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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.

IG + iMAF

- **IG concentrated onto 5 “quick wins” (→ later 15 lines of development)**
- **IG met on quarterly basis (1 day each)**
- **Need for more intensive and longer common working days**
- **Idea in 2013: establish an iMAF with 5 organising institutions (annual basis) → →**

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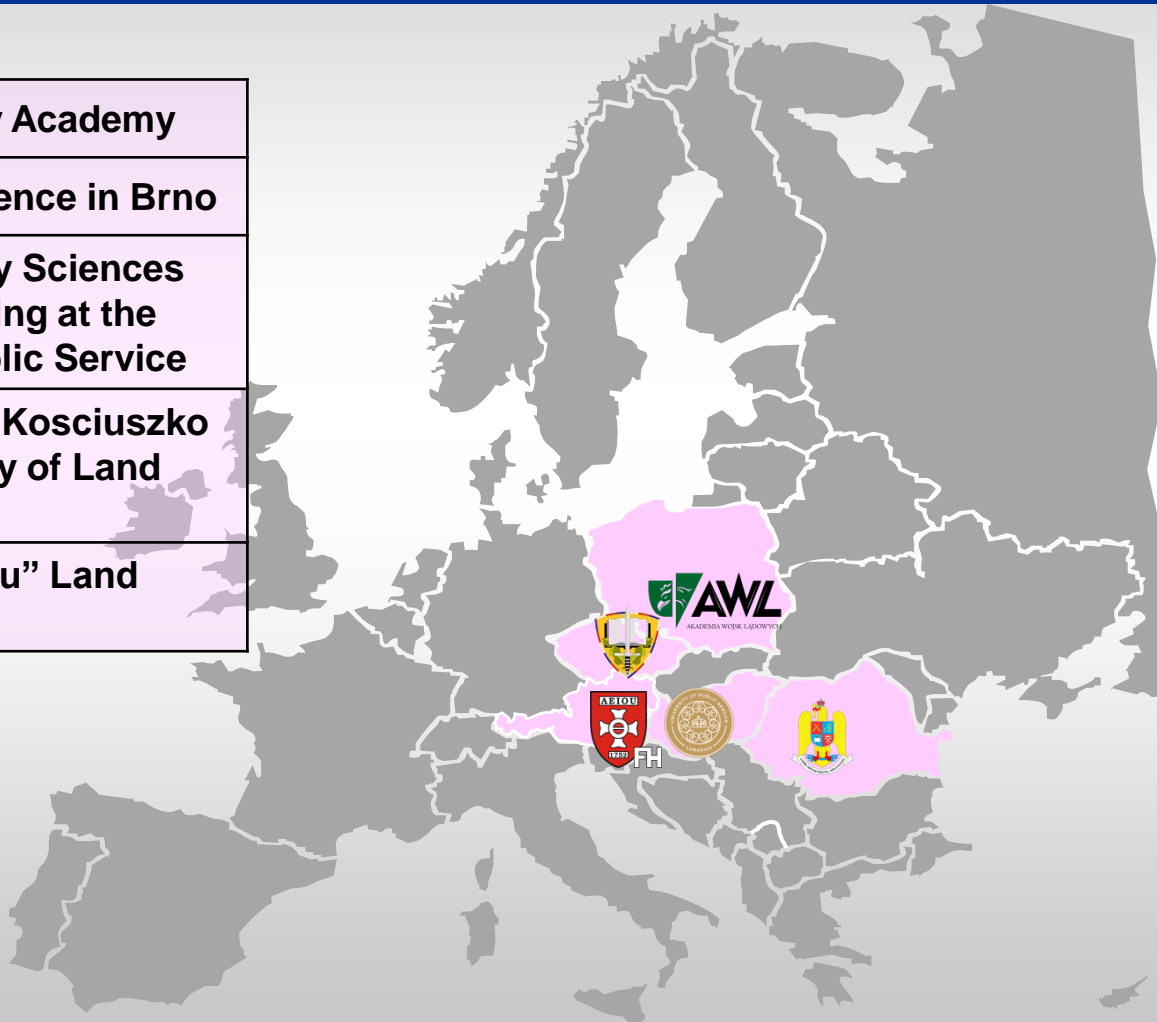
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5 Founding Institutions (2013/2014)

