



iMAF
Past and Future



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international Military Academic Forum



“15 years of the European Young Officers exchange scheme”

Athens

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How it began (Nov. 2008)

→ Declaration of EU MoDs



Establish an Implementation Group (IG) for the
„European initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus“

**Goals: Increase interoperability & “harmonise” EU Basic
Officer Education – thus, promote a
“European Security and Defence Culture”**

Source: Council of the European Union, Council Conclusions on the ESDP, 2903rd External Relations Council Meeting. Brussels. 10th and 11th November, 2008.

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2012: Austria
“MAF”



Interesting “*philosophical discussions*”
→ no focus onto the BOE!
→ something must change!

How it began?

IG + iMAF

- **IG concentrated onto 5 “quick wins” (→ now 18 Lines of Development)**
- **IG met on quarterly basis (1 day each)**
- **Need for more intensive and longer common working days**
- **Idea in 2012/2013: establish an **i**MAF with 5 organising institutions (annual basis) → →**

5 Founding Institutions (2012/2013)

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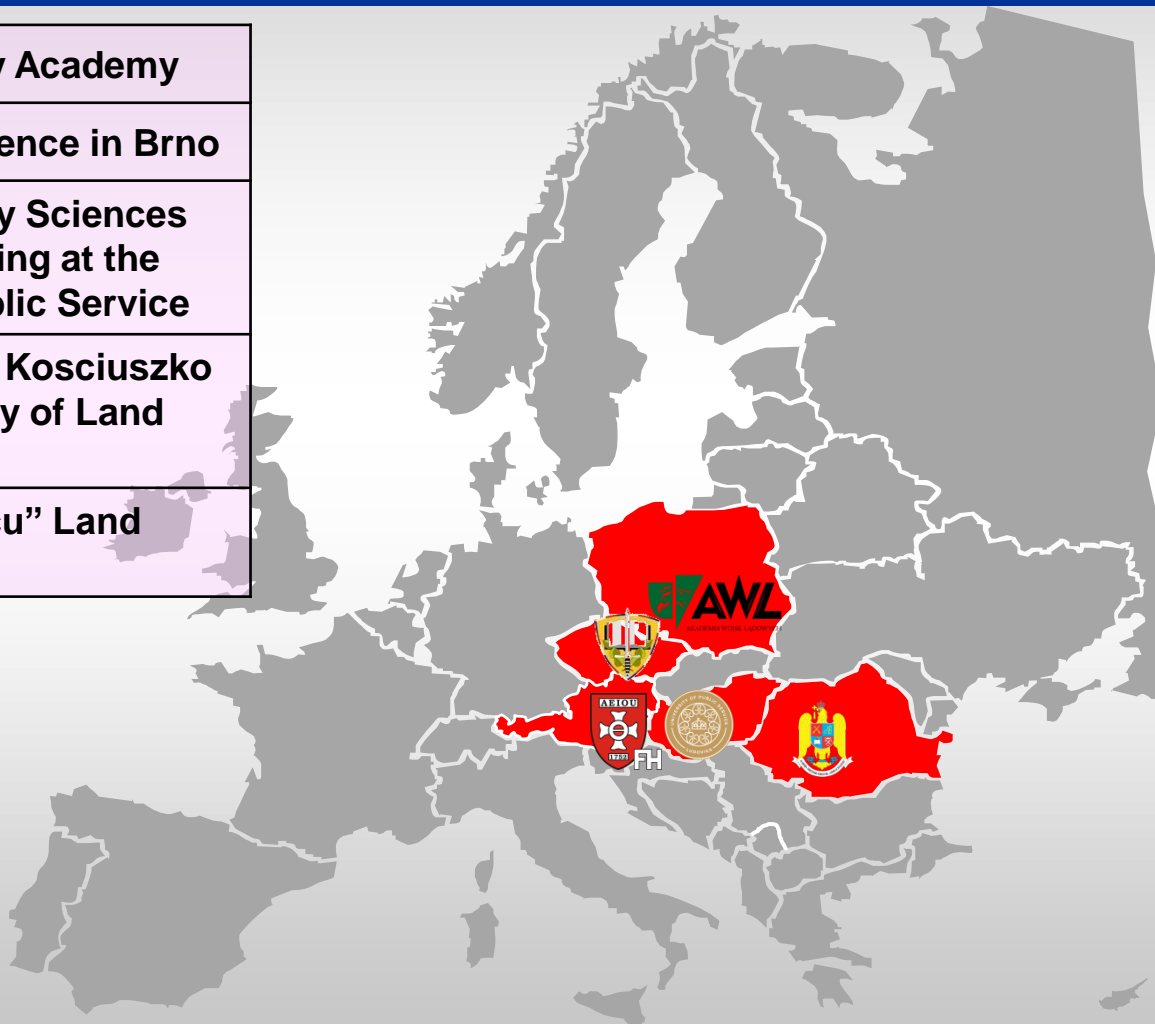
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AT	Theresan Military Academy
CZ	University of Defence in Brno
HU	Faculty of Military Sciences and Officer Training at the University of Public Service
PL	General Tadeusz Kosciuszko Military University of Land Forces
RO	“Nicolae Balcescu” Land Forces Academy



