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Ref.: A. Program of Work EOD COE 2023

B. DAT POW Funding Confirmation Letter for EOD Technical Demonstrations & Trials 2023

C. Save the Date Letter NATO EOD Demonstrations and Trials 2023, dated 28 September 2022

TO: See the distribution list

SUBJECT: Calling Letter for NATO EOD Demonstrations and Trials 2023 event

DATE: 31 March 2023

1. With great pleasure the NATO Explosive Ordnance Disposal Centre of Excellence (EOD COE) invites all NATO/IP countries, industry, academia, NGOs and subject matter experts operating within the EOD, C-IED and Engineering area to attend

NATO EOD Demonstrations and Trials 2023 to be held at the Incheba Complex, Bratislava from 11-12 October 2023

- 2. The leading theme of NATO EOD Demonstrations and Trials 2023 (D&T23) is "Future EOD development in light of the modern conflicts and technological progress" as a challenge for EOD/IEDD experts, scientists, producers, industry and SMEs involved in the fight against terrorism. Bringing together the operational requirements, armaments and technological EOD-related entities from NATO and partner nations is considered a regular need for CNAD DAT POW to create solutions/ways ahead and to transfer them into reality.
- D&T23 is co-sponsored by NATO Headquarters (HQ) Emerging Security Challenges Division (ESCD) as well as meeting great support from the Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic.
- 4. The classification of the event is NATO UNCLASSIFIED.
- 5. The exhibition has been extended to two days in order to bring more opportunities for visitors and producers to tighten mutual bonds and conduct proper networking. What is more, procurement personnel/custodians will have a vast opportunity to take a closer look at the industry's offers in relation to their needs.
- 6. D&T23 delivers a platform for producers to **live-demonstrate** their best products in action. This creates a unique occasion to depict the robust features of the presented equipment and attract potential clients. In addition, clustered SMEs may update their knowledge pertaining to proposed disruptive technologies.

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- 7. The aim of the **conference** during D&T23 is to give a deep insight into the modern technologies that could improve EOD, IEDD and combat sappers' tasks execution in permissive and non-permissive environments. That could comprise any ongoing mission and undertaking led by the military, NGOs and domestic institutions to mitigate the threat emanating from terrorism, local armed conflicts and crisis situations.
- 8. A Draft Agenda is attached in Annexe A. The possible changes to the current draft will be updated accordingly and published on the website prior to D&T23. https://www.eodcoe.org/en/events/nato-eod-demonstrations-trials-2023/
- 9. Administrative instructions can be found in Annexe B.
- 10. Registration process via EOD COE official website (www.eodcoe.org) upon completion of **Registration Form**. More information can be found in Annexe B.
- 11. Should you have any questions, please contact directly the EOD COE Points of Contact:

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ANNEXES:

- A. Draft Agenda.
- B. Administrative information.

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ANNEXE A

DRAFT AGENDA

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

1. VENUE LOCATION

Address: Incheba, Expo

Viedenská cesta 7 851 01 Bratislava

Website: https://www.incheba.sk/en/

2. REGISTRATION

- a) **for the exhibitors** starts on the 3rd of April 2023 and finishes on the 30th of July 2023. The number of booths and area is limited, so first come, first served principle will be applied. Thus, don't make any travel arrangements until your participation and booth allocation is confirmed.
- b) **for the visitors** starts on the 3rd of April 2023 and finishes on the 30th of September 2023;
- c) every attendant will be notified about his/her participation approval in a separate email.

3. ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation in Bratislava is the responsibility of the participants. Information on recommended hotels in the city of Bratislava will be posted on the EOD COE webpage www.eodcoe.org.

4. LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS

- a) Organizer will not provide any props for live demonstrations.
- b) Any required props can be granted by the INCHEBA EXPO, via POC (CPT Robert Braun). Be informed that INCHEBA EXPO may charge for any material delivery.
- c) PowerPoint presentation can be delivered to the audience on a screen 6x4 m at the presenter's discretion.

5. CONFERENCE

According to the Draft Agenda in Annexe A, it is planned to deliver a two-block conference.

- a) Block I "Cutting-edge technology for EOD activities" is intended to focus on disruptive technologies in the field of EOD/C-IED:
 - virtual and extended reality,
 - enhanced information flow,
 - Artificial Intelligence,

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- advanced standoff detection,
- UAS, ROVs,
- other EOD/C-IED related.

Block leader – OF-3 Maj Adrian PETER (ROU A) – <u>adrian.peter@eodcoe.org;</u> Mobile: +421 948 378 780

- b) Block II "Explosive Ordnance threat mitigation in a hostile environment" with its main focus on:
 - NATO/GO/NGO perspective on EO incident sequence of events.
 - TTPs practiced during the specific EO incident response,
 - final result of the device/EO disposal,
 - implementation of the observations and best practices as lesson learned in the EOD area.

Block leader – OF-4 LTC Alexander HUGYAR (SVK A) – alexander.hugyar@eodcoe.org; Mobile: +421 911 710 862

The EOD COE invites potential **speakers** to contact block leaders and provide them with necessary information i.e.:

- a) topic of the presentation,
- b) abstract of the presentation,
- c) required time for a brief.

