

**37th meeting of the Implementation Group for the
European Initiative for the Exchange of Young Officers
inspired by Erasmus**

on 20-21 February 2018

**EC Building LOI / LOI 130. B
Rue de la Loi 130, 1040 Bruxelles (1st day)**

Draft minutes

1) The chairman welcomed the 46 participants from 17 EU Member States and 34 Institutions.

2) **Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

3) **Minutes approval.**

The group approved the minutes of the 36th meeting.

<http://www.emilyo.eu/node/872> .

4) **Update by the Chair on all LoDs**

The Implementation Group (IG) Chair presented the respective objectives, achievements and roles of the states and their participating institutions for each line of development (all presentations are temporarily available on: <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191>).

In particular:

a) **LoD 3 – Development of Internet Distance Learning (IDL):**

- New IDL modules completed via Strategic Partnership Project (SPP). More information under paragraph 6.
- The ESDC currently has 27 autonomous knowledge units (AKU = learning unit + confirmation test) in its portfolio. The AKUs have been made available by the European Security and Defence College for exclusive use. Participants in CSDP training activities may display, read, print, download and/or save (a copy of) the material for their personal, including professional non-commercial, use. They may not otherwise reproduce, store in a retrieval system, distribute or transmit in any form or by any means any part of this autonomous knowledge unit without the prior written consent of the copyright holder, who is – in general – the subject

matter expert. A list of the available autonomous knowledge units is available on <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/978>.

- b) **LoD 5 – Framework:** The Chairman explained its importance to the IG members and asked them to continue to request its adoption via their chains of command.
- c) **LoD 6 – National implementation of the programme – Strategic Communication:**
- The Chairman and the ESDC Military Training Manager gave a briefing on the Initiative in the context of the ERASMUS+ Interinstitutional agreements signing ceremony between the Austrian Theresan Academy, the Hellenic Air Force Academy and the University of Cyprus, the Open University of Cyprus and the European University of Cyprus on 15 December 2017, in Nicosia Cyprus, under the auspices of the Cyprus Minister of Defence.
 - The Chairman gave information about the presentation on the Initiative during the 3rd International Symposium on Command and Leadership which took place on 15 and 16 February 2018 in Lisbon.
 - The Hellenic Army, Naval, and Air Force Academies reported that the planning of the event for the 10th Anniversary was on schedule and that the official invitation/registration procedure would be sent out soon via ESDC. The EEAS Strategic Communication expressed strong interest and received from the ESDC detailed information about the event with a view to promoting it and briefing the HR/VP Federica Mogherini accordingly.
 - The EU Military Committee Chairman, General Mikhail KOSTARAKOS, was awarded the title of the first honorary IG member for his strong and diachronic support for the Initiative.
 - The Chairman asked the IG members to strongly recommend that their cadets write reports/short articles regarding their exchange experience.
- d) **LoD 8 – Common Modules/offers**
- **Fourth 'CSDP Olympiad':** The residential phase of the Olympiad will take place in Bulgaria from 21-24 May 2018. Of the 46 registered cadets from 14 MS, 38 from 13 MS are considered eligible to proceed to the final competition. A penalty of 1% per day of delay in submission of the thesis of 5 cadets was unanimously decided by the group. The group also voted for the best cover page proposal. The residential phase registration forms, the paper evaluation regulation, the selected cover page and other useful information are available on the 4th CSDP Olympiad website: http://www.emilyo.eu/olympiad_csdp_documentation.
 - The Hellenic Air Force Academy (HAFA) presented the draft curricula of three modules: Space Applications for Security and Defence, Military Ethics – Part I and Part II. Unless silence is broken by 16th April CoB, the three curricula will be adopted as 'common' (attached docs).
 - The Polish University of Technology (MUT) presented details of two upcoming offers and the structure of the MUT Faculty of Civil Engineering and Geodesy, expressing their willingness to engage in partnerships and receive foreign students. Details are available on the EMILYO homepage (<http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191> and <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1017>).

