



### Implementation Group

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## Meeting of the Implementation Group for European initiative for the exchange of young officers (inspired by Erasmus) on 14 December 2010, 09:30 hrs in Brussels

### Approved Minutes

#### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted unanimously

#### 2. Minutes of the previous meeting - Adoption

The Group adopted the minutes of the Implementation Group meeting of 21 September 2010.

#### 3. Preparation of the Annual Report

The Secretariat gave an overview of the draft template by which the Member States can report to the Secretariat. Some editorial changes were suggested. The Secretariat will distribute an amended version together with the draft minutes.

For the LoDs, the Secretariat will make a draft report, that it will send to the Chairpersons of the LoDs for approval.

In the ensuing discussion some preliminary lessons were reported:

- The information sent to the Implementation Group doesn't always seem to reach the appropriate level. A list of PoCs involved in exchange programmes in the Institutes should be established, especially for sending the invitations for exchanges. with their help, a catalogue of exchange activities could be established.
- The IDL system was well appreciated by the students during all the Common Modules on CSDP. However, the list of questions on the tests is rather limited and students tend to pass the questions around.
- ES reports that one PL student was received for an exchange on the sole basis of the Annex A of the Framework Agreement.
- A suggestion was made to organise another Train-the-Trainer seminar, with more attention given to the practical use of the IDL system. The seminar should also bring in the experience from the previous organisers. The Train-the-Trainer seminar is planned to take place during September 2011 in Brussels, together with the first module of the CSDP High Level Course.
- A strong plea was made that as many as possible Member States should participate in the work of LoD 2, since the creation of a 'common vocabulary' to describe courses is only possible with contribution from all sides.

#### 4. State-of-Play of the Initiative

The Secretariat gave an overview of the basic assumptions of the work of the Implementation Group, namely that

- the Initiative should rely whenever possible on the existing procedures of the Bologna process and the Commission's Life-Long Learning Programme;
- the Initiative and its implementation relies on the contribution of Member States and is not a Secretariat-driven project and finally
- no specific funding is foreseen for the Initiative at this time, although it remains possible to ask individual founding, through the National Erasmus Agency.

a. LoD 1

In the light of the information given to the Implementation Group during the meeting on 21 September, the Secretariat underlined the right of the Institutes to accredit training done in another Member State with ECTS even if the hosting Institute did not attribute any ECTS. As a consequence of this information, the Austrian Chair for LoD1 gave an overview of the adaptations he proposed to the User's Guide, whose implementation should be tested during 2011 to allow further improvements. The proposal was adopted by the Group.

b. LoD 2

The LoD 2 Chairperson reported on the development of a 3-page document sent out prior to this meeting. This document aims at finding a way to identify competences and translating them to a specific military vocabulary where needed. This document was the result of workshop in Brussels on 04 October, where the problem of translating the generic civilian learning outcomes into specific military learning outcomes was described. Replies are expected by 15 January 2011. The results of the LoD2 are expected by summer 2011.

c. LoD 6

The Implementation Group's Chairman, acting as temporary Chairpersons for the LoD 6, reported on his efforts to inform the different Conferences of Commandants. The next EMACS Conference will take place in Poland, likely in October 2011. The dates for the meetings of EUAFA and the Conference of Superintendants is not yet known. Further synergies with these Conferences should be explored.

The Chairman also pleaded to make best use of the Emilyo website to exchange information between the members of the IG and with other interested parties.

In order to facilitate the communication about the Initiative, it was again suggested to find a specific, short name for the Initiative.

Poland announced a High-Level Seminar in support of the further development of the Initiative on 12 to 14 October 2011 in Warsaw. Contacts with the ESDC Secretariat have been taken to coordinate the programme with the communication strategy of the IG.

d. LoD 7

The Czech Representative reported on the history of the LoD 7. She also reported that a list of topics that are given in English is being compiled. The Subgroup has also identified a list of common challenges that they should address to facilitate the exchanges. The next workshop on the LoD will be organised in Prague on 15 - 17 February 2011, focusing on long term exchanges.

e. LoD 8

The Chairperson of LoD 8 expressed again the intention of creating up to 5 new common modules per year. However, the question was raised if it would not be more useful to make best use of existing modules (in English) already planned in the regular national programmes and opened to European young officers, as did by Austria (less expensive, open on a permanent basis, offering a wide choice of periods and offering participation opportunities to a wider number of young officers).

The Group received a briefing on a possible module to be developed on the Law of Armed Conflict, based on an existing French programme. The proposal will be further worked out in the form of a curriculum, which will then be distributed to the Group for further debate and possible approval

f. **Evaluation of the Common Modules on CSDP**

Mr Paile of the University of Liege gave an overview of the main results of the external evaluation he made for the Common Modules organised by Austria. One notable aspect was the positive change of attitude of the students towards the necessity of a Common Security and Defence Policy.

Austria announced that the Common Modules will again be offered to the other Member States in the first two weeks of October 2011.

**5. Work Plan**

The Secretariat made a first proposal for the Work Plan for 2011. This Work Plan will be further amended with the information received during the meeting and concerning the meetings of the Conferences of Commanders.

A SGs Chairs' meeting will be organised on 22 Feb '11, as last year. Cyprus offered to host the IG meeting in June '11.

The LoD 3 (develop IDL specific contents) is planned to start next year in support of LoD 8.

**6. AOB\_**

No points were raised under this agenda item.

Done at Brussels,

For the Implementation Group:

The Chair,

(Signed)

Cesare CIOCCA

For the Secretariat,

(Signed)

Dirk DUBOIS

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