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SUBJECT: CALLING NOTICE FOR THE EPRC'S JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY STAFF COURSE 26-02 - EPRC JPRSC 26-02.

1. Invitation.

The European Personnel Recovery Centre (EPRC) will conduct its Joint Personnel Recovery Staff Course (JPRSC), 26-02 edition, at **Poggio Renatico Italian Air Force Base**, (Ferrara province - Italy), from **15 to 25 September 2026**.

2. Background of the Course.

The current global security environment, which is complex and constantly evolving, requires an integrated approach to operations enabling effective support to Personnel Recovery (PR) activities across diplomatic, civil, and military domains.

PR operations increasingly take place in multinational contexts, requiring commonly accepted standards in line with NATO policy and doctrine to ensure interoperability.

Within this framework, the EPRC developed the JPRSC in compliance with NATO Education & Training standards and STANAG 7229 (APRP-3.3.7.4). The course has been recognized as a NATO-selected course since July 2020.

As EU Military Discipline Leader for PR Training, EPRC supports the EUMC in promoting PR training opportunities. The course is therefore open to NATO and EU nations.

3. Course Scope and Aims.

The course aims to provide personnel with the knowledge and skills required to operate as PR staff members within a JPRC or PRCC during operations or exercises at NATO, EU, or national level.

Upon completion of the course, attendees will:

- Understand PR concepts, doctrine, and procedures;
- Contribute to PR planning and execution;
- Operate effectively within a PR staff structure.

4. Target Audience.

a. Main Training Audience

Personnel assigned to staff positions in PRCC or JPRC, including:

- PRCC/JPRC Director;
- PR Senior Watch Officer;
- PR Controller;
- SERE Specialist;
- Assistant.

b. Secondary Training Audience

- National staff managing PR programmes;
- PR Officers designated by nations;
- Personnel in Joint or Component Operations Planning Groups.

5. Pre-requisites

a. Mandatory¹

- Rank Level: OR-6 to OF-4;
- Language Proficiency in English (by STANAG 6001, or equivalent): level 3332²;
- SERE training at least A level or above (in accordance with STANAG 7196, or equivalent)³.

b. Recommended

- Previous PR experience (e.g., courses, exercises, PR operations or member of a PR TF).

6. Course Structure and Training Strategy

The course consists of a distance learning phase, commencing upon receipt of the Confirmation Letter and based on the study of AJP-3.7, and culminating in a pre-assessment test. This is followed by a 9-working-day residential phase, which concludes with a final evaluation.

a. Training Methods

- Interactive lectures;
- Guided discussions;
- Syndicate work (problem-based learning);
- Role plays.

b. Schedule

- Duration: 2 weeks/9 days;
- Total training: ~64 hours.

7. Course Curriculum

The course covers the full PR spectrum:

- PR Fundamentals: concept and history;
- PR Functions: Preparation; Planning; Execution; Adaptation.

8. Assessment and Certification

Course Instructors will continuously assess the extent to which students acquire the intended knowledge, skills, and attitudes, evaluating their learning based on performance throughout the course and taking into

¹ The **organization enrolling or sending participants shall be responsible for verifying** that all participants meet these prerequisites prior to attendance. The course organizer **does not perform prior verification** of these requirements.

² A formal certification is not required; however, participants are expected to possess English language proficiency equivalent to this level in order to effectively follow the course.

³ A formal certification is not required; however, participants are expected to have completed SERE training at least at Level A or above.

account the relationship between rank and assigned roles.⁴

In particular, students will be assessed in accordance with the following grading criteria:

- a. Pre-assessment test: Minimum score is 80%. Students who score below 80% or fail to submit the test to the EPRC prior to course commencement will be required to retake the test during the residential phase and achieve a score of at least 80%.
- b. Role Plays: Instructors will assess role players using the Student Assessment Sheet.
- c. Final test: Minimum score is 80%.

The EPRC COM retains the authority to determine whether a student successfully completes the course, taking into account the instructors' assessments as well as other factors, including English language proficiency, conduct, and level of engagement throughout the course.

9. Course Capacity and Nomination.

The Course has a maximum of twenty-four (24) seats.

Candidate nominations must be submitted individually, as specified below in this letter, and candidates remain responsible for complying with their national chain of command.

10. Nations may indicate a priority by sending their list at info@eprc.org or www.eprc.org

, in the desired national order; however, only candidates who have completed individual registration will be considered for participation, as the national list is used solely to indicate priority.

The EPRC will finalize the list of participants and send a Confirmation Letter directly to the selected candidates.

11. Participation of national PR instructors.

The EPRC offers its Member Nations and partner Organizations the opportunity to have their PR instructors participate in the upcoming JPRSC. The objective is to allow them to advance their professional development as PR instructors through the "Instructor Certification Program⁵". Acceptance of applications will be determined by the EPRC Commander based on the identified need for external staff support, and specific roles may be assigned to each instructor according to their level of progress.

The reporting day for all Instructors is **14 September 2026 at 14:30** (local time) in Poggio Renatico, in order to participate in the "Standardisation Meeting".

12. Administrative Issues.

a. Students:

- **Course Fee**: The course has **no** tuition fee.
- **Accommodation, Food, Travel costs and Per Diem**: EPRC **will not cover** any cost. Therefore, all personnel expenses, travel, and per diem **must** be covered by the participants' respective units.

b. Instructors:

- **Non-Italian Course Instructors external to EPRC in support of JPRSC**:

⁴ For training purpose, students will perform the five roles (Director, Senior Watch Officer, Controller, SERE Specialist, Assistant) regardless the rank.

⁵ The ICP (Instructor Certification Program) is an internal EPRC project, which intends to validate the knowledge acquired by the instructors for the only purpose of the EPRC JPRSC, by establishing a common validation framework for those Nations that separately implement the JPRSC course according to the EPRC standards.

- **Accommodation, Food, Travel costs and Per Diem:** EPRC **will not cover** any cost. Therefore, all personnel expenses, travel, and per diem **must** be covered by the participants' respective units.
- **Italian Course Instructors external to EPRC in support of JPRSC:**
 - **Accommodation:** in accordance with Italian rules, **military residence** is the first priority (reservation is a personal responsibility). In case of military residence unavailability, civilian hotel will be funded by Italian Air Force (further information will be detailed in the Confirmation letter).
 - **Food:** in accordance with Italian rules, **military mess** is the first priority (reservation is a personal responsibility). In case military mess unavailability for dinner, civilian restaurant for dinner will be funded by Italian Air Force (further information will be detailed in the Confirmation letter).
 - **Travel costs and Per Diem:** travel expenses and Per Diem will be funded by Italian Air Force (further information will be detailed in the Confirmation letter).

13. Submission of requests.

It is the responsibility of participating nations and organisations to ensure the submission of participation requests to the course for their candidates (students or instructors), by filling in the **Registration Form** not later than **10 July 2026**.

The Registration form is available:

- at this link: <https://eprc.limesurvey.net/865519?lang=en>
- or
- at this QR CODE:



14. Course participation confirmation: The EPRC will send a **Confirmatory Letter (by mail)** to the selected candidates not later than **17 July 2026**.

15. For further details or information, recipients are invited to contact the EPRC at info@eprc.org or www.eprc.org

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