



European Initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus

Implementation Group

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Statement of the IG Chair

concerning the prolongation of the chairmanship

Dear Members of the Implementation Group (IG)!

Time is flying; my 2-year mandate for chairing the IG ends with the 59th meeting in Brussels in September 2023.

As already stated to you during the past meetings, I would be available to chair the IG for the next 2 academic years (Sep 2023-Sep 2025) with pleasure.

Foreseen Procedure:

- According to the current valid Rules of Procedure (RoP) for the Implementation Group (IG) – available at <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191> – the respective EU Member State has to send an official letter to the ESDC via the official channels stating the person who would be available.
- Then the Executive Academic Board (EAB) has to decide on the chair and propose the decision to the Steering Committee (SC), which has to endorse officially the EAB's proposal or not.
- This means that – according to the RoP – the IG members do not have a role for this procedure.

Statement by the IG chair:

- **Chairing the IG is based on mutual trust!**
- That's why I will be available only, if the IG members vote for my chairmanship unanimously – as it already happened for my prolongations in 2017, 2019, and 2021.
- The voting will take place during the 58th IG meeting in Athens (it was always done during the 2nd meeting of the year) – to assure an uninterrupted chairmanship.
- If the IG members will not vote unanimously in Athens on my chairmanship for the next 2 academic years, I will withdraw from the candidacy.

Kind regards & I look forward to seeing you all again soon,

Harry

