

## HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT AWARENESS TRAINING (HEAT) – INFORMATION PACK

2 – 7 June 2024  
Gotenica, Slovenia

### AIM OF THE TRAINING

This course contributes to security and situational awareness, reinforces a safety and security awareness mind-set, and develops confidence in hostile situations.

In addition, the course provides guidance on individual and team behaviour to help deter, detect and react during and after threatening events thus increasing the overall personal safety and security of participants while serving in hostile environments.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The training is designed to:

- ❖ improve participants' knowledge about multiple threats present in hostile field environments and learn how to deal with them in an effective manner,
- ❖ rehearse and practice safety and security procedures accordingly to specific threats,
- ❖ develop skills and behaviours to deal with different stressful situations.

### METHODOLOGY and EXPECTED OUTCOME

The training will include lectures, structured presentations, practical sessions, role-playing and immersive scenarios. Emphasis shall be given to practical security skills taught by skilled and experienced trainers. Expected outcomes of the training are as follows:

- ❖ Describe how to act appropriately while approaching checkpoints.
- ❖ Identify the most common types of arms.
- ❖ Discuss the different phases and methods to survive in each phase of a hostage taking situation.
- ❖ Discuss situational logistics, the management of risks and behaviour in hostile situations.
- ❖ Establish ways to mitigate against developing stress working in a hostile environment.
- ❖ Demonstrate and practice awareness of surveillance.

- ❖ Practice radio operating skills and basic communication procedures.
- ❖ personal and professional security culture.
- ❖ Effective mitigation of risks by informed decision making and personal behaviour.

## TARGET AUDIENCE and PRIORITIZATION

The training is specifically designed for police and civilian personnel deployed or planning to be deployed to high-risk environments. Maximum number of participants is 24. Priority will be given to participants already selected for international missions and operations.

## REGISTRATION & DEADLINES

All interested individuals are invited to apply for participation no later than the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 through [this online form](#). All applicants will be subject to a selection process by POTC, participants will be notified about selection no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2024. POTC reserves the right to reject the participation of any applicant without providing specific reasons.

## REQUIREMENTS

**English proficiency** is a precondition for attending as the training program is conducted in English. A **valid driving license** for cars with manual transmissions is required. The **participation fee** for an individual attendee amounts to **2000,00 €** (VAT included) and covers costs related to training delivery (registration fee, accommodation and food, local transport in Slovenia) except participants' travel costs and all other costs related to entry into Slovenia. **Participants, nominated by the Slovenian Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, are exempt from paying a participation fee.**

## CERTIFICATION

The organisers expect participants to be fully dedicated to participation in the training program from the beginning (2<sup>nd</sup> of June at 18:00) to the end (7<sup>th</sup> of June at 14:00) of the course. Participants are expected to clear their schedules of any activities not related to the training in this period. The demands of this course are intense, requiring participants' full dedication and concentration. Participants are expected to actively participate in all training activities throughout the week to receive a certificate of successful participation.

## ENTRY TO SLOVENIA

Slovenia is a member of the European Union and the Schengen Area, so EU Citizens (and citizens from other countries that Slovenia has bilateral agreements with) do not need a visa to enter the country; please see the official entry conditions for your country at [this address](#). **The responsibility to process the visa request timely to secure a valid visa for the course participation is the sole responsibility of the participant.**

## HEALTH INSURANCE

EU citizens should have an E-Card (European Health Care Insurance) valid for the entire duration of their stay in Slovenia. More info on the E-card can be found [here](#). Third-country nationals should be covered by full medical insurance for their entire stay in Slovenia. The Slovenian visa application procedure requests the applicant have proof of medical insurance covering the planned visit for a total premium of at least 30.000,00 €.

## ACCOMMODATION AND VENUE

All participants will be staying at the Gotenica Police Training Centre facilities in double rooms. Depending on the availability, there might be some single rooms available but you should expect having roommates during your stay in Gotenica. Bed linen is provided by the training Centre. Rooms are clean, and warm, but please note that **Gotenica does not provide for hotel commodity**. There are no shops around, so make sure to bring all your necessary items with you. The nearest town is 10 km away and no public transport is available.

Additionally, Gotenica is a closed and protected area in a forested and wild region. We ask you not to leave the training ground village and wander around the unmarked roads as it is common to see bears walking around in the vicinity of the training centre. Please also refrain from taking photographs of other training participants or trainers in the village or its facilities.

At all times during the training please carry your accreditation badge, which you will receive on Sunday, 2 June after your arrival.

## MEALS

All meals will be organised for you. Specific times of the meals will be defined in the agenda. **If you have any special needs (medical, dietary, etc.), don't forget to indicate them in the application form.** Coffee breaks with small snacks will be organized twice a day. Water in Gotenica is safe to drink and will be available throughout the training. There is one bar in the village open until 22.00.

## INTERNET & MOBILE SIGNAL

Wireless internet is available in the training room and at the bar. Please note that signal for mobile phones is not very reliable in this area but is nevertheless usually accessible on several spots in the village.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Keep in mind that the weather is rather volatile in this period, so temperatures may vary from warm to cold. temperatures can vary from 10°C in the morning to 30°C during the day. Rain is usual in this part of the year.

For current weather information click [here](#) and for the official Slovenian weather portal click [here](#).

## DRESS CODE AND EQUIPMENT

Dress code for all training activities is informal; dress for outdoors and comfortable as the training days will be long. As a lot of training will be conducted outdoors, please make sure to bring the following equipment:

- ❖ hiking shoes,
- ❖ sports shoes,
- ❖ sports clothes,
- ❖ warm clothes,
- ❖ head lamp,
- ❖ personal water flask,
- ❖ rain jacket and other rain-proof clothing,
- ❖ smaller backpack (for packing the equipment),
- ❖ personal hygiene items (shower gel, shampoo, towel etc.).

## CONTACT

For any additional information please contact:

**Dimitrij Pahor**

Project Manager

+386 41 461 146

[dimitrij.pahor@cep.si](mailto:dimitrij.pahor@cep.si)

**Samo Selimović**

POTC Coordinator

+386 31 733 295

[samo.selimovic@cep.si](mailto:samo.selimovic@cep.si)