



Implementation Group	
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**Meeting of the Implementation Group for the
European initiative for the exchange of young officers
(inspired by Erasmus)
on 17 June 2011, 10:00 hrs
in Larnaca (CY)**

Draft Minutes

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted unanimously.

2. Common Module on Maritime Leadership

After a brief presentation of the proposed common module on Maritime Leadership, the Group discussed the proposal. The Common Framework for Language Qualification will be added at a level B1, together with the NATO STANAG. In total, 24 foreign students, coming from all EU Member States, can be accepted per year. The proposed Common Module will be made more generic and then will be brought back to the attention of the Group in a future meeting for adoption.

3. State of Play of the Initiative

The Chairperson informed the Group about the recent meetings of the EUAFA Commandants and of pre-conference in preparation of the Conference of Superintendents. The next meeting will be the EMACS meeting in Poland in October.

The Secretariat provided feedback on the situation of the Annual Report. The Secretariat also provided some information on behalf of Mr Paile concerning the level 4 evaluations of the common modules on CSDP.

The Secretariat also announced that a train-the-trainer seminar will be organised in Brussels in the last week of September. The seminar will be aimed at both the ESDC faculty for the High Level Course and at the people who are in charge of organising future Common Modules on CSDP. The Group received detailed information on the intended High Level Conference on the European Initiative that will be organised under the incoming Polish Presidency from 12 to 14 October in Warsaw (see Annex B). The Group discussed the proposed programme and added some elements for the programme. The Polish representative took note of all suggestions and will prepare a draft programme to be sent to all IG members for confirmation before finalising the programme of the Conference.

The Chairpersons of LoD 6, 7 and 8 gave an overview of the work that they plan. LoD 7 will meet in the margins of the next IG meeting on 21 September. The Chairperson of LoD 8 underlines again that a common module can be based on an existing training activity. He also informed the Group that a database of lecturers had been created and will be distributed to the members of the Group.

The Group received information about the use of the Emilyo platform (see annex C) and discussed possible improvements to the site. Special efforts will be made to give the website a more attractive look and feel. Some ideas suggested were to add pictures from past activities and to announce future activities systematically on the website in the public part of the website. The Bulgarian NDU accepted to further develop the website in this sense, but required more precise guidance, which the Secretariat in cooperation with the Chair will provide. The Secretariat will also provide a list of the POCs to the moderator.

The Group decided to postpone to open a new Line of Development for the encouragement of the exchanges of teaching staff.

4. Framework Arrangement

The Secretariat provided an overview of the replies received so far (See Annex D). The list is published on the EMILYO website and will be kept up to date by the Secretariat.

5. Exchange Opportunities - newsletter

The Group will be invited to evaluate the first 'official' version of the newsletter and to propose necessary changes, additional exchange opportunities, ... To further increase the exchange of information, the newsletter could also be sent to the coordinators of the Conferences of single service academies (PL for EMACS, NO for SIC and BE EUAFA).

6. AOB

Austria provided some information on the Alpine training and requested the travel dates of the participants to be sent to them.

For the Common Modules on CSDP, Member States should send their application as soon as possible. The evaluation of the common modules will again be evaluated by Mr Paile as external evaluator. The Module will be again run in the same manner as the previous year.

The Group was also informed that some Austrian students had written their master thesis about exchange opportunities with different Member States, with lots of useful information as a result. These thesis will be made available to the group.

Austria has included the Common Modules on the Law of Armed Conflicts and on Communication in their regular curriculum and these will be offered on a regular basis to other Member States.

Note: all presentations made during the meeting will be posted on the Emilyo website.