

**42nd meeting of the Implementation Group
for the European Initiative for the exchange of young officers
inspired by Erasmus**

23-24 May 2019

in Reichenau /AUSTRIA

Draft minutes

1) The chair and the ESDC Secretariat welcomed the 59 participants from 19 EU Member States and 38 institutions presence.

2) Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted with the addition of the following items:

- a) Feedback on the International (Land Forces) Semester (Hellenic Army Academy).
- b) Medical common module (Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers).
- c) International Technical Semester (Romanian Military Technical University).
- d) International Fall Semester (Italian Naval Academy).
- e) International Winter Semester (Theresan Academy).
- f) 10-day Intensive Brussels Summer School (Belgian RMA).
- g) Presentation of the outcomes of the common module 'Maritime Security' (Hellenic Naval Academy).
- h) Presentation of the project 'EMilEW' - 1st Erasmus Military English Week (Military Academy Lisbon).
- i) Presentation of the new Erasmus project 'European Universities' (Romanian Military Technical University).
- j) 44th IG meeting in Romania (Dec. 2019).

3) Approval of the minutes

The group said that the minutes of the 41st meeting were considered approved since no-one had broken the silence procedure. <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/872>.

4) IG Chairmanship

The ESDC secretariat announced that the Austrian Ministry of Defence had officially communicated its intention to extend the appointment of Colonel Assoc. Prof. Dr. Harald Gell as the Chair of the EAB/IG to the next two academic years. The group discussed and decided unanimously for a two-year extension of the current Chairmanship.

5) Update by the Chair on all LoDs

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

In particular:

a) LoD 5 – Framework

The ESDC Secretariat had received an official letter from Portugal notifying that the '*Minister of Defence of Portugal has approved, through a decision of 10 April 2019, the adherence to the Legal Framework which regulates the principles and concepts of the exchange, financial liabilities, working timetable, disciplinary rules, and jurisdiction, among other aspects*'. The chair and the ESDC secretariat underlined the importance of this practice to ensure the smooth continuation and facilitation of exchanges between the relevant institutions, regardless of any change in the personnel involved.

b) LoD 6 – National implementation of the programme – Strategic Communication:

- Briefings about the initiative by the chairman and the ESDC secretariat during recent and upcoming international events i.e. International Military Academic Forum 2019/Austria, European Air Force Academies Conference of Commandants/Romania, EU Military Academies Commandants' Seminar 2019/Romania, Air Power international Conference/Greece and several ESDC Courses.

- Logo of the initiative.

The Chair presented to the group 4 different proposals and the group decided by voting for the one it preferred.

- International Military Academic Forum (iMAF 2019).

For the first time the iMAF was organised back to back with the IG meeting, which makes sense since the purpose of the forum is to support the work of the IG in implementing the decision of the EU Ministers of Defence to further develop the harmonisation of European officer training, the development of a European Security and Defence Culture and interoperability. From 20 to 23 May 2019, 131 participants from 22 nations worked at Reichenau castle on:

- The development of an International Semester in the field of naval

- officer training,
- the development of an International Semester in the field of training of Air Force Officers,
- the evaluation of existing programmes,
- identification of further financing options for exchange and cooperation projects.

In the context of the Forum, 3 new Erasmus agreements were signed between The University of Pisa, which runs the academic programmes of the Accademia Navale Marina Militare – Livorno, the Theresan Military Academy, the Polish Naval Academy and the Portuguese Naval Academy.

- In his letter to the IG dated 16 April 2019, the ESDC Training Manager LtCol Symeon ZAMBAS had nominated RAdm Cesare Ciocca of the Italian Navy (ret.), currently Secretary General of Eurodefense Italia, member of the Military Commission of the Italian Atlantic Committee in Rome, and responsible for international education at the Istituto Studi Ricerche Informazioni Difesa, as the 4th Honorary Member of the Implementation Group. In support of the nomination, he referred to the following points:
 - a. Admiral Ciocca, as the first Chairman of the IG from Feb 2009 to July 2013, had guided the group in its very first and difficult steps when nobody knew each other so the 'waters' were deep and unfamiliar. He retired from the chairmanship on his retirement from the Italian Navy.
 - b. However, since then he had never stopped actively supporting the Initiative by delivering lectures related to EMILYO and the comprehensive/integrated approach of the EU in the context of common modules on an annual basis since 2013.
 - c. He constantly keeps himself up to date regarding the Initiative and promotes it through his presentations and active participation in various international fora, including high-level seminars, EU-level workshops on 'Skills for Europe's Defence Sector' and 'European Defence Skills Partnership', EUFAFA Dean's Meetings, and more.

