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**Common Module**  
**Common Security and Defense Policy**  
**01-05 March 2021**  
**Report by Cadets from HMACSO/GR**



The Common Module “Common Security and Defense Policy” was hosted by the Hellenic Air Force Academy (HFAA) entirely virtually via the Big Blue Button (BBB) platform, due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, from the 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2021. The completion of a number of Autonomous Knowledge Units and being successful in a number of quizzes in the e-learning platform of the European Security and Defense College by achieving a satisfactory standard was necessary for the participants in order to be eligible to attend. The Common Module’s objective was to deepen the participant’s knowledge on the European Union’s CSDP and highlighting the importance of enhancing the collaboration between member states. This was fully achieved by the interactive approach of the lectures on a variety of topics regarding the subject.

This one week module consisted of lectures and syndicate work sessions. The participants- both military cadets and civilian students coming from a number of member states- got familiar with the crisis management structures and procedures and the need of an integrated European crisis management policy, in order to be able to efficiently respond to emerging threats. In addition, the participants were introduced to the concepts of European geopolitics and maritime, space and cyber security issues and threats. Moreover, they had the opportunity to participate in syndicate work sessions, where they cooperated with other attendees from different backgrounds in small teams in the practice of ICT tools in CSDP mission planning. The module was concluded with a final exam and was followed with a course evaluation questionnaire.



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In conclusion, the HMACSO cadets had a unique and unforgettable experience that not only deepened their knowledge but, provided them with the opportunity to cooperate, communicated and exchange opinions and ideas. However, most importantly they did come to realize the vital importance of a more integrated approach towards existing and emerging security challenges that calls for an enhanced collaboration between the military and civilian assets of the EU member states.

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