should be working in domains such as Counter-Terrorism, intelligence, operations, plans, training, force protection, PSYOPS, INFO OPS, STRATCOM, public affairs, police, law enforcement, judicial etc. Rank exceptions are considered on the basis of operational/academic experience.
- The course is open to selected individuals from NATO, NATO partner countries (such as Partnership for Peace, Mediterranean Dialogue, Istanbul Cooperation Initiative, Partners across the Globe), and international organizations (such as the United Nations, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe).

Terrorists Use of Cyber Space in General Terms Course *(NATO Approved-Residential)*

Course Fee: 300 €

Date : 11-15 May 2026

Course Codes

- e-PRIME : ACT.282.22
- ETOC : CTM-CT-36823

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To inform participants about key developments and emerging threats in terrorists' use of cyberspace and how cyberspace is used to support terrorist acts, enabling NATO and its partners to better anticipate and prepare for current and future challenges.



CONTENT

- Cyber Terrorism and Related Definitions
- Terrorist Use of Cyber Space
- Future of Cyber
- Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure
- The Dark Side of Innovation: Exploring the New Disruptive Technologies Leveraged by Terrorist Groups in Cyberspace
- Cyber Resilience and Maturity
- Terrorist Motivations and Recruitment in Cyberspace
- Legal Aspects of Cyber Terrorism
- Asymmetry in Cyber Attacks: Target & Behavioral Science Perspective
- Countering Cyber Terrorism and Digital Forensics
- Fighting Against Cyber Terrorism: Experiences from the Field (APT in Modern Enterprise and Critical Mitigations)
- Countering Cyber Terrorism and Cyber Security
- Cyberspace - A "New" Realm for Terrorists
- Emerging Threats in Cyber Domain
- Open Source Intelligence - OSINT
- Case Study :Open Source Intelligence - OSINT
- Information Operations in the Cyber Domain
- Evaluating the Cyberterrorist Threat
- NATO's Cyber Strategy
- Cognitive warfare in the Cyberspace

TRAINING AUDIENCE

- The course is designed for officers (OF-2 and above) or civilian equivalents (police officers, experts) who have minimal formal training or background in areas such as Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism.
- Attendees should be working in domains such as Counter-Terrorism, intelligence, operations, plans, training, force protection, PSYOPS, INFO OPS, STRATCOM, public affairs, police, law enforcement, judicial etc. Rank exceptions are considered on the basis of operational/academic experience.
- The course is open to selected individuals from NATO, NATO partner countries (such as Partnership for Peace, Mediterranean Dialogue, Istanbul Cooperation Initiative, Partners across the Globe), and international organizations (such as the United Nations, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe).



Terrorism & Media (T&M) Course *(NATO Approved-Online)*

Course Fee : 100 €

Date : 15-19 June 2026

Course Codes

- e-PRIME : ACT.578.13
- ETOC : CTM-CT- 4758

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This course is designed to help attendees understand how terrorist organizations use media conduits to increase public awareness of their ideological goals and to discuss counter-measures that can be developed and employed to combat terrorists' use of the media. The presentations will be run on a tailored platform on COE-DAT E-learning System, and students will be given permission to access this platform in due time.

The students should be able to convert this synthesis of knowledge to effectively apply analysis of terrorist media activity to support military missions and interagency actions to connect / merge military - and law enforcement capabilities / skills / procedures / tools.

CONTENT

- Operational level analysis across the staff (Intelligence, Operations, Plans) and with interagency representatives of Counter-Terrorism
- Educate the staff on analysis process generally as well as to learn what the ATn is and its application in Counter Terrorism
- Educate the staff on analysis process, by presenting real cases emerging from the latest terrorist attacks around the world
- Understand the challenges in conducting interagency coordination at the operational level
- Understand what the ATn is and its application in Counter Terrorism,
- Understand concept of Network Analysis, critical factors analysis,
- Develop understanding of Attack the Networks in NATO and national operations,
- Apply understandings of ATN in friendly force planning to disrupt of threat network resources lines.

TRAINING AUDIENCE

The course is designed for officers (OF-2 and above) or civilian equivalents (police officers, experts) who have minimal formal training or background in areas such as Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism.