- The Hellenic Naval Academy informed the Group about the upcoming common module Maritime Security.
- Italy/SA-Torino informed the Group about the upcoming common modules CSDP and Law of Armed Conflicts.
- Latvia / National Defence Academy presented their institution and offers for the very first time to the group.
- The Hellenic Military Academy noted that the International Semester was running well and had received 17 foreign cadets.
- Romania/ Land Forces Academy informed the Group of the results of three exchange offers and about upcoming ones.
- Spain announced that Exercise Tierra 2018 would be organised again next summer by the Spanish Academia General Militar in Zaragoza. It would be offered for 15 international participants.
- Austria/Theresan Academy informed the Group about the results of several common modules organised and about upcoming common modules and other exchange opportunities (information available on EMILYO homepage - <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878>).

5) Sectorial Qualifications Framework (SQF)

The ESDC Secretariat presented the whole project regarding the creation of a complete SQF for the Military Officer Profession up to level 7 (Senior Officers). The work done in the context of IG/ LoD2 would be considered as a fundamental document and the starting point, making the implementation of it even more relevant and necessary.

6) Strategic Partnership Project (SPP)

The Project Coordinator from MALF Wroclaw presented the 'status quo' of the SPP. He explained that the content of the e-books, e-learning material and other supporting documents developed would be available for the institutions in the EU responsible for officer education. The material consists of specialised instructions and knowledge not intended for open public disclosure. The procedure is available at the EMILYO homepage <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/988> (incl. the request form).

7) Update on the ongoing work on the 'Joint Master's Degree in CSDP'

The IG Chair gave an update on the 'Interdisciplinary Joint Master's Study Programme on Common Security and Defence Policy' (120 ECTS), which would be offered jointly by three institutions – in Austria, Poland and the Czech Republic for up to 30 participants. The Czech Republic is in the process of accreditation. The updated plan is to start with Winter Semester 2019.

8) Update on iMAF 2018

The Chair informed the Group that the iMAF 2018 would take place in Budapest from 18 to 21 June 2018. The topic was discussed at the LoD7 meeting in Brno, Czech Republic, and would be the following:

- Are the results of the Strategic Partnership Project (SPP) enough?

- What are the new threats we are facing?
- How can we identify the military tasks in the changing security environments?
- The need to change basic military education to respond to new threats and challenges.

9) Information about EMACS 2018 and 2019

The Theresan Military Academy will host the EMACS 2018 in Wiener Neustadt, Austria, from 24 to 27 October 2018. For the first time, all services will be invited.

The Land Forces Academy in Sibiu, Romania, will host the EMACS 2019 from 12 to 15 June 2019.

10) Discussion on the pool of trainers

In order to facilitate exchanges of lecturers, IG members were requested to provide the ESDC Secretariat with lists of potential lecturers, with a view to creating a database in a restricted area on the EMILYO homepage. IG members who had not yet done so were invited to create this list and send it to harald.gell@bmlvb.gv.at. Non-academic instructors are also welcome.

11) European Anthem/Flag

The IG members accepted unanimously the ESDC Secretariat's suggestion to adopt the playing of the EU anthem and the presence of an EU flag in the training events organised under the Initiative, preferably during the certificate handout ceremonies. More Info regarding the EU anthem is available on: https://europa.eu/european-union/about-eu/symbols/anthem_en .

12) ESDC Co Financing

The ESDC Secretariat informed the Group that all the Common modules would be eligible for co-financing in 2018, even those not linked to traditional ESDC curricula but having at least 1/3 civilian participants. Further details are available in the ESDC Administrative Instructions I/2018. More info is available on <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/874>.

13) Proposals for the agenda of the 38th IG meeting in Bulgaria

The group proposed including on the agenda updates on EMACS 2018, the 10th anniversary, and the presentation of modules and common projects.

14) Work plan – contributions/update

All relevant information can be found on the EMILYO homepage. The next meeting (38th) would take place in in Bulgaria, Veliko Tarnovo, on 24 May 2018 in the context of the 4th CSDP Olympiad.