The Italian Army LtCol Enrico SPINELLO also supported the nomination of RAdm Cesare Ciocca, referring to his great contribution to the Initiative. The group proceeded to a vote and unanimously decided to appoint RAdm Cesare Ciocca as the 4th Honorary Member of the IG.

c) LoD 8 – Common modules/evaluations and offers:

- AUT, BE, IT, GR, PL, PT and RO presented the results of their exchange events and announced upcoming offers (<http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191>).
- The Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers presented the final draft curriculum of the Non-Common Module '*Biosafety and Bioterrorism*'. The specific module curriculum, which is the first in the medical area, has been developed by the Hellenic Academy. Unless silence is broken by 24 June CoB, the draft

curriculum will be adopted as a 'common' module (attached doc.)

- The German Bundeswehr Medical Academy in Munich is preparing two possible training offers on 'Military Medical Ethics' and 'Military Public Health'. More information will be provided at the next IG meeting.

d) LoD 9 – Future Projects:

- The Polish Military University of Land Forces (MULF) invited all the interested parties to convene at the first LoD 9 meeting on 18 September in Wroclaw, Poland.
- The LoD 9 Chair of the MULF and the Romanian Military Technical University presented the new Erasmus project 'European Universities' and the results of the discussions on that topic during the iMAF. The ESDC secretariat will invite DG Education and Culture to appoint an expert to present this topic at the next IG meeting in Brussels.

e) LoD 10 – Gender Mainstreaming:

The LoD 10 Chair informed the ESDC Secretariat and the IG Chair that she had not received adequate responses to the relevant questionnaire sent with the minutes of the last meeting. The Chair underlined the importance of this basic information for enabling further steps and requested that the group respond to the LoD 10 Chair: nevena_atanasova@abv.bg, by 24 June 2019.

f) LoD 11 – International Naval Semester:

As a first concrete step forward the Italian Naval Academy (ITNA) will offer a joint International Naval Semester in English, in a modular structure, starting in the autumn semester of 2019. Trainers and trainees are invited to participate.

Representatives from the University of Pisa and the Bulgarian, Dutch, Greek, German, Italian, Latvian, Polish, and Portuguese naval academies discussed and identified an initial pool of modules as possible content for an International Naval Semester. With a view to achieving mutual recognition in EQF 7 and EQF 6 the group decided to describe the modules using EQF 7 learning outcomes.

Pending approval of the learning outcomes, it is expected that the subjects composing the INS will be approved at the 43rd IG meeting.

In the meantime, the LoD11 group will lay the groundwork for a strategic partnership under ERASMUS+ which should hopefully be finalised by March 2020. An additional LoD11 meeting seems necessary.

g) LoD 12 – Air Force International Semester:

The Hellenic Air Force Academy supported the candidacy of Major Ilias MAKRIS for the chair of LoD 12 and the IG accepted him unanimously. In the context of iMAF and the IG, the respective Air Force academies of Greece, Portugal, Romania, Poland and Bulgaria (currently the Aviation Faculty of Vasil Levski National Military University) discussed and

identified an initial pool of modules as possible content for an International Air Force Semester. The LoD 12 chair invited all the interested institutions to a meeting at the Hellenic Air Force Academy on 20 and 21 June 2019 to finalise the list of participating institutions and further elaborate on the proposed curriculum.

h) LoD 13 – establishment of an International Technical Semester:

Several discussions and bilateral meetings took place in the context of the iMAF and IG between technical institutions which expressed their interest in organising a Technical International Semester in the framework of an Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership Project. Some other military academies, with faculties or departments of engineering, providing engineering programmes for studies at bachelor or masters level, also expressed interest in an international military technical semester. The nomination of a Chair for LoD 13 is a prerequisite for the establishment of such an LoD.