- Attendees should be working in domains such as Counter-Terrorism, intelligence, operations, plans, training, force protection, PSYOPS, INFO OPS, STRATCOM, public affairs, police, law enforcement, judicial etc. Rank exceptions are considered on the basis of operational/academic experience.
- The course is open to selected individuals from NATO, NATO partner countries (such as Partnership for Peace, Mediterranean Dialogue, Istanbul Cooperation Initiative, Partners across the Globe), and international organizations (such as the United Nations, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe).



Efficient Crisis Management to Mitigate the Effects of Terrorist Activities Course (NATO Approved-Residential)

Course Fee: 300 €

Date : 31 August - 04 September 2026

Course Codes

- e-PRIME : ACT.302.14
- ETOC : CTM-CT-4756

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The aim of this course is to provide students with an academic understanding of the key elements of crisis management within the context of counter-terrorism, which includes preventative measures, first response processes, risk reduction and risk mitigation, along with an insight into controlling and countering narratives during and after a crisis.



CONTENT

- Understand terrorism as a type of crisis and explain the details of the crisis management process.
- Risk and crisis management in the context of counter-terrorism.
- Crisis management systems.
- Components of crisis management.
- Key elements of crisis management.
- Challenges and obstacles.
- Leadership as a function of crisis management.
- Learn the phases of terrorism threat management and crisis communication.
- Identifying and preventing terrorism.
- Risk reduction and mitigation.
- Negotiation as a part of crisis management in counter-terrorism.
- Narratives and counter-narratives.
- Building resilience.
- Understand crisis management as a cross-governmental and multi-national function.
- Interagency co-operation.
- Operational and strategic communication.
- Threats to global security.
- Terrorism as a global phenomenon - trauma and fear.
- Challenges and solutions.
- Understand the complexities of counter-terrorist and counter-insurgency operations.
- Interagency planning.
- Joint co-operation and associated complexities.

TRAINING AUDIENCE

- The course is designed for officers (OF-2 and above) or civilian equivalents (police officers, experts) who have minimal formal training or background in areas such as Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism.
- Attendees should be working in domains such as Counter-Terrorism, intelligence, operations, plans, training, force protection, PSYOPS, INFO OPS, STRATCOM, public affairs, police, law enforcement, judicial etc. Rank exceptions are considered on the basis of operational/academic experience.
- The course is open to selected individuals from NATO, NATO partner countries (such as Partnership for Peace, Mediterranean Dialogue, Istanbul Cooperation Initiative, Partners across the Globe), and international organizations (such as the United Nations, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe).

Legal Aspects of Counter Terrorism Course *(NATO Approved-Online)*

Course Fee : 300 €

Date : 14-18 September 2026

Course Codes

- e-PRIME : ACT.281.10
- ETOC : CTM-CT-4690

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- To enhance participants' understanding of the international legal framework governing Counter-Terrorism by examining its sources, principles, and operational implications in line with international law and NATO practices.
- To improve the capabilities of participants to apply legal, procedural, and interagency approaches when addressing contemporary and evolving terrorist threats in order to enhance legal interoperability within NATO community of interest.



CONTENT

- Overview of Legal Responses to Terrorism
- Global Terrorism: Key Definitions, Trends, and Legal Considerations
- Human Rights, Self-Determination, and Counter-Terrorism
- International Legal Frameworks Governing Counter-Terrorism
- Legal Instruments and Cooperation at Regional and International Levels
- Legal Considerations in Counter-Terrorism Operations
- Interagency Cooperation and Coordination in CT
- Legal Aspects of Countering Terrorist Financing
- Prosecuting Terrorism Cases and Criminal Justice Approaches
- Legal Considerations in Civilian and Operational Environments
- Legal Aspects of Cyber and Emerging and Disruptive Technologies
- Use of Force in Counter-Terrorism under International Law
- Legal Dimensions of Military Operations Against Terrorism
- Future Trends in Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism

TRAINING AUDIENCE

The course is designed for military officers (OF-2 and above) and civilian equivalents (including police officers and subject-matter experts) who have limited formal training or background in Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism.