The Belgian Royal Military Academy will host the 39th IG Meeting on 4-5 September 2018 in Brussels. The Romanian Police Academy offered to host

the 41st meeting in Romania in February 2019 in the context of the Romanian Presidency and the Spanish Army Academy offered to host the 42nd IG Meeting in Spain, in May 2019. The Polish Military University offered to host one of the future IG meetings.

IG 2nd special day for Naval, Airforce, Technical and Medical Academies/Universities with a view to creating strategic partnerships resulting in common international semesters under Erasmus+

(all IG members were invited)

21 February 2018 from 9.00 to 13.00

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- 1) The Romanian Air Force Academy presented a strategic partnership project and invited the members to take part in the multiplier event on 24 September 2018 (location in Romania or Bulgaria TBC)
- 2) The Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers (medical, financial and legal adviser Officers), the Hellenic Military Nursing Academy and the Romanian Medical-Military Institute presented their Academies for first time to the group, expressing their willingness to create partnerships and exchanges under the Initiative. The three presentations are available on <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191>
- 3) After the presentations the meeting was organised in four different groups as follows:
 - **Naval Academies**

The Hellenic, Bulgarian and Italian Naval Academies and the Swedish National Defence University discussed the possibilities for creating a new Strategic Partnership Project with a view to setting up a Naval International Semester. The ESDC secretariat underlined once more the importance of such a project, which is also directly related to work strand 5, 'Maritime Security Research Education and Training' of the **European Union Maritime Security Strategy (EUMSS) – Action Plan** adopted by the General Affairs Council (attached doc. 15658/14). The Academies decided to exchange more information regarding their curricula/syllabuses/ learning outcomes in the immediate future with a view to meeting again in a separate configuration in the context of the CSDP Olympiad , 22-25 May, in Veliko Tarnovo and/or during iMAF 2018, 18-22 June, in Budapest.
 - **Air Force Academies**

The Hellenic and Polish Air Force Academies discussed the possibilities for creating a new Strategic Partnership Project with a view to setting up an Air Force International Semester. They will intensify their bilateral communication, focusing on the possible content of such a semester and on identifying more partners. For that purpose the Hellenic Air Force Academy will organise a meeting in Athens to which other interested Academies will also be invited.
 - **Technical Universities**

The Polish Romanian and Italian Academies explored the different possibilities and decided to proceed to a more intensified bilateral communication in the immediate future.

- **Medical Universities**

The Academy of Combat Support Officers (medical, financial and legal adviser Officers) and the Hellenic Military Nursing Academy held bilateral discussions with the Spanish MoD Rep with a view to creating common exchange offers preferably during the summer training period (July). They will get in contact with the Romanian and German medical academies who have also expressed their interest in the recent past.

To provide a better overview, all requests are summarised in the table below:

Request:	Send to:
<p>Comment on the LoD 5 paper (framework). The goal is for your institution or your country to provide the ESDC with an official statement. If this has not been started yet, try to get an answer from those responsible. (See http://www.emilyo.eu/node/982 - LoD 5)</p>	<p>Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu or announcement in the Steering Committee</p>
<p>Mark in blue and red the autumn/winter and spring/summer academic semesters of your institution. Create new lines if necessary. (http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191)</p>	<p>Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu</p>
<p>Create a 'pool of lecturers' list for your institution, listing lecturers who are willing to teach abroad, preferably under Erasmus+. (http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191)</p>	<p>harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at</p>
<p>If you want to post a mobility offer on the EMILYO homepage, send the dates and a short description (in PDF format) – or a link if you post it on your homepage. (See http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878)</p>	<p>harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at</p>
<p>If you want to post any documents on the EMILYO homepage, send them in a single pdf document.</p>	<p>harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at</p>
<p>Encourage cadets or students to write a report on an event with international participants. Please include pictures. (See http://www.emilyo.eu/exchange_experience)</p>	<p>harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at</p>
<p>Update the list of the names, postal & email addresses of the Commandants and Superintendents and provide additional PoCs in MoDs and General Staffs</p>	<p>harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at & Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu</p>