

8th NATO Exercise Support, Modelling & Simulation (M&S) Integration Specialist Course, 19 – 23 May 2025 in Rome.

This letter serves as administrative instructions and as preliminary agenda for the Course held by the NATO Modelling and Simulation Centre of Excellence (NATO M&S COE) in Rome (Italy) from 19 to 23 May 2025 in Rome, opened to NATO and PfP Nations.

1. **Location:** ITA MOD, “De Cicco” Barracks, Piazza R. Villorosi, 1 – 00143 Rome (Italy).
2. **Course Classification:** NATO UNCLAS. Attendees DO NOT NEED a security clearance.
3. **Registration:** please register using the online registration procedure in the NATO M&S COE website [NATO Exercise Support, M&S Integration Specialist Course 2025 - NATO Modelling & Simulation Centre of Excellence \(mscoe.org\)](https://mscoe.org) **NLT 04 MAY 2025**.

Please note that if it is the first time you are accessing to the NATO M&S COE website **you need a registration to the NATO M&S COE web portal and then** you can proceed with **the sign up** for the course.

If you are experiencing problems in the registration, you are invited to contact the M&S COE Point of Contact (PoC) listed below at para-13.

Please note that there will be only 20 available seats and these will be assigned on “first come first served basis”.

Final confirmation, including additional joining information, will be sent to every participant on 04 May 2025.

The COE recommend arranging refundable travel or accommodations at the same time you sign up, so you are ready to travel on the course’s starting date. Please note that course cancellations may always happen.

4. **Request for visit:** for the purpose of security screening, attendees must submit a “Request For Visit” (RFV) **NLT 10 May 2025** in order to obtain access to the Italian “De Cicco” Barracks.

Attendees must submit the RFV through diplomatic channel (his/her own Embassy/Consulate in Italy) to the Italian MoD Security Office (ITA Joint Staff 2° Division) at the following address:

STATO MAGGIORE DELLA DIFESA
RIS CS
VIA LEPANTO, 5
00192 ROMA

This applies to every foreign visitor to an Italian MoD facility.

For personnel assigned to NATO HQs/Entities the Security Officer can send directly the RFV to the Italian MoD Security Office at present email: ris.sicaccessi@smd.difesa.it.

Please be aware that the NATO M&S COE PoC **cannot handle in any way the RFV**.

5. **Course fees:**
 - NATO M&S COE Framework (ITA) and Sponsoring Nations (CZE, DEU and USA) - military or government: **no fee**, only lunch **18** euro per week.

- NATO Nations and Organizations (military or government): **Euro 300,00** to cover general expenses (such as transportation and supplies) plus lunch **18** euro per week
- All others: **Euro 500,00** plus lunch **18** euro per week
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ALL FEES will be collected via direct Bank account link.

6. **Course Agenda, further details and registration documents can be found at:** [NATO CAX Specialist Certification Course - Fall Session 2024 - NATO Modelling & Simulation Centre of Excellence \(mscoe.org\)](https://mscoe.org)

7. **Course Preliminary Content:**

- ✓ NATO Exercise process and nearest improvement for NATO Exercises
- ✓ NATO Exercise Planning Process and M&S support
- ✓ NATO CAX support tools (JCATS, ITC hand on)
- ✓ Simulation & Federation
- ✓ Federation among Constructive Simulation Systems (JCATS)
- ✓ Federation between Constructive Simulation Systems (JCATS) and Virtual Simulation Systems (VBS3)
- ✓ Integration of Constructive Simulation Systems (JCATS) with C2 Systems
- ✓ Constructive Simulation Systems (JCATS) in support of distributed Exercises
- ✓ Constructive Simulation Systems (JCATS) advanced, AAR and Wargaming capabilities
- ✓ Mini Exercise and After Action Review
- ✓ Course Summary, Quality Assurance and Graduation

8. **Recommended e-Learning courses to attend prior the course:** ADL 216 Modelling and Simulation Introductory Course v.1.0 (EX ADL 211 M&S Cadet Course)

9. **Course Daily Routine Schedule*:**

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
19- 22 MAY	07.45	Transportation (Pick up Point)
	08.00	Arrival at MS COE and beginning of daily activities
	16.35	End of daily activities
	16.45	Return to Pick up Point
23 MAY	07.45	Transportation (Pick up Point)
	08.00	Arrival at MS COE and beginning of daily activities
	12.35	End of daily activities
	12.45	Return to Pick up Point

* Timing may change check the joining instructions and final agenda

Friday 23 MAY graduation generally does not exceed 12.30 hrs; plan your return flight accordingly. The timeline is fixed and does not allow any alteration.

