

Implementation Group

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**22nd Meeting of the Implementation Group for the
European initiative for the exchange of young officers
(inspired by Erasmus)**

on 09 May 2014, 10.30 to 13.30 hrs

Draft minutes

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted unanimously.

2. Draft Minutes - approval

The IG adopted the draft Minutes of the 21st meeting on 25 February 2014. (Doc. IG/2014/004/28 February 2014)

3. LoD 2 – Way ahead and current state of activities

The Group had a discussion on the way ahead taking into consideration the received comments from Italy and Greece. The IG agreed on the LoD 2 discussion paper as the starting common ground with some minor changes (attached both the final and the track changes doc.). Furthermore, a specific LoD2 meeting should be organized in Brussels in Sep 2014 to further develop the descriptors and to which the IG strongly recommended that **representatives from national Academies be present**. In preparation for this meeting, MS are invited to send their comments on the descriptors in Annex A of the document by 31st July 2014.

4. Greek Presidency of the European Council. Way ahead of the initiatives.

a. European month

The IG discussed the results of the questionnaire on the European month and agreed to invite all Member states to offer concrete events preferably in the time framework of October-November 2015 or/and March-April 2016) **until the 13th of June 2014**, preferably incorporating common modules developed under ESDC/IG umbrella. The existing common modules include: CSDP, Law of Armed Conflict, Media and Communication, Crisis Management and Basic Military English (there is no separate PSO module so far)

b. IT Platform

The ESDC Secretariat presented a draft business case for the IT platform. The IG approved the draft Business case as the basic guiding document and agreed to put it under silence procedure until 02 June 2014 (doc. attached).

The BG representative mentioned that his Institution has new software available and the proposed business case seems feasible. The 1st step will be the development of a test version containing the first draft of the content on mid-September.

The Head of ESDC will proceed with a formal exchange of letters with BG concerning this contribution.

5. LoD 6 - Exchange Opportunities – 11th Newsletter

The Secretariat presented the draft newsletter containing articles and information related to the exchanges. The IG endorsed the presented content and agreed, after the request of two Academies, to give some additional time before its circulation in order to incorporate some additional contributions (doc. attached).

6. Lod 8 - “Common Module Basic Military English”- Approval

The IG adopted the new Module called “Basic Military English” presented by Austria during the 21st meeting (doc. attached), with some changes agreed during the meeting.

7. 2nd CSDP Olympiad hot wash - up.

The IG discussed the procedures-organization-results of the 2nd CSDP Olympiad and agreed that:

- a. It was considered a great success;
- b. The quality level of the essays was in general better;
- c. The amendment of the essay evaluation/score grid helped to minimise the difference between the essay evaluators;
- d. A score grid should be created for the evaluation of the oral presentations in preparation for the next Olympiad;
- e. More oral presentations should be included by shortening the length or prolonging the duration of the whole event in order to heighten the level of involvement by the participants.
- f. A new regulation on writing the essay will be created by AT and proposed to the IG for approval.

8. iMAF 2014, International Winter and Semester Military Leadership which will start in September at TMA.

The Austrian representatives gave an up-date to the IG on the iMAF 2014 in Reichenau (AT) in July 2014 and on the International Winter Semester on Military Leadership which will start in September 2014 at the TMA.