



ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Maritime Security Centre of Excellence (MARSEC COE) is located at the National Defence University Campus (NDUC), Yenilevent/Beşiktaş-İSTANBUL.

The conference will be held in-person at the NATO MARSEC COE premises which is co-located with Multinational Joint Warfare Centre in National Defence University Campus, Yenilevent, İstanbul on 9-10 June 2026.



PARTICIPATION

To participate in the conference, please register by using the attendance form on our website.
<https://www.marseccoe.org/>

(<https://www.marseccoe.org/upcoming-events/6th-maritime-security-conference/attendance-form-marsec-conference/>) no later than 15 May 2026.

TRAVEL INSTRUCTIONS/ARRANGEMENTS

a. Participants are required to have passport or “NATO Travel Order” together with ID Card to satisfy border control measures. Participants or their sending authorities are responsible for their own visa arrangements. Turkish Authorities do not require a letter of invitation. Visa can be obtained upon arrival to İstanbul and Sabiha Gökçen Airport/İstanbul/TÜRKİYE. However, if in doubt it is advised that participants contact their national embassies/consulates in Türkiye or the Turkish Military Attachés at the Turkish Embassies/Consulates in their capitals.

b. Before planning the travel to/from İstanbul, participants should visit the below link of Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs for further details: <https://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>

TRANSPORTATION

a. Airports:

(1) **İstanbul Airport:** The distance from İstanbul Airport to the center of İstanbul is 35 kilometers. It takes almost 45 minutes to get to the center of İstanbul.

HAVAİST is a company, which offers transportation services between İstanbul Airport and many parts of İstanbul. Buses wait in front of the terminal. You can check the website (<https://www.hava.ist/?lang=en>) for the timetables and more information.

For other means of transportation you can find more information in the link of <https://www.istairport.com/en/airport/airport-transportation/urban-transportation/public-transportation?locale=en>

(2)**Sabiha Gökçen Airport:** The distance from Sabiha Gökçen Airport to the center of İstanbul/Taksim square is 50 kilometres. It takes 1 hour to get to the center of İstanbul. Buses wait in front of the terminal. You can check the website (<https://www.sabihagokcen.aero/passengers-and-visitors/transport-and-parking/transportation/havabus-en>) for the timetables and more information.

b. Transportation between the designated hotels and the meeting facility will be arranged and provided by MARSEC COE.

c. For those who wish to reach to MARSEC COE by their own transportation means, they will enter to the NDUC compound through the Gate 2 which is situated very close to 4th Levent Metro/Bus Station (walking distance 350 m.) The below link takes you to the NDUC location: <https://goo.gl/maps/V5kvq4R7Ncc4eorE6> Please report to the guards at the Gate 2 of NDUC to get in contact with COE's POC, if needed. The shuttle will take you to the MARSEC COE premises.

d. Anyone planning to use rental/personal car should contact conference POCs.

SECURITY

a. The conference will be held as unclassified. All documents and briefings will be releasable through Internet. **No security clearance** is needed.

b. Personal laptop computers and mobile phones are allowed during the Conference. During the in-processing, you will receive a visitor's badge. The badge must be always worn visible within the Conference building, but it must be removed from sight while leaving it.

ACCOMMODATION

A discounted rate agreement between Point Hotel Barbaros and MARSEC COE (€110+VAT per day, including breakfast) is in force. If you wish to stay in Point Hotel Barbaros please include the remark of "MARSEC COE" in your reservation. Participants should make their own reservation individually.

The contact details of recommended hotels due to their ease of transportation and proximity to MARSEC COE are listed below. For special rates please include the remark of "MARSEC COE" in your reservation.

a. Point Hotel Barbaros

- Address: Esentepe District, Yıldız Posta Str. Nu:29, 34394 Şişli/İstanbul
- Email: contact@pointhotel.com, mdogukan@pointhotel.com, salesphb@pointhotel.com
- Web Site: <http://www.pointhotel.com>;

b. Delta Hotel By Marriot İstanbul Levent

- Address: Esentepe District, Büyükdere Str. Nu:187, 34394 Şişli/İstanbul
- Email: pinar.yagisan@deltabymarriottlevent.com, reservation@deltabymarriottlevent.com
- Web Site: <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/istld-delta-hotels-istanbul-levent/overview/>

c. Sheraton İstanbul Levent Hotel

- Address: Emniyetevleri, Büyükdere Str. No:4, 34330 4. Levent/Kağıthane/İstanbul
- Email: reservations.ist@sheraton.com, Saadet.Belginar@Sheraton.com
- Web Site: <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/istsl-sheraton-istanbul-levent/>

d. Dedeman İstanbul Hotel

- Address: Yıldız Posta Str.Nu:50, 34340, Gayrettepe, İstanbul.
- Email: istanbul@dedeman.com
- Web Site : <https://www.dedeman.com/oteller/dedeman-istanbul>

CATERING

a. The lunches will be served at buffet-style in the restaurant on ground floor of the Atatürk Wargaming and Convention Centre building where MARSEC COE is located. No cash options will be available.

b. Refreshments will be served during coffee breaks, hosted by MARSEC COE.

DRESS CODE/ATTIRE

The dress code is daily uniform for military personnel (no battle dress), business casual for the civilian participants. The dress code for the icebreaker(invitees only) and hosted dinner (VIP only) is smart casual.

MEDICAL SERVICE

There is no medical facility at the MARSEC COE compound. In this regard, all illnesses or accidents will be referred to a civilian medical facilities. MARSEC COE and NATO do not take out any health or accident insurances for the participants. Therefore, all participants are kindly advised to have health/accident insurances prior to their arrivals.

MISCELLANEOUS

a. The meeting will be conducted in English. There will be no translation services available.

b. European standard two-pin plugs are used in Türkiye. The electric current is at 220-240 V and 50 Hz. If needed, you should kindly bring an adapter for your electrical appliances.

ADMIN FEE

An admin fee for conference participation is €100. The fee will be collected on the first day of the conference at the venue during the registration process.

Payments will be cash only in Euro. A receipt will be given at the payment.

SOCIAL EVENT

An icebreaker social event will be held on 8 June 2026 at the Naval Museum (by invitation only). Shuttle service will be provided from the recommended hotels.

DEADLINES

The online registration form must be submitted no later than 15 May 2026.