- Participants should be working in fields such as Counter-Terrorism, intelligence, operations, planning, training, force protection, PSYOPS, INFO OPS, STRATCOM, public affairs, law enforcement, LEGAD or the judicial sector. Rank exceptions may be granted based on relevant operational or academic experience.
- The course is open to selected participants from NATO, NATO members, NATO Partners (PFP, MD, ICI, Partners across the Globe), and international organizations such as the United Nations, European Union, African Union, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Counter Terrorism Attacking the Network (AtN) Course *(NATO Approved-Residential)*

Course Fee: 300 €

Date : 28 September - 02 October 2026

Course Codes

- e-PRIME : ACT.737.9
- ETOC : CTM-CT-41802

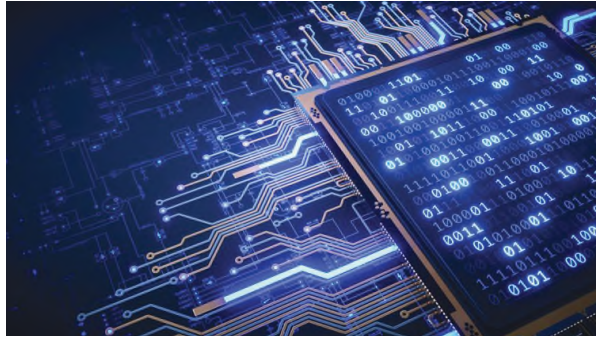
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To introduce the analysis process to attack networks for operational and upper tactical level (in between operational and tactical levels) military staffs, and interactions with

interagency representatives, in order to support full spectrum effects (military actions, targeting, intelligence, or judicial actions) against adversary networks (or key actors) who facilitate and/or conduct terrorist acts.

The students should be able to convert this synthesis of knowledge to effectively apply analysis of terrorist acts to support military missions and interagency actions to connect / merge military - and law enforcement capabilities / skills / procedures / tools.



CONTENT

- Operational level analysis across the staff (Intelligence, Operations, Plans) and with interagency representatives of Counter-Terrorism
- Educate the staff on analysis process generally as well as to learn the products of the staff
- Educate the staff on analysis process, by presenting real cases emerging from the latest terrorist attacks around the world
- Understand the analysis process across the upper tactical level staff
- Understand the challenges in conducting interagency coordination at the operational level
- Understand the role of Law Enforcement agencies when combating terrorism

TRAINING AUDIENCE

The course is designed for officers (OF-2 and above) or civilian equivalents (police officers, experts) who have minimal formal training or background in areas such as Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism.

- Attendees should be working in domains such as Counter-Terrorism, intelligence, operations, plans, training, force protection, PSYOPS, INFO OPS, STRATCOM, public affairs, police, law enforcement, judicial etc. Rank exceptions are considered on the basis of operational/academic experience.
- The course is open to selected individuals from NATO, NATO partner countries (such as Partnership for Peace, Mediterranean Dialogue, Istanbul Cooperation Initiative, Partners across the Globe), and international organizations (such as the United Nations, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe).



Terrorism Experts Conference *(Residential)*

Date: 14-15 October 2026

Activity Code

- e-PRIME : ACT.580.12

VENUE Ankara, Türkiye

The Terrorism Experts Conference (TEC) is COE-DAT's annual flagship activity and is a premier forum for the presentation of new advances and research results in the fields of Counter-Terrorism (CT). The conference brings together practitioners, international and national academic experts, researchers, as well as representatives from NATO entities and Centers of Excellences to share experiences and lessons learned. The aim of the TEC is to provide a platform for introducing and presenting the latest developments in terrorism and CT related studies, to share lessons identified/learned at national, regional, and international levels in recent CT operations /activities and to assess general trends and future projections in terrorism and CT. Furthermore, the conference intends to provide senior officers an opportunity to update their understanding of terrorism from preeminent experts in relevant fields, to reflect on the role of terrorism in international relations and conflict and to prepare attendees to make sense of international developments and respond with better policy and strategy. Terrorism is not solely a military task; it can only be conducted through a comprehensive approach which engages the contribution from many actors: civilian, military, governmental and non-governmental, international, regional, and local.



DESIRED PARTICIPANTS

- The conference is open to selected individuals from NATO, NATO partner countries (such as Partnership for Peace, Mediterranean Dialogue, Istanbul Cooperation Initiative, Partners across the Globe), and international organizations (such as the United Nations, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe).
- Attendees should be working in domains such as counterterrorism, intelligence, operations, plans, training, force protection, PSYOPS, INFO OPS, STRATCOM, public affairs, police, law enforcement, judicial etc. Rank exceptions are considered on the basis of operational/academic experience and might range from OF-3 to OF-5 and above.