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



IG + iMAF

iMAF Agreement 2014

- § 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

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Elaborations & Achievements

Year	Country	Topic
2013	AT	Establishing the agreement / how to organise
2014	AT	Creation of 8 new common modules
2015	RO	Creation of an international semester for Land Forces
2016	PL	Possibilities for financing the exchanges
2017	CZ	How to implement faster (incl. international semester for Land Forces)
2018	HU	Reactions to new threats
2019	AT	Evaluation of common modules + new international semesters (Air Force + Navy)
2020	-	SARS-CoV-2

+ bilateral negotiations / bilateral agreements
+ creation of friendships

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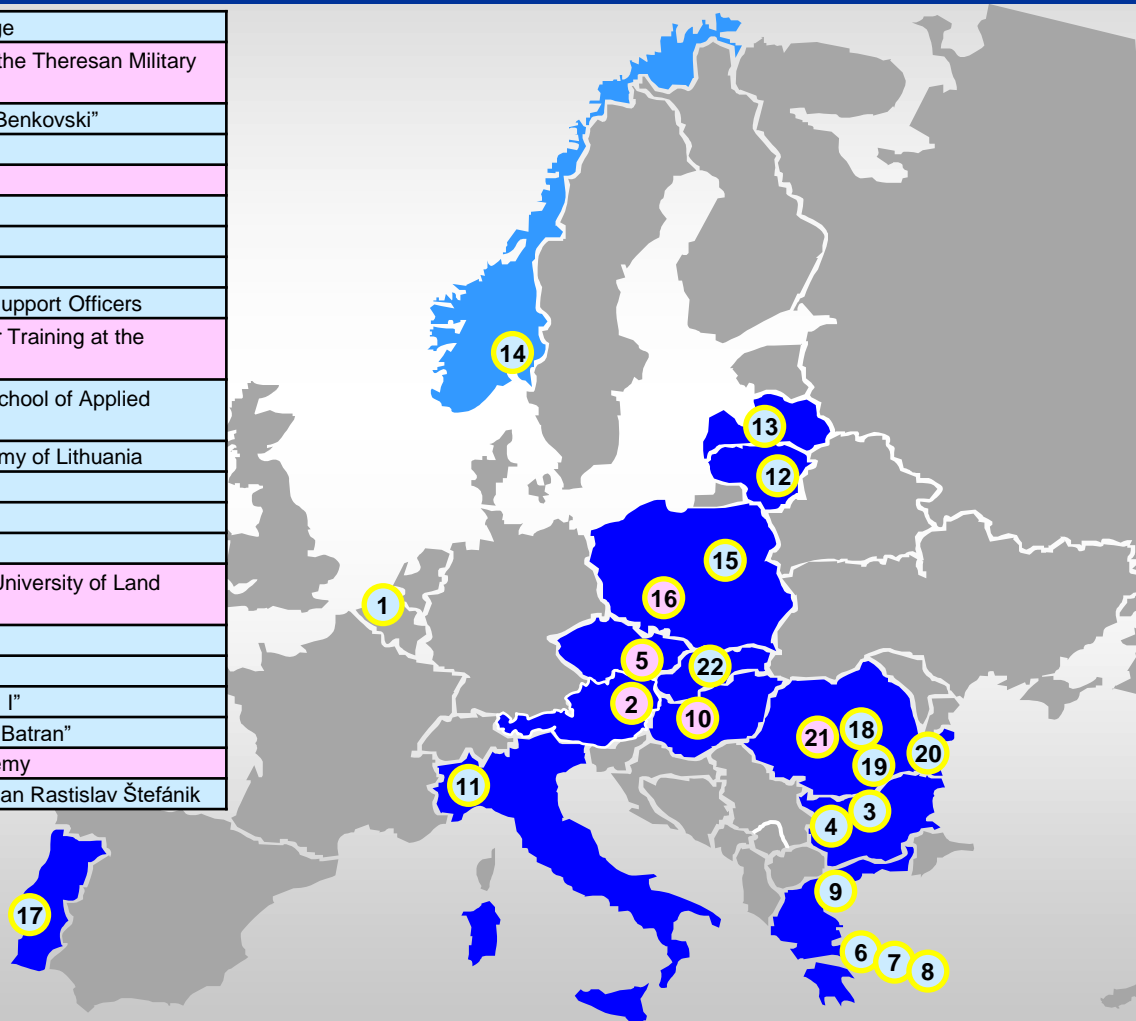
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1	EU	European Security and Defence College
2	AT	Institute for Basic Officer Education at the Theresan Military Academy
3	BG	Bulgarian Air Force Academy "Georgi Benkovski"
4	BG	Rakovski National Defence College
5	CZ	University of Defence
6	GR	Hellenic 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 the University of Public Service
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