6. TRAVEL

- a) Transport of participants from/to hotels to the INCHEBA EXPO area is the responsibility of visitors.
- b) Public transport in Bratislava

All necessary information concerning means of communication in Bratislava can be found here - https://www.bratislava-slovakia.eu/about/public-transport

c) Ways of transportation from Vienna airport (Austria) to Bratislava:

Rental car:

- i. www.europcar.com,
- ii. https://www.kayak.ie/cars
- iii. https://www.rentalcars.com/en/

Bus:

- i. https://global.flixbus.com/bus-routes/bus-vienna-airport-bratislava 15
 euros
- ii. https://www.omio.com/buses/vienna-airport-vie/bratislava 8-9 euros

Train:

- i. https://www.thetrainline.com/en/train-times/vienna-airport-to-bratislava-hl-st approx. 20 euros
- ii. https://www.omio.com/trains/vienna-international-airport/bratislava-egh8q approx. 17 euros

Taxi:

- prices may vary depending on a number of passengers, type of car and time of service delivery:
- i. https://vienna-bratislava-taxi.com/price-list/ 65-85 euros
- ii. https://bratislava-airport-taxi.com/ 70 euros
- iii. https://city-airport-taxis.com/airporttransfers/reservations/taxi-from-Vienna-Airport-to-Bratislava-Airport 67-91 euros
- d) For the VIPs, it is possible to provide transportation by EOD COE means from Vienna Airport to Bratislava upon written request.

7. DRESS CODE

All participants are kindly asked for complying with the proposed dress code at their discretion:

- a) 11.10.2023:
 - military and other services class A uniform,
 - others business smart (tie, jacket).
- b) 12.10.2023
 - military and other services class B uniform,
 - others smart casual.

8. MEALS

- a) During both days of the event, the refreshments will be delivered inside the Expo Hall.
- b) INCHEBA restaurant, on-site, will provide services for attendees during the event. Lunch price is expected between 10 15 €.
- c) Exhibitors are kindly requested to appoint one representative to participate in a hosted lunch and evening reception on 11 October 2023.

9. PAYMENT IN SLOVAKIA

The currency in Slovakia is Euro (€). It is recommended to exchange money at the airport or at exchange offices in Bratislava. International credit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants.

10.EMERGENCY SERVICES

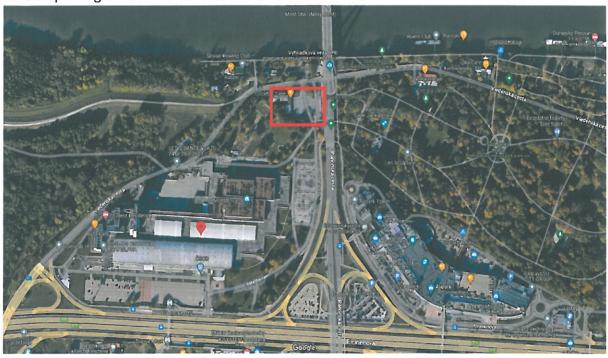
All emergency services (police, fire, medical) are available by dialling directly: Emergency – 112, Fire Brigade – 150, Ambulance 155, Police – 158.

11. CONFERENCE FEE

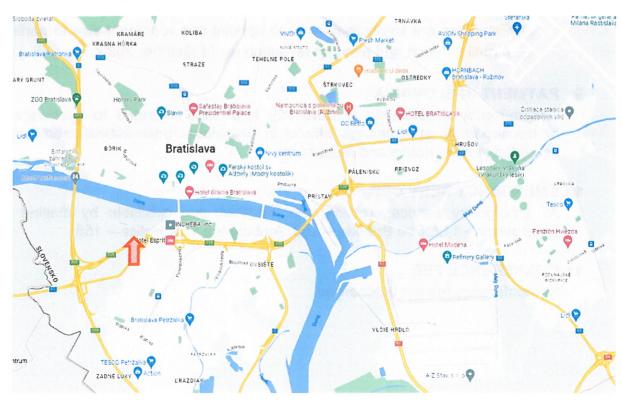
No conference fee will be charged.

12. REGISTRATION VENUE

The registration point will be located at the north gate of Incheba Complex and operational from 08:00 on 11 and 12 October 2023. IOT avoid queueing and long waiting time, attendees are asked to utilize the registration point at Incheba Complex since opening and come well in advance.



13. MAPS INCHEBA Complex location



From Vienna Airport to Bratislava:

By Car:



By Bus /Regio-Jet, FlixBus/

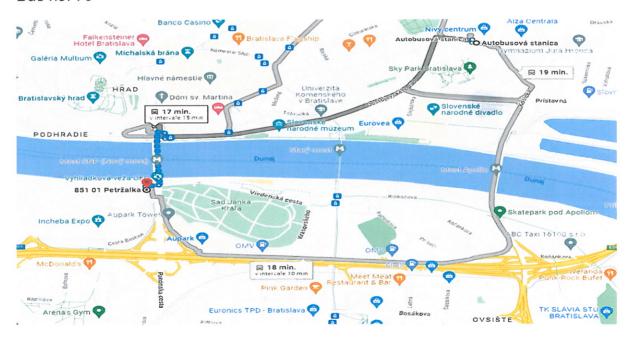


From Bus Station Bratislava to Incheba:

Bus no. 50



Bus no. 70



From Railway station Bratislava to Incheba:

Bus no. 80



Bus no. 91, 93, 94



14. TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

To find out more about tourist attractions in Bratislava, please, visit https://www.visitbratislava.com/top-10-in-bratislava/