iMAF 2013

we looked for the way

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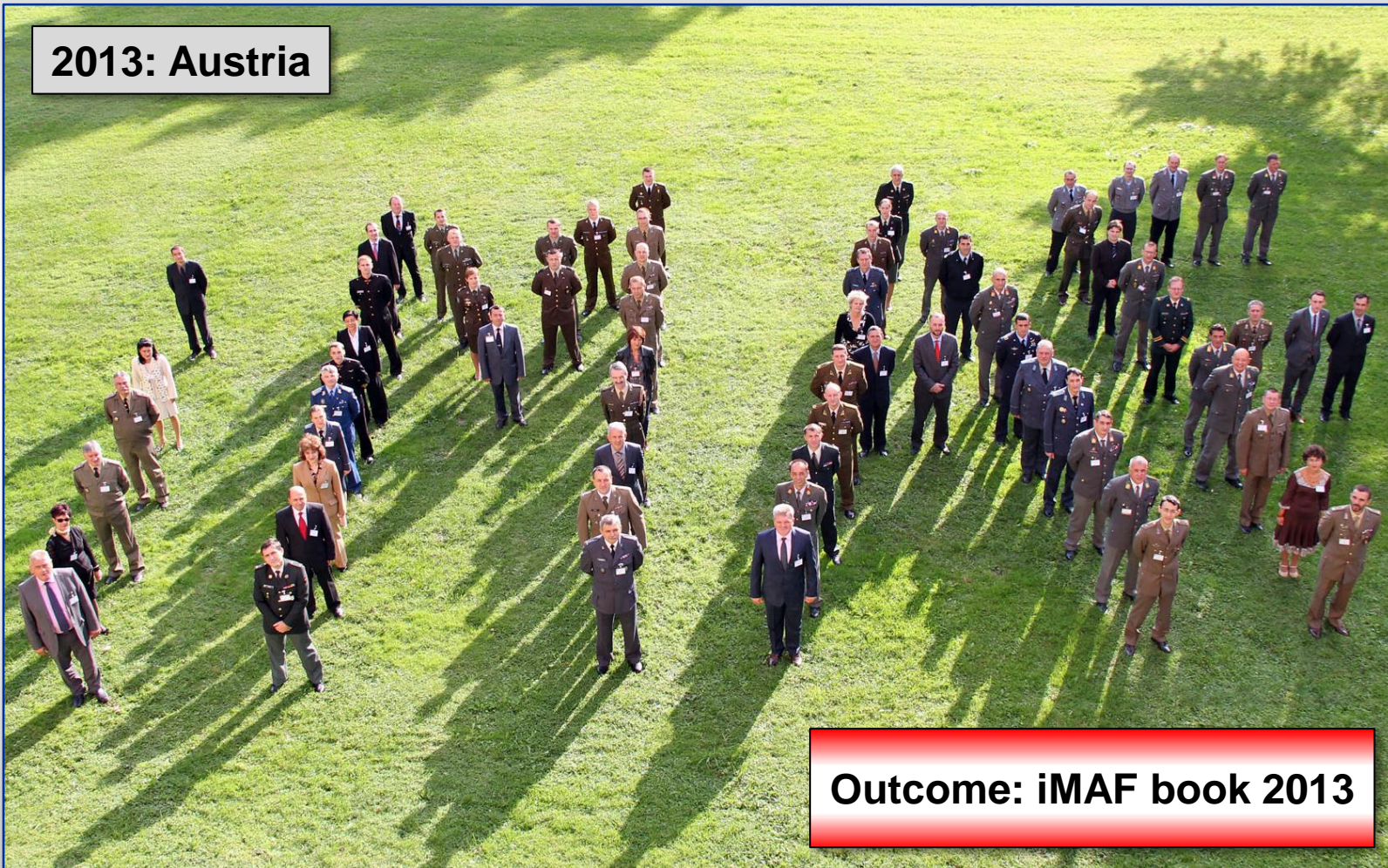
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2013: Austria