Mobile Education and Training Teams (METTs)

COE-DAT is capable of conducting Mobile Education and Training Teams (METTs). METT, when used in this catalog, stands for those Education and Training (E&T) activities delivered outside of the COE-DAT premises at the request of NATO HQs, JFCs, or Partner Nations. COE-DAT, in addition to its residential and online courses, primarily conducts METTs to respond to additional E&T requests for support from NATO countries and partners.

The goal of a METT is to increase trainees' knowledge and expertise in the area of counterterrorism through effective, efficient, and affordable E&T, thus supporting NATO transformation goals and Partner Nations' capacity building. COE-DAT is capable of delivering standard NATO-approved courses or a tailored version of a course in compliance with the requestor's requirements. COE-DAT and the requestor agree on the length of a METT (typically 3 to 5 days) and the course content in advance. The METT Team is made up of COE-DAT members and is augmented by Subject Matter Experts from universities or other organizations.

Since 2007, COE-DAT has conducted 33 METTs in more than 20 countries

In 2025, COE-DAT conducted two METTs, including an Advanced Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Against Terrorist Attacks Course in Bosnia-Herzegovina and a Defence Against Suicide Attacks Course in Kuwait.

The possibility of executing additional METTs in 2026 would require detailed assessment and resource support from a prospective requestor, for which COE-DAT is able to inform the decision-making process based on previous METT experiences.



Mobile Education and Training Teams (METTs)



Border Security, Refugees and Counter-Terrorism Course

(NATO Approved- Residential)

Course Fee : 300 €

Date: 30 November-04 December 2026

Course Codes

- e-PRIME : ACT.904.5
- ETOC : CTM-CT-4760

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The course aim is to provide participants with the required knowledge within the scope of border security - with a focus on refugee management and counter-terrorism - in order to enable them to conduct in-theatre or HQ missions/duties.



CONTENT

Key Definitions: Border Security, Refugees and Terrorism
The Relationship Between Border Security, Refugees and Terrorism
Border Technology & Human Trafficking - Dual Use Dilemma
21st Century Border Security Trends: A Global Phenomenon
Behavioural Indicators & Border Security
The Role of UNHCR & International Organisations
FRONTEX & Border Security in the West Balkan
Gender Perspectives on Border Security, CT Planning and FTF
NATO & EU's Approach to Border Security & CT
Future Transnational Threats: Terrorism & Proxy Actors
Case study: Border Security & Counter Terrorism in the Sahel
Case Study: The Kenya/ Somali border & Al Shabab attacks
Case Study: Case Study: Turkiye's Experience in Countering Illegal Migration, Smuggling & Terrorists- Lessons Learned
Case Study: Boko Haram in Nigeria and the Chad Basin region
Case Study: The Colombian Border - Venezuela, Terrorism & Organised Crime
Case Study: The Irish Border-Terrorism & Organised Crime
Case Study: The Southern Afghan Border - Terrorism & Technology
Case Study: Pakistan Borders - Refugees & Counter-Terrorism
Case Study: The Lebanese Border & CT Capacity Building
Case Study: Daesh Exploitation of Migration flows from N.Africa to Europe & Nov 2015 Paris Attacks
Case Study: Europe's Eastern Borders & the Threat of Hybrid Warfare

PLANEX: PESTEL-M analysis of key border areas with policy recommendations for relevant governments and international organisations

Summary of the week: Key Points and Findings
Future Trends: The Effect of Climate Change on Border Security
Future Trends: Global Borders, Refugees and Terrorism - Security Implications

TRAINING AUDIENCE

- The course is designed for officers (OF-2 and above) or civilian equivalents (police officers, experts) who have minimal formal training or background in areas such as Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism.
- Attendees should be working in domains such as Counter-Terrorism, intelligence, operations, plans, training, force protection, PSYOPS, INFO OPS, STRATCOM, public affairs, police, law enforcement, judicial etc. Rank exceptions are considered on the basis of operational/academic experience.
- The course is open to selected individuals from NATO, NATO partner countries (such as Partnership for Peace, Mediterranean Dialogue, Istanbul Cooperation Initiative, Partners across the Globe), and international organizations (such as the United Nations, European Union, and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe).

