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***29th Meeting of the Implementation Group for the
European initiative for the exchange of young officers
(inspired by Erasmus)***

on 23rd February 2016 at 10.00 (all-day meeting)

***(Albert Borschette Conference Centre,
Rue Froissart 36, Brussels, room AB-3D)***

Approved Minutes

- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
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. Concerning LoD 5 the chairman encouraged those member States which have so far not shown their intent to use it to send a message to ESDC to do so.
- 3. LoD 4 - IT Platform – short presentation on how to use the homepage**
The IG had an open discussion based on users' experiences.
- 4. LoD 6 - Exchange Opportunities**
The SK representative presented an update on the 3rd CSDP-Olympiad which is now at the stage of internet distance learning and paper writing. 49 participants had registered from 15 Member States. More paper evaluators are needed. Those institutions which nominated cadets but no evaluators were requested to put forward names of evaluators.
- 5. LoD 8**
 - a. Presentation of a proposal for a new Common Module, 'Cadet Leadership Development'**
The chairman presented an AT and CY common proposal for a new Common Module called 'Cadet Leadership Development'. The Project will be continued in 2016 with a view to testing it for the second time, preferably in Cyprus, taking into consideration the Lessons Identified from the first pilot module (Cyprus, August 2015); up to 30 participants from the EU MS would be invited and training for the instructors would be offered, 1 week in advance. The specific module will be discussed in the context of

iMAF 2016, and it will be proposed for approval as 'Common' in the IG with a view to be a part of the **'International Semester'**.

b. Presentation of a proposal for a new Common Module 'Cyber Security'

The IG chairman presented a proposal for a new Common Module called 'Cyber Security' developed by NUPS/Budapest.

The 'Cyber Security Module'/2 ECTS will also be a part of the 'International Semester'. It will be discussed in the context of iMAF 2016 and then it will send back to IG to be adopted as 'Common'.

c. Outcome of the AT CSDP Common Module conducted in January 2016

AT presented the outcome of the CSDP Common Module conducted in January 2016 (12 MS, 55 students).

d. Presentation of a proposal concerning interactive/simulation workshops

The Institute of Research & Training on European Affairs (IRTEA) presented a proposal for a new interactive module on the EU Institutions' Functioning and Decision-Making Process using interactive workshops/simulation which can be offered as a standalone or as an interactive part of other trainings.

e. Information about Strategic Partnership (International Semester)

The IG Chairman updated the group on the creation of an International Semester in the framework of a Strategic Partnership between five 5 Institutes (Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Romania under Erasmus+ programme). The Semester consists of Military English, the EU Comprehensive Approach, Cultural awareness, Cross cultural communication, Interoperability, Electronic warfare, Cyber Security, Law of Armed Conflicts and Military Leadership. All the modules of the semester are either already common modules under the Initiative or will receive this status after the IG's approval. The International semester will enter its test phase in spring 2017 between the SP institutes with a view to opening it to all MS in 2018 (a few parts of it earlier, such as the project in Cyprus).

6. Information about the current state of iMAF 2016

The IG Chairman updated the group on the current state of iMAF 2016 which will focus on funding and the review of modules. iMAF 2016 will take place in Poland from Monday to Friday, 20 to 24 June 2016.

7. Presentation of the iMAF 2015 book

The RO representative presented the iMAF 2015 book.

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

The IG Chairman presented an update of the joint 'Interdisciplinary Master Study Programme for Common Security and Defence Policy' (120 ECTS) which will be offered jointly by three Institutions from Austria, Poland and the Czech Republic. Its curriculum is already developed and – according to the current plan – will start during the winter semester of 2017, with a maximum of 30 students.

9. Erasmus+ agreements

The IG encouraged its members to arrange back to back with the IG meetings bilateral discussions with a view to preparing the ground for Erasmus+ agreements between them.

10. Discussion about the EUMS intention to propose a 'European Union Military Decision Making Process on tactical level'

The EUMS representative introduced the subject to the IG as food for thought. The IG welcomed the idea and will come back to the subject in one of the following meetings.

11. Work plan - Contributions/Updates

Based on a proposal by the Secretariat and taking account of all the offers received, the IG reviewed and further developed the work plan for 2015-2016 (attached doc.). The next meeting will take place in Cyprus on 4 May 2016.

12. Discussion about the 'Pool of Trainers/Instructors'

The IG Chair encouraged the training institutes to update and further contribute to the existing list. The list will be uploaded onto the EMILYO homepage with limited access (password access).

13. AOB

a. Presentation of a new study Program 'General Engineering Science: Defence Systems (DSYS)'

The representative from the Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg, Germany presented a new study programme (Bachelors and Masters) in English (ppt attached).

b. Presentation of new exchange offers from Saint-Cyr Military Academy (ppt attached).

c. AKUs

The ESDC Secretariat presented to the IG an updated list of the available IDL AKUs. The IG encouraged its members to use also the new AKUs to support the residential part of the training (attached AKUs list). The IG Members can access all the available AKUs if they subscribe and request membership at:

https://esdc.adlunap.ro/goto.php?target=crs_22588&client_id=esdc