Outcome: iMAF book 2013

- § 1 (1) iMAF dealing with **officers' education**.
- § 1 (2) iMAF focuses on creating and deepening a “**European Security and Defence Culture**”.
- § 1 (3) In doing so, iMAF shall **promote and support** “**European initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus**” for the realisation and consolidation of the Common Security and Defence Policy

iMAF 2014

1st event under the umbrella of the iMAF agreement

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2014: Austria



Outcomes:

- iMAF book 2014
- 9 new modules sent to IG for approval as “common”

iMAF 2015

the 5 iMAF partners started an Erasmus-SPP

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2015: Romania



Outcomes:

- iMAF book 2015
- Elaborations for the “*international semester for land forces*”

iMAF 2016

who will pay for it?

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2016: Poland



Outcomes:

- **iMAF book 2016 with a lot of possibilities for financial support**

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... how to implement the IS for land forces faster?

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2017: Czech Republic



Outcomes:

- ***“The Hellenic Army Academy is the most clever one!”***

iMAF 2018

new threats – new common modules – IMLA-SPP

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2018: Hungary

Outcomes:

- **Module descriptions for new modules**
 - basic documents for the IMLA-SPP
 - to be approved by the IG



CMs' evaluations – new international semesters

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2019: Austria

Outcomes:

- iMAF book 2019
- IG & iMAF got engaged → →
syndicate work closer and closer to the LoDs





