

Implementation Group

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**28th Meeting of the Implementation Group for the
European initiative for the exchange of young officers
(inspired by Erasmus)**

on 25th November 2015, 10.00 hrs (all day meeting)

**3, Rue Philippe le Bon, 1000 Bruxelles
room PLB3 2.17**

Draft Minutes

1. Adoption of the agenda

Italy, Hungary and the ESDC Secretariat proposed additional points. Original point 7.d was cancelled (presentation by IRTEA). Agenda adopted.

2. Information about the different LoDs

The IG Chairman presented the objectives, achievements and respective roles of the States and their participating institutions for each Line of Development.

3. LoD 4 - IT Platform – Follow-up discussion

Mr. Paile-Calvo presented how to upload an article or announcement on the Emilyo website. He provided updates on the functionalities of the Emilyo, notably on the validation of the inputs proposed by the registered users.

4. LoD 5

The IG Chairman reported on the declared use of the Framework Agreement. 6 Member States notified up to now this use, 2 use it as a model for bilateral agreement. The Chairman invited the MS to notify their intention to make use of it.

5. LoD 6 - Exchange Opportunities

a. Discussion about the 3rd CSDP-Olympiad

The list of ten topics for the participants' papers was adopted.

The IG Chairman presented to the IG the guidelines for the assessment by evaluators of the papers. They were adopted by the IG.

Registration will be open until the end of December 2015 (on the homepage of the SK Academy).

b. Presentation of Czech 'MilUNI Homepage'

The IG Chairman presented the homepage and the offer of CZ to organise an “administrator workshop” for this website (generalities about academies, EU and non-EU, incl. civilians).

6. LoD7 - Information about the LoD7 Meeting

The IG Chairman reported that iMAF 2016 was discussed in the context of the LoD7 Meeting in Brno, and that the work on the “international semester” engaged during iMAF 2015 is being continued in the LoD7 framework as well as in the ERASMUS+ Strategic Partnership Programme. Next LoD7 meeting scheduled on 19-21 September 2016.

7. LoD 8

The IG Chairman reminded that at the moment the adopted and projected common modules represent a total of 58 ECTS .

a. Presentation of the curriculum of the new Common Module, 'Cadet Leadership Development'

CY reported that it is willing to re-organise the module in Cyprus (open for EU and perhaps non-EU participants), pending the availability of human and financial resources for the practical arrangements. A module description was developed (starting during the iMAF 2015) for the module but not yet finalised.

b. Outcome of the AT and IT Common Modules conducted in October 2015.

AT reported it organised the Basic Military English module (6 countries).

IT reported about the Leadership and Agility in Complex Environments module organised by the Air Force Academy. It was the 2nd edition and convened 8 countries. A first phase consisted in writing a paper on leadership when facing complexity. A second phase consisted in peer grading. A third phase consisted in the residential phase (with observers from the participating institutions) with a team and experience-based learning approach (lectures, exercises, training, etc.) and leading to the drafting of a document about leadership development. Civilian students participated. Feedbacks were collected (attached ppt).

IT reported also on the organisation of the LOAC module (3 MS, 31 participants). In the absence of IDL module, preparatory material was made available on the website of the Institute. The next CSDP module will be organised from 14 to 18 March 2016 (attached ppt).

c. HU University of Public Services (where the military officers are trained) reported on its offer in English language, which although not modularised (semester-based) is important in number and content.

d. Information about the current state of iMAF 2016

The date has not been defined yet (next IG meeting). Its content will be about informing on the different possibilities to use the existing financial possibilities for funding the exchanges (Erasmus and other) and the exchange periods.

e. Proposition for a European doctoral school on CSDP

Mr. Paile-Calvo presented the proposal for the creation of a European PhD curriculum on CSDP. The IG welcomed the idea and emphasised that such a proposal should be discussed with the EAB since the IG mandate is limited to the context of the basic Military education (attached ppt).

d. Update of the ongoing work on 'Joint Degree Master on CSDP

The IG Chairman presented the project and the curriculum of the Joint Master (AT-CZ-PL), which will start in Winter Semester 2017, for 30 students (incl. civilians). Application rules will be available by mid-2016.

8. Work plan - Contributions/Updates

Based on a proposal by the Secretariat, the IG was invited to review and further develop the work plan for 2015-2016. The amended work plan will be distributed by the ESDC Secretariat (Attached doc.).

9. Discussion about the 'Pool of Trainer/Instructors'

The IG Chairman provided examples of lists for the institutions to share the educating and training staff they would be ready to make available for the organisation of the different modules. He invited the IG members to provide the ESDC Secretariat with their names.

10.AOB

The ESDC Secretariat will prepare a standard format for the presentation of the basic curricula of the common modules which will be uploaded to Emilyo website.

With a view to the GAREA, the IG Chairman invited the IG members to share the information about their exchanges in terms of working days and proposed a format for providing the ESDC Secretariat with this information.

Mr. Paile-Calvo invited the IG members and the participating institutions to check and amend if necessary the data published on the Emilyo website (notably the links, addresses and fiches' data).

IT (Carabinieri Officers Academy) presented a pilot project on IHL and Human Rights in June 2016 (6 days). 10 slots reserved for EU participants. The learning outcomes (3 ECTS with combination of lectures and exercises) and agenda are already defined. More information on registration procedure will be provided at a later stage (attached ppt).

The ESDC Secretariat informed the IG members about the ESDC budget 2016, which allows for a financial support to the organisation of a limited number of common modules on "CSDP priority" topics (eg. maritime security, CSDP, cybersecurity) under the condition that the civilian participation is more than 33%.