10. Coffee and lunch:

Coffee and snacks are available at the local cafeteria for a very reasonable price. Please note that the NATO M&S COE offers morning coffee breaks at around 10:15.

For personnel coming from Sponsoring Nations lunch will be available for 4,5 Euro. To speed up the payment procedures, during the initial in-processing funds for four lunches (4,5 x 4 = 18 Euro) will be collected, receipts will be given daily presenting your course badge to the mess Officer.

Italian military personnel will use the military mess following the national rules.

11. Dress code:

Business attire for civilian personnel, duty/working uniform for military personnel.

12. NATO M&S COE PoC:

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Education & Training Section Chief
Duty Telephone: +39.06.4691.4383
e-mail: mscoe.det06@smd.difesa.it

13. Accommodation (we kindly remind that participants are fully responsible for making their own reservation):

Due the vicinity to the designated pick-up point, we suggest the following hotels:

- Hotel American Palace (www.americanpalace.it);
- Hotel dei Congressi (www.hoteldeicongressiroma.com);
- Hotel Tre Fontane (www.hoteltrfontane.it);
- Hotel Villa Eur (www.villaeur.it).

You are free to book any other Hotel at your best convenience, but please note that it is up to you to reach the designated pick-up point at “Piazzale Douhet”.

14. Transportation and Pick-up point:

- a. **NATO M&S COE offers a free transportation service (military minibus).**

The daily schedule is:

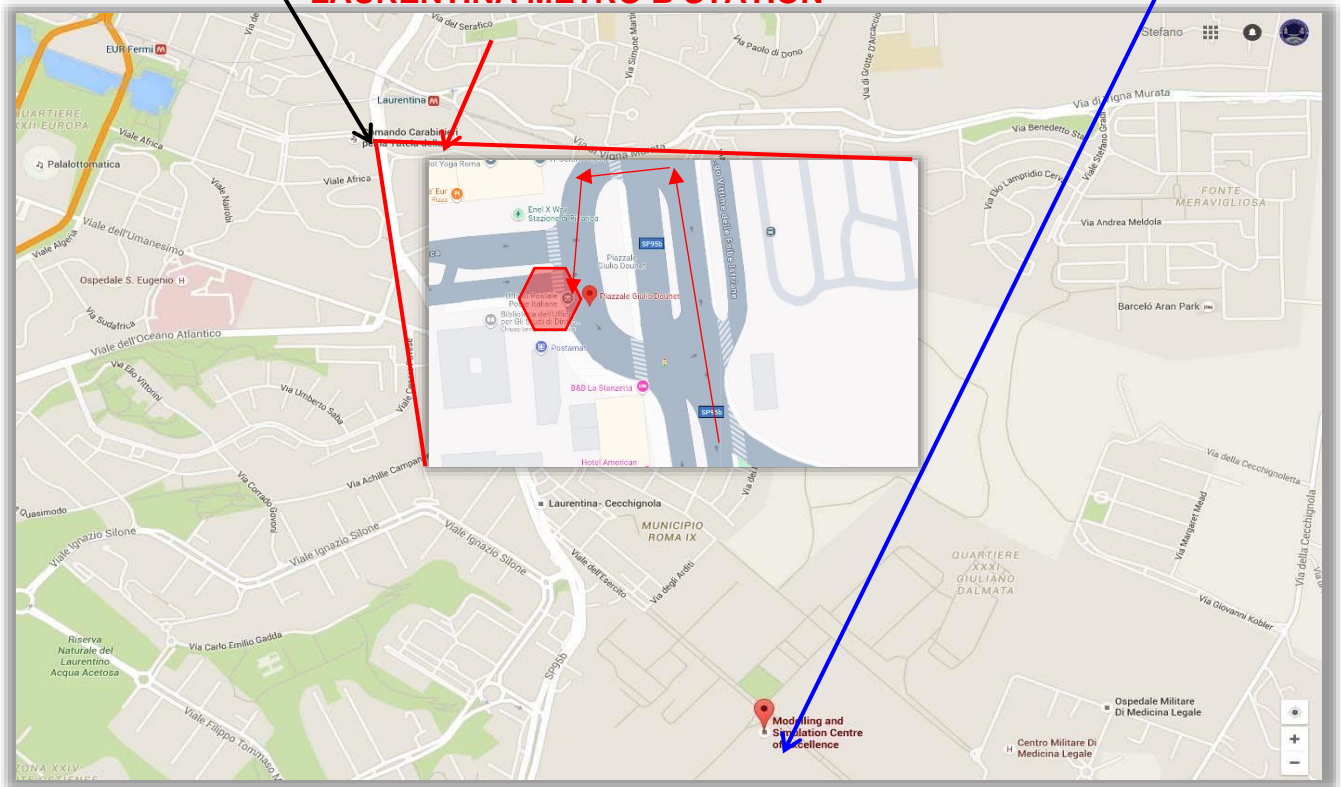
07.45 – Pick up at Piazzale Douhet, in front of the Post Office.