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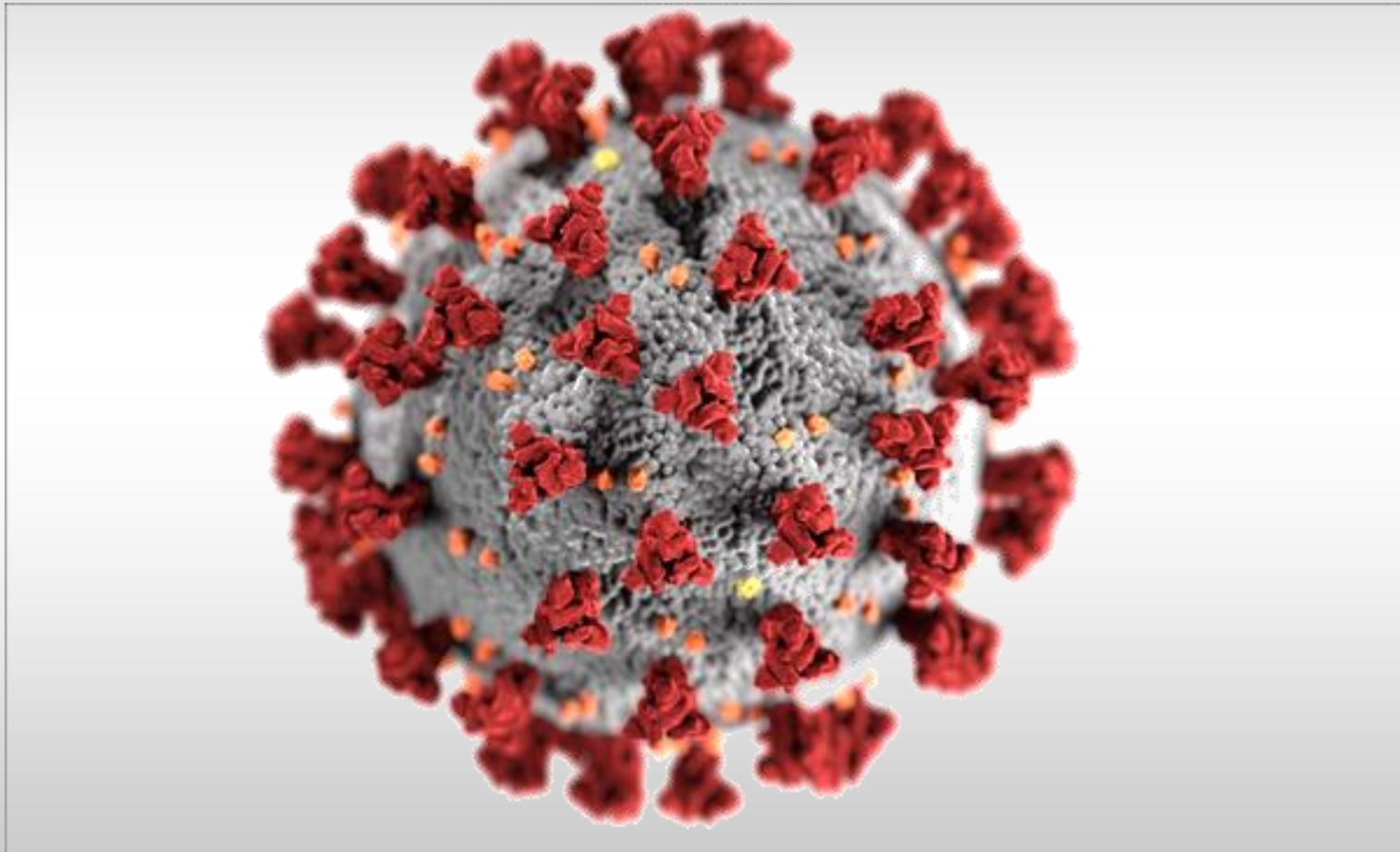
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New iMAF Agreement