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 → →**

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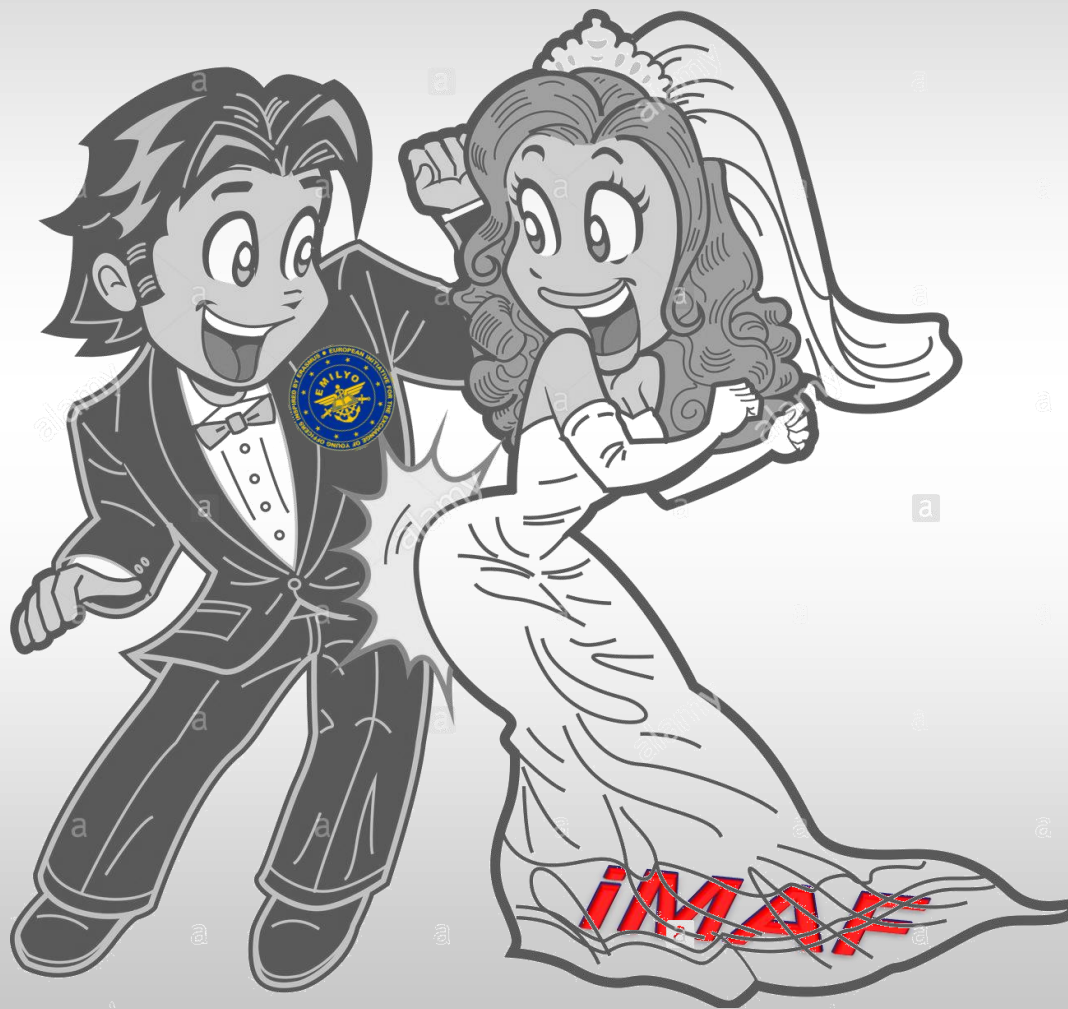
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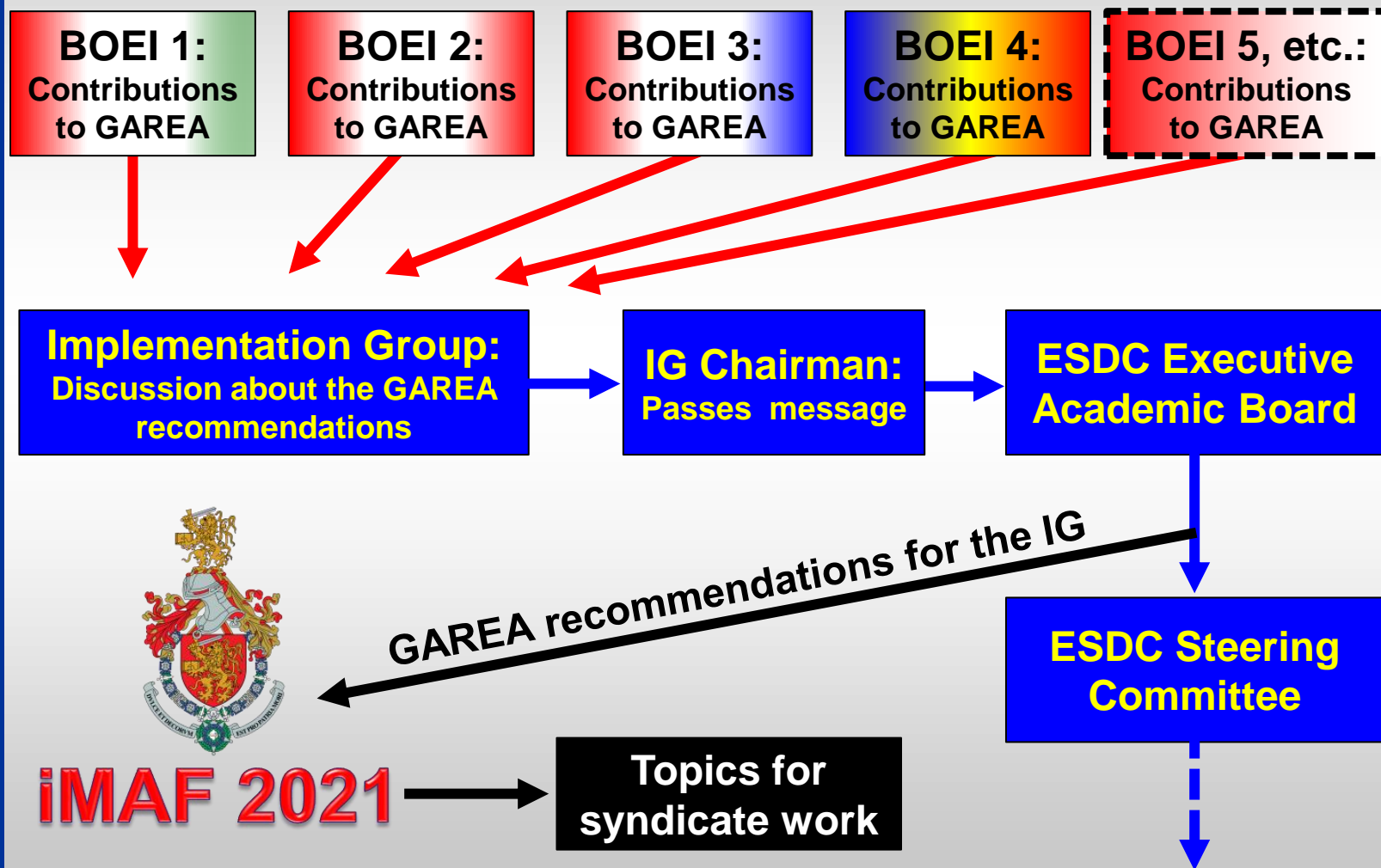
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Procedure for Elaborations (Syndicate Work)



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Recommendations for the Implementation Group

- Return to **prior pandemic mobilities** for students, teachers and Staff as fast as possible, as long as the SARS-CoV-2-situation allows it. **Develop in parallel online learning** to keep the momentum and to provide pre-conditions of ERASMUS+ financial support for short students' mobilities.
- Integrate the **SQF-MILOF** elaborations into the descriptions of existing and future common modules, wherever possible.
- Develop clear **guidelines for financial support** of exchanges.
- Finalisation and implementation of the **international semesters** starting with pilot projects (Air Force, Navy, Technical) and initiating elaborations on an international medical semester.
- Develop clear guidelines for Basic Officer Education Institutions for the next **European Universities** call 2024.
- Increase **Research & Development** activities and collaboration, not only among Basic Officer Education Institutions, but also with civilian universities.

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