6) 5th CSDP Olympiad:

The 5th CSDP Olympiad will be hosted by the Croatian Defence Academy (CDA). The residential part will take place from 1 to 5 June 2020 in Dubrovnik. The CSDP Olympiad Director presented to the group the administrative/accommodation details of the event. Each MS should nominate up to 4 cadets and at least one evaluator, **not later than 28 June 2019 (registration form attached)**. Cadets' nominations will not be accepted if no evaluator(s) is/are nominated. The evaluators are not obliged to be present during the residential phase in Dubrovnik. Their names will be included in the Olympiad booklet and they will receive a special certificate for their contribution. The ESDC Secretariat underlines the lessons learnt/best practices from the previous Olympiads as follows:

- Send the participating cadets to a CSDP Common Module abroad as an incentive and as a great opportunity to increase their knowledge of the CSDP.
- Make it clear to the cadets that plagiarism is unacceptable and the main reason for immediate exclusion.
- Combine the topic of the Olympiad essay with their dissertation thesis where feasible.

7) Proposals for the agenda for the 43rd IG Meeting at the RMA, Brussels:

The group proposed including the following on the agenda: a new IG members workshop, updates on the CSDP Olympiad, GAREA, quality assurance procedures, European Universities, the EUMACS 2019 report, presentations on modules and common projects.

8) Work plan:

- All relevant information could be found on the EMILYO homepage. The next meeting (43rd) would take place at the Royal Military Academy in Brussels from 3 to 4 September 2019, back-to-back with the ESDC Executive Academic Board meeting. On Monday 2 September, from

16:00 to 18:00, a workshop will be organised for new IG members. In due course, the RMA will provide all the necessary administrative details & documents.

- The IG chair explained the document to create 'incoming' statistical data for the study year 2018/2019 (from 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2019) for the GAREA. The IG decided also to include outgoing internships and lecturers and staff (in a separate document). All the IG members are requested to send the draft statistics by 19 June 2019 and any final adjustments by 19 July 2019 (documents attached).
- The 44th IG meeting would be hosted by the Romanian Police Academy and the Military Technical University, from 9 to 12 December 2019.
- The 45th IG meeting would take place in Brussels from 18 to 19 February 2020.
- The Polish Military University of Land Forces offered to host one of the future IG meetings.

9) AOB

The ESDC Secretariat informed the Group about a new Initiative to create a new forum involving the European military secondary schools, the objective of which would be to:

- bring them closer,
- promote a common security and defence culture,
- create common modules (e.g. on EU history, EU core values, Lisbon Treaty, CSDP, etc.) for inclusion in their curricula,
- exchange best practices,
- create partnerships and common projects, and
- facilitate exchanges of trainers and trainees.

The ESDC military training manager, LtCol Symeon ZAMBAS visited the Teulie Military School in Milan in March 2019 and arranged a meeting with the EU Commission's DG Education and Culture, on 11 June 2019, to prepare the initialisation of the process.

A first meeting of the forum is expected to be held in mid-October 2019. The IG will be informed subsequently about the outcome with a view to deciding on the possible creation of a specific Line of Development.

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

Request:	Send to:
<p>LoD 10 – Gender Mainstreaming</p> <p>QUESTIONNAIRE (attached document).</p> <p>All institutions are invited to send their answers to the LoD Chair, by 24 June 2019.</p>	<p>nevena_atanasova@abv.bg</p>
<p>Comment on the LoD 5 paper (framework).</p> <p>The goal is for your institution or country to provide the ESDC with an official statement. If this has not yet been started, try to get an answer from those responsible.</p> <p>(See http://www.emilyo.eu/node/982 - LoD 5)</p>	<p>Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu</p> <p>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.</p> <p>(http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191)</p>	<p>harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at</p>
<p>Create a 'pool of lecturers' list for your institution, listing lecturers who are willing to teach abroad, preferably under Erasmus+.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(See http://www.emilyo.eu/exchange_experience)</p>	<p>harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at</p>
<p>Nominate a chairperson for a Line of Development.</p>	<p>harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at & Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu</p>
<p>Create and send statistical data for the GAREA by 19 June (attached document).</p>	<p>harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at & Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu</p>