in 2021 – established by the Implementation Group

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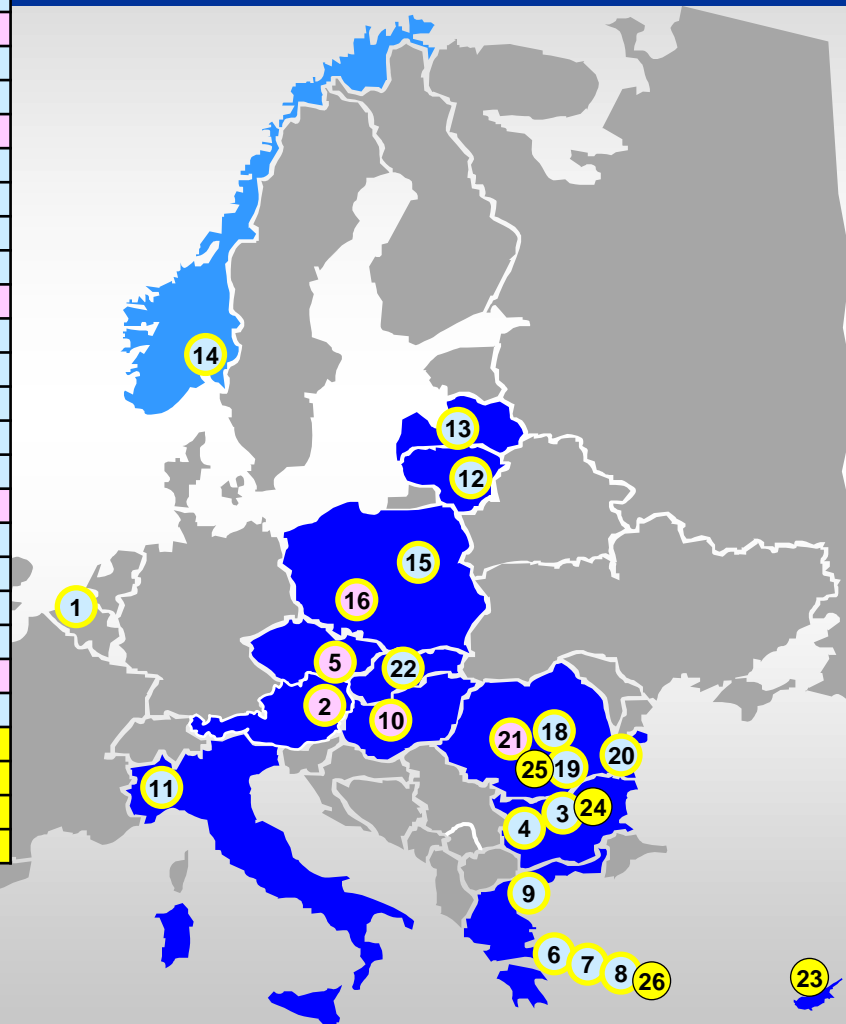
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2	AT	Institute for Basic Officer Education at the Theresan Military Academy
3	BG	Bulgarian Air Force Academy "Georgi Benkovski"
4	BG	Rakovski National Defence College
5	CZ	University of Defence
6	GR	Hellenic Air Force Academy
7	GR	Hellenic Army Academy
8	GR	Hellenic Naval Academy
9	GR	Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers
10	HU	Faculty of Military Sciences and Officer Training at NUPS
11	IT	Education & Training Command and School of Applied Military Studies
12	LT	General Jonas Zemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania
13	LV	National Defence Academy of Latvia
14	NO	Norwegian Defence University College
15	PL	Military University of Technology
16	PL	General Tadeusz Kosciuszko Military University of Land Forces
17	PT	Military Academy
18	RO	"Henri Coandă" Air Force Academy
19	RO	Military Technical Academy "Ferdinand I"
20	RO	Romanian Naval Academy "Mircea cel Batran"
21	RO	"Nicolae Balcescu" Land Forces Academy
22	SK	Armed Forces Academy of General Milan Rastislav Štefánik
23	CY	Cyprus Security and Defence Academy
24	BG	"Vasil Levski" National Military University
25	RO	"Carol I" National Defence University
26	GR	Hellenic Military Nursing Academy



New iMAF Agreement 2021

What is new?

- Any institution – represented in the IG – may become a member
- Co-financing by the ESDC
- Shall use ERASMUS+ SPP (dissemination ...)
- Annual organisation by more institutions possible
- Duration: at least 4 days
- **100% link to the goals of the IG → →**

New iMAF Agreement 2021

What is new?

