



European Initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus  
**Implementation Group**  
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### Letter of Information

to all Rectors, (Rector-) Commandants & Superintendents of  
European Union Basic Officer Education Institutions

Dear Rector, dear (Rector-) Commandant, dear Superintendent!

As the Chairman of the Implementation Group (IG) allow me to pass this letter on behalf of all the IG members to you.

Based on the 2008-decision of all European Union Ministers of Defence (2903<sup>rd</sup> External Relations Council Meeting) an Implementation Group was to be established for the so-called “**European Initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus**”, or with other names “Military Erasmus”, “Erasmus Militaire”, “EMILYO” (Exchange of MILitary Young Officers) or just in short “The Initiative”.

The overall goal is to harmonise the European Union Basic Officer Education, to increase interoperability, and to promote a European Security and Defence Culture, thus to increase Europe’s security.

During the last study year, the Implementation Group faced increasing interest with up to 70-80 participants during each meeting, increasing offers (e.g.: last study year 104 international events – among them international semesters – were organised), and increasing number of training days (e.g.: last study year some 62,000 international training days were offered, which is almost a quadruplication compared with the year before!).

Each year the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) creates the so-called GAREA (General Annual Report on ESDC Activities). The GAREA 2018-19 was adopted by the Steering Committee as well as by the HR/VP and should reach you within the next months via the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, the Ministries of Defence, and your (military) chain of command. It comprises – among other recommendations – also the future goals for the Implementation Group very precisely. If you are interested, you may download this report from the EMILYO homepage (<http://www.emilyo.eu/node/874>).



In 2020, the following meetings & conferences will take place (excerpt). Please find details on the EMILYO homepage (<http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878>):

Date	Country	Institution	Type	Level	Remarks
18-19 Feb.	BE	ESDC & IG	45 <sup>th</sup> IG meeting	Military Education Experts	All Services
15-18 Jun.	RO	“Nicolae Bălcescu” Land Forces Academy	international Military Academic Forum 2020 (iMAF 2020)	Military Education Experts	All Services
18-19 Jun.	RO	“Nicolae Bălcescu” Land Forces Academy	46 <sup>th</sup> IG meeting (back-to-back with iMAF 2020)	Military Education Experts	All Services
01-02 Sep.	BE	ESDC & IG	47 <sup>th</sup> IG meeting	Military Education Experts	All Services
29-31 Oct.	DE	Helmut Schmidt University of the Bundeswehr Hamburg	<b>European Union Military Academies Commandants’ Seminar</b>	<b>Rectors &amp; Commandants &amp; Superintendents</b>	<b>All Basic Officer Education Institutions from all Services</b>
Dec. (TBC)	PL	General Tadeusz Kościuszko Military University of Land Forces (TBC)	48 <sup>th</sup> IG meeting	Military Education Experts	All Services

For our work it is essential that representatives from **your** Basic Officer Education Institution with their valuable knowledge participate in the IG meetings. **My kind request to you is that you continue – or initiate – sending your expert(s) to our meetings on a regular basis.** The IG’s working meetings take place on a quarterly basis and may be financed via ERASMUS+; therefore, it may not touch your institution’s or military budget.

The list of events on the EMILYO homepage shows that per semester 40-50 events take place – within the **academic** as well as within the **non-academic/vocational** frame (<http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878>). **Thank you all for these offers!**

Dear Madam or Sir, allow me to thank you and your representatives who have contributed to the IG’s elaborations so far and who have contributed to our common goals. **I wish a Happy New Year to you, to your family and to your institution,**

respectfully,

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