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ACTIVITY PLAN 2026

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1	Course: Basic Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Against Terrorist Attacks	02-06 February 2026	Ms. Sultan ERDOĞAN YILDIZ sultan.erdoganyildiz@coedat.nato.int
2	Course: Defence Against Terrorism	02-06 March 2026	Col. Cornel FLORICICA cornel.floricica@coedat.nato.int
3	Conference: Annual CT Discipline	25-26 March 2026	Maj Ahmet AKÇA ahmet.akca@coedat.nato.int
4	Pilot Course: Human Security from Gendered Perspective and Child Protection in Counter Terrorism (Online)	13-17 April 2026	Ms. Özge ERKAN ozge.erkant@coedat.nato.int
5	Course: Fighting the Financial Dimensions of Terrorism	04-08 May 2026	Ms. Demet UZUNOĞLU demet.uzunoglu@coedat.nato.int
6	Course: Terrorist Use of Cyber Space in General Terms	11-15 May 2026	Sgt. Maj. Özkan YILMAZ ozkan.yilmaz@coedat.nato.int
7	Meeting: Steering Committee & Senior Resource Committee	11 June 2026	Mr. Hasan TEMEL hasan.temel@coedat.nato.int
8	Course: Terrorism and Media (Online)	15-19 June 2026	Col. Mihaela SPATARU mihaela.spataru@coedat.nato.int
9	Course: Efficient Crisis Management to Mitigate the Effects of Terrorist Activities	31 August -04 September 2026	Ms. Demet UZUNOĞLU demet.uzunoglu@coedat.nato.int
10	Course: Legal Aspects of CT	14-18 September 2026	Ms. Hülya KAYA hulya.kaya@coedat.nato.int
11	Assessment: SACT Periodic Assessment Visit	03-05 November 2026	Ms. Özge ERKAN ozge.erkant@coedat.nato.int
12	Course: CT/Attack the Network (Online)	28 September-02 October 2026	Col. Mihaela SPATARU mihaela.spataru@coedat.nato.int
13	Conference: Terrorism Experts Conference	14-15 October 2026	Col. Pınar ALPER pinar.alper@coedat.nato.int
14	Meeting: Steering Committee & Senior Resource Committee	19 November 2026 (Tentative)	Mr. Hasan TEMEL hasan.temel@coedat.nato.int
15	Course: Border Security, Refugees, and Counter Terrorism	30 November - 4 December 2026	Sgt. Maj. Özkan YILMAZ ozkan.yilmaz@coedat.nato.int
16	Project: Comprehensive Strategies for Counterterrorism in NATO	Year long	Chief Superintendent Sezer BİNGÖL sezer.bingol@coedat.nato.int
17	Project: Relationships between Hybrid Warfare and Terrorism	Year long	LTC Dietrich Klaus JENSCH dietrich.jensch@coedat.nato.int
18	Project: Impact of Terrorism on the Human Security Domain	Year long	Col. Erkan ÇOŞKUN erkan.coskun@coedat.nato.int
19	Project: NATO's Future Challenges in Technology and CT: Autonomous Battlefield	Year long	Col. Serkan KARAGOZ serkan.karagoz@coedat.nato.int
20	Project: ADL CT Course Development: Dimensions of Counter Terrorism	Year long	Maj. Ahmet AKÇA ahmet.akca@coedat.nato.int
21	Project: COE-DAT Podcast Episodes	Year long	LTC Nevzat TEKNECİ nevzat.tekinci@coedat.nato.int
22	METT: Basic Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Against Terrorist Attacks (Kuwait)	05-09 April 2026	Ms. Demet UZUNOĞLU demet.uzunoglu@coedat.nato.int
23	METT: Advanced Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Against Terrorist Attacks (Moldova)	22-26 June 2026	Ms. Sultan ERDOĞAN YILDIZ sultan.erdoganyildiz@coedat.nato.int
24	METT: Advanced Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience Against Terrorist Attacks (Germany)	23-27 November 2026	Ms. Sultan ERDOĞAN YILDIZ sultan.erdoganyildiz@coedat.nato.int

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