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iMAF 2021

1st event under the umbrella of the 2021 agreement

2021: Portugal



Outcomes:

- **Elaborations for the IG Lines of Development**

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iMAF 2022

2nd event under the umbrella of the 2021 agreement

2022: Romania



Outcomes:

- Elaborations for the IG Lines of Development
- Specific needs (e.g.: CMs' evaluations)

Future of the iMAF

.... for future planning

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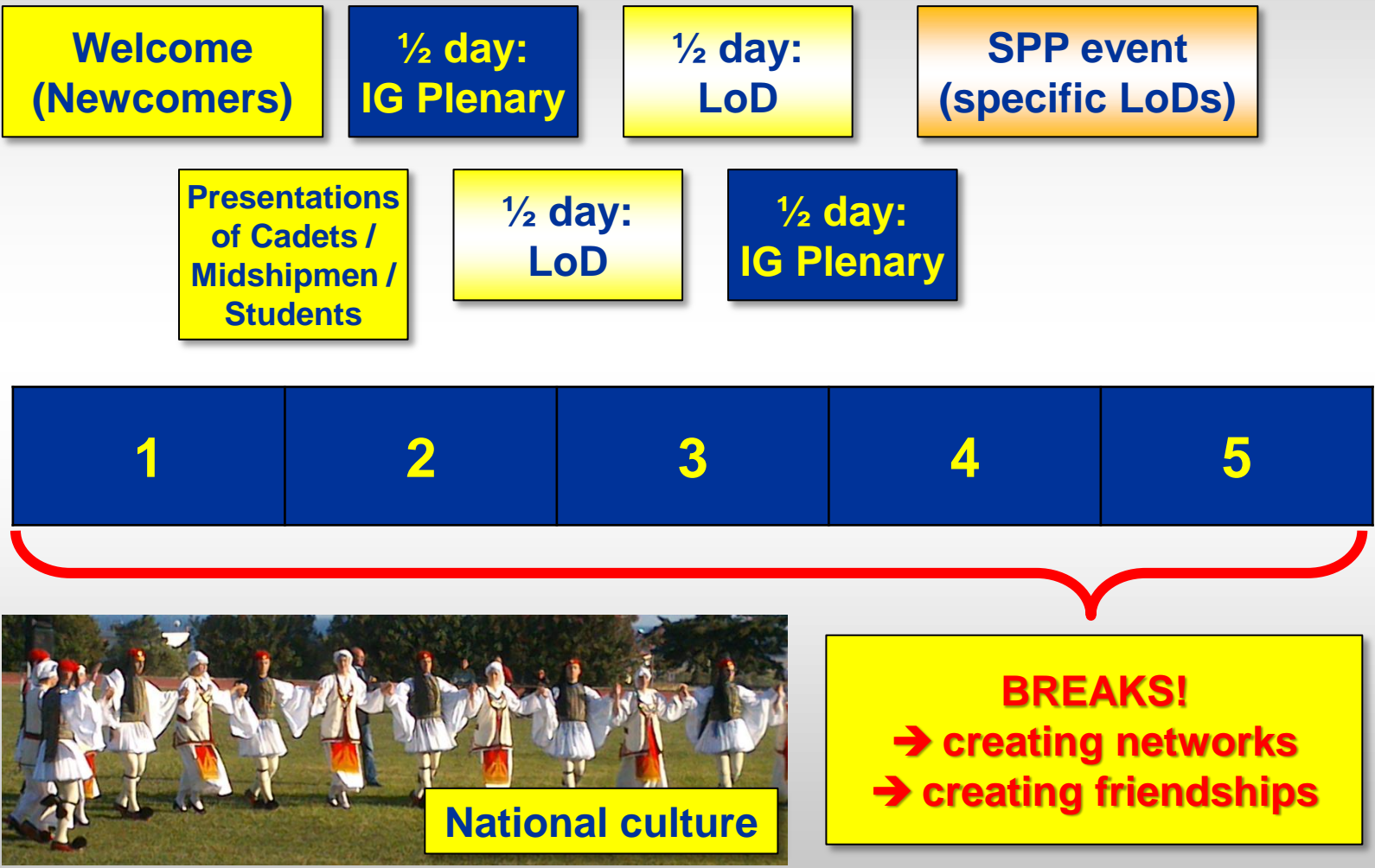
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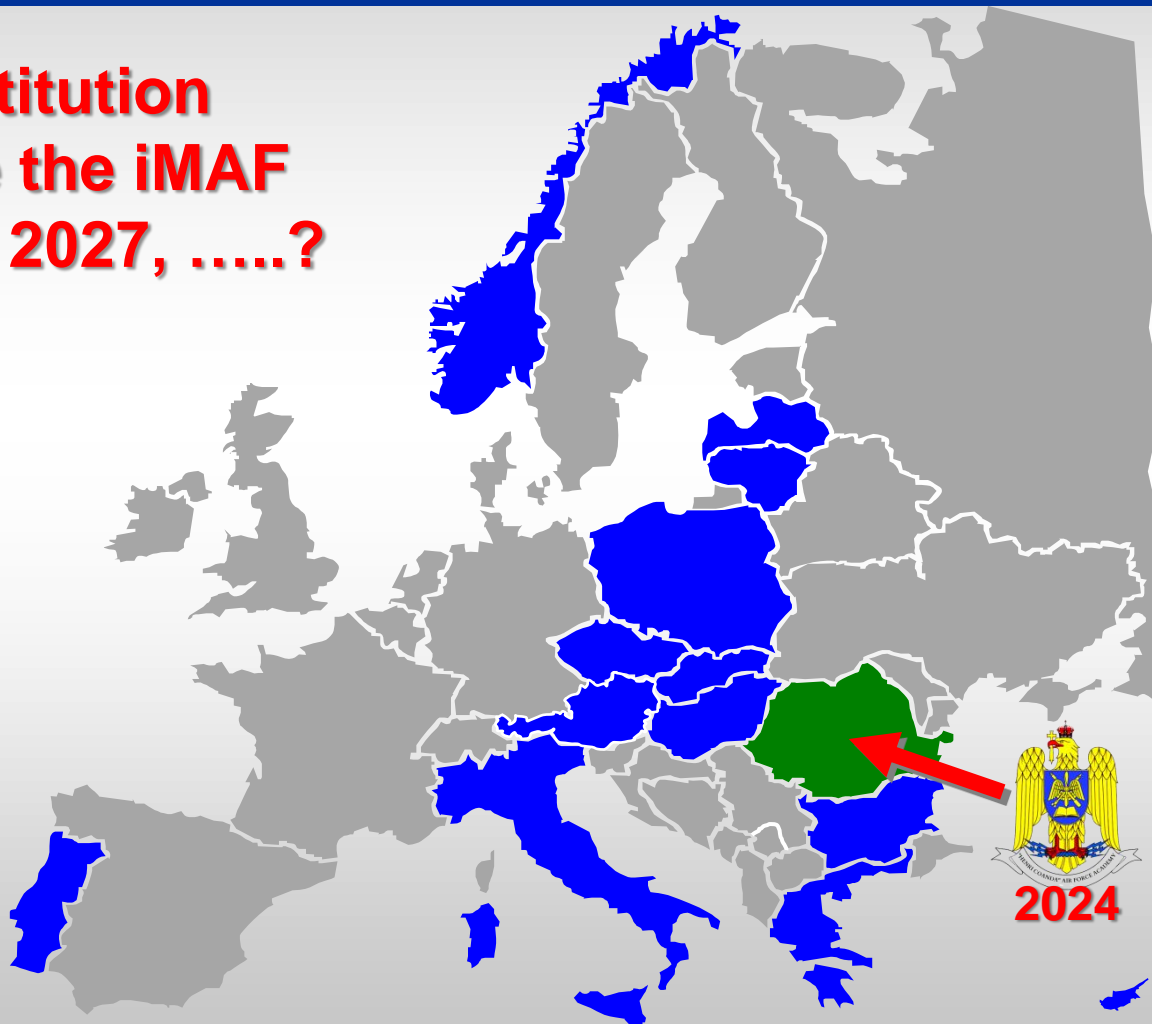
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.... for future planning

**Which institution
will organise the iMAF
in 2025, 2026, 2027,?**





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Thank YOU for YOUR attention!

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