

**3rd MEETING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (IG)
FOR EUROPEAN INITIATIVE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF YOUNG OFFICERS
(INSPIRED BY ERASMUS)**

Brussels, 15 September 2009

Draft Minutes

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted unanimously

2. Information on the minutes of the previous meeting

The Secretariat clarified that the silence was broken on the proposal to find a 'nickname' for the Initiative. Therefore, the proposal was not brought before the Steering Committee and the name remains unchanged. The minutes of the previous meeting nevertheless are correct and considered to be approved.

3. Presentation on the Conference of Superintendents

The Group received a presentation on the training of German Navy Cadet and on the kind of exchanges that they are engaged in. At the same time the Group received general information on the Conference of Superintendents that will take place in the German Naval Academy in May 2010.

4. Report on the Common Module on ESDP in Lisbon

The Group received a detailed report on the conduct of the Common module on ESDP that was organised by Portugal. In general the module was greeted with great enthusiasm and several representatives explicitly congratulated the Portuguese organisers for their effort. To facilitate the conduct of similar events in the future, a database of lecturers from the Member States Institutions could be made available, likely in the framework of the IT tool developed under LoD 4.

Spain signalled that it intends to organise three simultaneous modules in their Academies in the spring of 2010. Greece signalled that it considers to host a module in their Air Force Academy in the fall of 2010. Nevertheless, the conduct of these modules needs to be included in the curricula of as many as possible Member States in order to meet the general objectives of the Initiative.

5. Report on the Framework Agreement for Administrative and Legal Challenges

The Group received a report, written by the Chairperson of the Subgroup 4 on the state-of-play. As directed by the IG in June 2009, the Subgroup has made a draft Memorandum of Understanding that will allow, once signed, the different

Institutes of the Member States to engage more easily in exchange activities between the Institutes, without having to create a separate MoU for each occasion. This document will now first be discussed in the Subgroup, before being brought to the attention of the IG for adoption.

6. Detailed Stocktaking

The Group received an extensive report of the detailed stocktaking and its consequence on the Work Plan of the Implementation Group. In the conclusions, the need to establish a qualification or accreditation system was underlined to support and facilitate mutual recognition of vocational training.

7. Development Work Plan

The Secretariat informed the Group that the replies received so far on the call for contributions to the development of the Initiative does not allow to develop all the identified Lines of Development at the same time. The major problem is the lack of commitment by Member States to chair the Subgroups. The Group exchanged points of view on the priorities to be given to each Line of Development. The Secretariat requested additional offers to be made by the end of September 2009. Based on the discussion and the received offers, the Chairperson of the Implementation Group in cooperation with the Secretariat will adapt the work plan and distribute it in time for the next meeting.

A meeting of Subgroups for QW 4 and LoD1 and 5 will take place in Brussels on 27 October

8. AOB

The Group received information on the following related activities:

- Meeting of EUAFA on 06-08 October in Pozzuoli, IT*
- Meeting of Land Forces Academies in October*
- Conference organised by the SE Presidency in Stockholm on 25-27 November*

The IG meeting that was planned on 09 December 2009 will be postponed. The Secretariat will inform the IG members about the new date as soon as possible.