



## FORCE AND HARBOUR PROTECTION / COUNTERING (RADIO CONTROLLED) IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES IN THE MARITIME ENVIRONMENT

### BASIC INFORMATION

Requestor/Customer:



Allied Command  
Transformation

Lead Entity:



Maritime Command  
Northwood

Dates:

Request for Support:  
2012 ACT  
2014+2022 MARCOM

Permanent Activity  
– no Enddate

COE CSW POC:

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### Executive Description

In Confined and Shallow Waters (CSW) such as coastal areas, harbours, anchorages and harbour-approaches, the asymmetric threat from Improvised Explosive Devices and also from small, hidden or very fast incoming intruders or autonomous vessels is particularly high. Effectively countering such threats and protecting own forces, ports and other critical infrastructure is of crucial importance in any maritime operation.

### Purpose

Offer continuous support to NATO regarding all Force & Harbour Protection and Counter Improvised Explosive Devices in the Maritime Environment (CME) issues and contribute to respective NATO Working Groups by covering specific aspects of the maritime environment and by acting as a Liaison Element between the related Working Groups.

### Milestones

In 2012, Allied Command Transformation requested COE CSW to support the build-up of a maritime Community of Interest to counter the threat from Improvised Explosive Devices in the maritime environment, and to contribute to all Force & Harbour Protection (HP) related activities in NATO.

Since 2014, Maritime Command Northwood (MARCOM) holds the lead for this maritime support to NATO; in June 2016 an official panel under the NATO C-IED WG was established with MARCOM in lead and the COE CSW acting as Deputy Chairman.

### Main Activities

- 2012 & 2013 First CME-Conferences in Kiel, organised by COE CSW
- 2012 – 2016 Member of the “Specialist Team on Harbour Protection”
- 2013 – 2016 HP-trials during Exercise Northern Coasts (NOCO) to build up HP-Capability in NATO and to develop new HP-Doctrine
- JUN 2017 Conference on “RCIED in the Maritime Environment” in Kiel
- NOV 2018 Trials on “RCIED in the Maritime Environment” (NOCO18)
- MAY 2019 & APR 2021 HP-Exercises in Lithuania and Germany

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