

**Implementation Group**

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**5th Meeting of the Implementation Group  
for European initiative for the exchange of young officers  
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**Draft Minutes**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

*The agenda was adopted unanimously.*

**2. State-of-Play of the Initiative**

*The Secretariat gave an overview of the situation of the documents (HR report, MECTS guideline and framework arrangement). Both the Framework Arrangement and the MECTS Guideline have been adopted by the Steering Committee and can be used (although with the necessary caution concerning the use of MECTS in the light of the concerns raised by the Commission, see below). The Secretariat reminds the Group that when a Member State for the first time uses the Framework arrangement for exchanges of young officers, they are requested to notify the Secretariat.*

**3. Networking**

*The Chair reports on the participation in the Conference of Superintendents in the German Naval School in Flensburg. He underlines the importance of this meeting since it allowed a direct communication with the Commandants of the Schools about the realisations of the Initiative. Among the various points raised, the Commandants are very interested to the results of the LoD 2 and the possibility to access to these data on a database to easily identify the most appropriate activities and define equivalencies. The presentation by the Chair will be placed on the Emilyo website to be accessible by all.*

*The next activity will be during the EUAFA meeting in the second week of June in the Italian Air Force Academy in Pozzuoli.*

*In the pursuing discussion, the Group underlines that it would be useful to have people that are Members both in the IG and in the Single Service groups so as to improve communication between the different initiatives. Other suggestions are to create a newsletter and to create links on the different websites to the websites of the other initiatives, as is already the case on the Emilyo site.*

*Group members also suggest to move in the direction of more practical exchanges, e.g. in the training of pilots, and/or in the direction of full semester exchanges under the Initiative as this facilitates the recognition of training at the home Institute.*

*A database of available experts for lectures on the different modules could be further developed with the support of the Secretariat.*

#### 4. Final Report of the Detailed Stocktaking – Presentation

*Mr Paile briefly presented the final version of the detailed stocktaking report and a copy was distributed to the members of the Group. The report will be available on the Emilyo website and on the ESDC website.*

#### 5. Common Modules

- Common Module on Communication – Adoption  
*The Group discussed whether the topic was appropriate within the Initiative. The Subgroup working on the development of Common Modules clarified that all the chosen topics were identified during the initial stocktaking by the different Member States and that the list of topics was presented to the IG in several previous meetings at the occasion of the reports of the Chairperson of the subgroup. The topics need not strictly be limited to CSDP. The Group then adopted the Common Module on Communication with some amendments agreed during the meeting. The Module can now be used by the Member States - if they so wish - for their national training or for exchanges.*
- Report of the Common Modules on CSDP, conducted in Spain  
*The Group received a report on the external evaluation of the Common Modules held in Spain in March 2010. All in all, the 3 modules were very successful, including the participation of a sufficient number of lecturers from other MSs. The lessons learnt will be available for Accademies willing to host similar activities in the future.*
- Common Modules in the Upcoming Academic Years – Planning  
*Greece announced that it will invite up to 3 participants per Member State for the Common Module on CSDP that it will organise in Athens from 15 to 19 November 2010. An official invitation with the administrative details will be distributed later. Austria announces two Common Modules on CSDP, one from 17 to 23 October 2010 and one from 14 to 20 November. For 2011, Austria will offer some 16 exchange opportunities. Details can be found on the [www.miles.ac.at](http://www.miles.ac.at) website.*
- The use of ECTS for Common Modules  
*The Groups underlined the necessity to implement correctly the number of ECTS identified in the common curricula, taking into account national regulation.*
- Co-operation with NATO PfP-consortium on the Professional Military Education (PME) Standard Curricula  
*The Secretariat reported on **its informal contacts** with the NATO PfP Consortium in the development of a common curriculum on Professional Military Education( PME) for the benefit of Partnership countries that wish to modernise their national military education systems.*

#### 6. Work Plan

- *The Secretariat gave an overview of the replies received on the recent request for contributions. The problem remains to identify Chairpersons for certain LoDs, in particular for LoD 6. The IG Chair will therefore organise a special meeting on this LoD in the margins o he next IG meeting.*
- *The Chairperson of LoD2 gave an overview of his work plan for the development of the LoD.*
- *Cyprus will host the next meeting of the IG in Larnaca on 21 September 2010. The Secretariat will distribute additional administrative information as it becomes available.*

#### 7. AOB

- *Under this agenda item, the Secretariat mentions that different Non-EU countries expressed their interest to participate in the Initiative. The subject will be further analysed and presented to the SC for considerations.*
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