Return IAW daily schedule at para 10.

**PIAZZALE DOUHET
(Pick Up Point) Post Office**

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b. Own vehicles

Please take into due account that Città Militare Cecchignola, where the NATO M&S COE is located, is a military compound and access is handled by military personnel and regulations. Civilian vehicles can enter upon authorization of the Base Military Authorities, a daily pass will be exchanged for a valid document. Pedestrian (civilian or foreign military) have to leave their Passport/ID Card and to declare the reason of visit: course at “Caserma A. De Cicco”.

If you are coming from “Grande Raccordo Anulare” (GRA) by car, whichever side of the Ring (East or West) you are coming from, take the Exit 25, “ROMA EUR/CITTA’ MILITARE CECCHIGNOLA”, towards downtown, and follow the road for about 1,5 km, then turn right into Via dell’Esercito, following the road sign “Città Militare Cecchignola”. After 400 metres you will be in front of the Città Militare Cecchignola main gate. Proceed for further 500 metres then turn right onto Piazza Villoresi, 1.

15. Rules of conduct inside “De Cicco Barracks”:

Please be aware that the processing of personal data, acquired at the entrance of the building, is performed in accordance with Italian Republic Legislative Decree 196/2003. The entire area is under control through a video surveillance system.

IN CASE OF DANGER:

Upon the occurrence of an abnormal situation (eg. Fire, leakage of dangerous substances, Indispositions of people, etc.) The good behavior rules are the following:

- you can take direct action to shut down or limit the fire outbreak only if you are fully aware of the fire extinguishers characteristics and mode of use;
- water hoses shall not be used since their use is reserved to the fire brigade and / or trained and authorized personnel;
- disabled/ people with mobility impairments should be helped/supported;
- should the corridors and stairs be invaded by the smoke, you must stay in the room with tightly closed doors and signal your own presence by all means. Upon the activation of the sound alarm (evacuation order), each one must obey to the safety area coordinator (with phosphorescent bib) instructions, abandoning the premises without delay in an orderly manner and in silence, using the emergency routes indicated by to the safety area coordinator and following the emergency signs;
- **DO NOT LINGER** to recover personal items or for other reasons;
- regroup in a designated collection point as indicated by area safety coordinators and remain available to check for any missing person;
- do not enter any building without the consent of the area safety coordinators in charge for emergency situations;
- promptly follow all instructions given by the area safety coordinator in charge for the emergency.

The **internal emergency** numbers are as follows: **2.4141 or 2.4090**.

General Purpose Information

Public Transportation

Rome has a good underground railway system that will take you close by to most tourist destinations. The Metro in Rome has three lines - A, B and C. The combination of A and lines is X-shaped; the two lines cross at the city's central railway station, which is called ROMA TERMINI. **Rome Bus, Tram & Metro Tickets** must be purchased in advance from Tabacchi shops, newsstands, bars, or vending machines at metro stations and major bus stops. Principals tickets options are the following:

- **B.I.T. € 1.50**. Standard ticket, valid for 100 minutes from first validation on all buses and just for a single journey on metro/train urban route, even using different lines, but without passing through the turnstiles.
- **ROMA 24H hour Ticket €7,00**: valid 24 hours from first validation for unlimited journeys within the city of Rome.
- **CIS - INTEGRATED WEEKLY TICKET €24.00**: Valid until midnight of the seventh day of use including the day of validation, for unlimited journeys within the city of Rome.

Additional information and metro map: <http://www.atac.roma.it/index.asp?lingua=ENG>

Electricity (220 V/50 Hz)

The most used plugs in Rome Hotels are:



Telephone

The international access code from regular phones is '00'.

The country code for Italy is '+39'.

Emergency Numbers

The emergency telephone number for Italy, which you can dial from anywhere in the country, is **112** (European number for emergencies).

Post Office

The Post Offices are usually open between 09h00-14h30 from Monday to Friday and between 09h30–13h00 on Saturdays. Stamps can be bought at tobacconists that either carry the blue and white "Tabacchi" sign or are simply marked "T".

Pharmacies

Rome pharmacies have alternating opening hours during weekends and nights. At most pharmacies, you will find a list of addresses for 24-hour pharmacies. Pharmacists can likely recommend the appropriate medicine or alternative if you describe your symptoms and many pharmacists in tourist areas can speak English.

See <http://www.paginegialle.it/farmacie-turno/Roma> to find out which pharmacy is open.