

60th meeting of the Implementation Group for the European initiative for the Exchange of Young Officers Inspired by Erasmus (EMILYO) November 21st – 22nd 2023, Riga, Latvia

Meeting minute

Line of Development 11 – International Naval Semester (INS)

1. During the 60th IG meeting, on Lod 11 workshop, 10 participants from 7 EU Member States representing 7 European Naval Academies had attended, as following: 2 representatives from Romania (Romanian Naval Academy), 1 representative from Bulgaria (“Nikola Vaptsarov” Naval Academy), 2 representatives from Greece (Hellenic Naval Academy), 2 representatives from Italy (Italian Naval Academy), 1 representative from Spain (Spanish Naval Academy), 1 representative from Poland (Polish Naval Academy) and 1 representative from Latvia (National Defence Academy of Latvia).

2. NAVY-INS-Tech project implementation – progress monitoring, tasks distribution, events planning, reports and debates

The following actions had been disseminated and/or jointly agreed:

a. The LoD members have been informed upon the start of INS strategic partnership: “*International Naval Semester Development Applying the Intelligent Technologies and the Innovative Tools in the European Navy Defence System – NAVY-INS-Tech*” submitted on 22nd of March 2023, implemented started from 1st of September, under coordination of Romanian Naval Academy and having as partners: Polish Naval Academy, Bulgarian Naval Academy, Italian Naval Academy and as associated partners: Hellenic Naval Academy, Spanish Naval Academy and French Naval Academy; Potential Beneficiaries: BOEIs, all services.

Major foreseen results for NAVY-INS-Tech project:

- 1 joint harmonized curriculum;
- 8 STEM courses learning and teaching materials, using intelligent technologies;
- 4 HASS courses learning and teaching materials, centered on EU culture and values;
- 1 e-campus will be implemented (www.marplat.eu) available to all interested BOEI;
- 8 short term students exchanges to be organized: 80 students in exchanges;
- 3 public events organized in each partner country, with at least 30 attendees/event;
- 1 International Naval Semester implemented/harmonized learning resources.

The project logo have been presented and approved by the team members.

The first project management plan have been drafted and presented to the partners.

The project steering committee have been approved.

The first event TM1 – the official kick off meeting – will be organized by the Romanian Naval Academy, Constanta, Romania, 13-17 February 2024, with an attending of at least 2 pax/partner and other interested IG members, during 13th – 16th of February 2024, from which, 1 day in Bucharest (in the IG60, LoD11) and 2 days in Constanța (RNA will provide transfer from Bucharest to Constanța).

The first E1 Public event: *"SQF-MILOF standards and STEM curriculum priorities in Navy Military Higher Education"* – will be organized by RNA, in Constanta, Romania, on 17th of May 2024, with an attendance of minimum 30 participants.

According to the project management plan, first two learning modules will be organized as following:

C1S. STEM harmonized curriculum for digital skills and IT technology abilities, will be organized by Polish Naval Academy, in Gdynia, Poland, when 2 modules will be delivered as BIP: "Computer Networks" (2 ECTS) and "Maritime Cyber Threats", 1 week online theory, 1 week residentially skills (labs, seminars) - 16 students to be instructed (4 students/partner) – 5 days, during April (tentative period is 15.04-19.04.2024, TBD);

C2S. STEM harmonized curriculum for competencies in Hi Tech, Electronics and Telecommunications, will be organized by Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy, in Varna, Bulgaria, when 2 modules to be delivered as BIP: "Naval Electronics" (3 ECTS) and "Naval Communications" (3ECTS), 1 week online theory, 1 week residentially skills (labs, seminars) - 16 students to be instructed (4 students/partner) – 5 days, during June (tentative period is 10.06-14.06.2024).

3. International joint activities planning, agenda update, other presentations and dissemination activities

a. The partners have been informed about the Erasmus+ exchanges/INS offered by the partners, during the upcoming academic year 2023-2024, as following:

- Romanian Naval Academy, Bulgarian Naval Academy, Polish Naval Academy will offer International Naval Semester and extensive Erasmus+ exchanges (08.02.2024-01.06.2024) – applications are open, variable dates as for each partner offer.

b. The partners have been informed about the future modules that will be organized by the partners, in the upcoming spring semester 2023-2024, as following:

- "CSDP module" – SNA (Spain, 18-21 of December 2023);
- "Integrated Ship handling/Engine room training on simulator" – RNA (Romania, March-April 2024) - Blended Intensive Program;
- "Ship handling and Safety of Navigation" – NVNA (22nd-26th of April);

- "Navy Tactics Warfare on Simulator" – RNA (Romania, March-April 2024) - Blended Intensive Program;
- "International Training Week" – SNA (Spain, 4th-9th March 2024);
- "Seamanship Training Week" – RNA (Romania, July 2024);
- "Seamanship Training Week" – NVNA (Bulgaria, June-July 2024);
- "Training at sea" – RNA (Romania, July-September 2024).

c. The Romanian Naval Academy had disseminated as project coordinator, the updated achieved results for the ongoing projects implemented in partnership with Polish Naval Academy and Bulgarian Naval Academy, as following:

- MARS-NET - *Maritime Simulators and Training Facilities Network for Enhancing the Exchange of Good Practices and Digital Learning* (to be concluded on 01.02.2024) (check the results here: <https://www.anmb.ro/marsnet>);
- SEA MENTORS – *SEAfarmers Experiential Knowledge Based MENTORS* – the partners have built an online joint platform for students counselling and mentoring in carrier path (check the results here: <https://www.seamentors.eu>).

4. Workplan for LoD11 – tasks, proposals, offers and decisions

a. The partners have agreed to follow up the following deadlines for INS further actions and measures:

- Signing the financial contracts – deadline: 01.12.2023 (RNA & all partners);
- Open the project management portal (marplat.eu) – deadline: 01.12.2023 (RNA & all partners);
- Design the project website – deadline: 01.01.2024 (RNA);
- Build the project roll-up – deadline: 31.12.2023 (RNA);
- Prepare the format documents (time sheet., events docs, etc) – deadline: 15.12.2023;
- Onset the 1st Transnational meeting in Romania during 13-17.02.2024;
- Produce the roll-up / partner for events – deadline: 15.01.2024;
- Establish the project teams: project coordinator, administrative responsible, academic coordinator, team members in the course development groups – deadline: 10.12.2023 (all partners, included the associated partners if agree);
- Each partner will establish the period for 2023: C1S, C2S, C3S, C4S, TM2 and TM3 – deadline: 31.01.2024 (all partners)
- Proposal for course format: textbox, seminar format, labs tutorials – deadline: 10.02.2024 (all partners);

b. The partners have agreed to follow up the following deadlines for INS further actions and measures:

- A new project for Navy training framework will be applied/submitted under Romanian Naval Academy coordination, in the next call of proposal, with the title of "*Joint Navy Vocational Curriculum and Applied Harmonized Practical Skills For Naval European Defence System*" – "NAVY-Train" (Erasmus KA226) – the partners have to express their interest to be part of, by the earliest possible (deadline 15th of December) – so far, Romanian and Bulgarian Naval Academy have been firmly committed to be part of the project.

On behalf of attending representatives,
Chairperson of LoD 11 INS,
Col.Assoc.Prof.Dr. Catalin Popa

22nd of November 2023