

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 21 September 2011
in Brussels**

Draft Minutes

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted unanimously.

2. Common Modules

The Group discussed the draft Fact Sheet for the Common Module on the Law of Armed Conflicts. During the discussion, it was decided to require for lecturers Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) English Level C1 or English NATO STANAG 6001 Level 3333.

The number of ECTS will be brought in line with the Bologna standard of 25 to 30 hours of work load for the students. For reasons of commonality, only integer numbers of ECTS will be used. The number for this Common Module could be 2 ECTS, taking into account an IDL preparation or additional work in the form of a paper.

The subgroup for LOD 8 will also shorten the detailed list of subjects in annex to the curriculum and bring it back to the general topic level and will increase the duration of the common module to 5 days in order to increase the possibilities for interactive learning.

After these adaptations, the Fact Sheet will be distributed by the Secretariat for adoption under silence procedure.

3. Preparation of the Conference on the European Initiative for the Exchange of Young Officers, organised by the Polish Presidency

The Polish delegation reported that the registration period for the seminar in Warsaw has been extended until the 04 October. The hotel rate remains at 163.00 EUR. After this period, participants can still register directly with the hotel.

The aim of this Seminar is to get additional guidance and support from the decision makers at General Staff and Commandants of the Academies (or their direct representatives) from the Member States.

The Group discussed the tentative programme in detail. The discussed subjects were fine-tuned and additional potential speakers were identified. The organising team will finalise the draft programme with the support of the Secretariat and the IG Chairperson and will then distribute it.

Mr Paile reported that the compendium, which he prepared for this event, is now being printed and that all participants in the Seminar will receive a copy. The document will also be made available in electronic format.

4. Exchange Opportunities – Newsletter and Wikipedia page

The Group received a short overview of the edition number 2 of the newsletter. The Secretariat requested that the reported exchange opportunities be as precisely described as possible, containing at least some basic information (e.g. the week in which the activity is planned) to allow the interested parties to start their internal planning.

The Group also briefly discussed the proposal for a Wikipedia article on the Initiative. Any additional suggestions should be sent to the ESDC Secretariat by the end of the month.

Under this agenda item, Mr Paile also provided a feedback of the level 4 evaluation, which he conducted for the Common Modules on CSDP, conducted in the Academic Year 2010/2011.

5. Preparation of the Annual Report

The Secretariat will prepare a draft text for the annual report and will consult with the Chairpersons of the subgroups in order to finalise the text.

6. Line of Development 2 - State of the Art

The Chairperson for LoD 2 presented a question which will be sent to the IG members to ask for the learning outcomes of the young officers initial education and training in the Member states. The question will be asked on two levels, namely on a generic, joint level and on a single service level. The Member States can reply on either one or on both levels.

The Secretariat clarified that the expected outcome of the LoD 2 is not the description of the 'ideal' young officer, which remains obviously a national responsibility. The aim is to develop a common vocabulary, which the training institutes can use to describe - in the form of observable student behaviour - the learning outcomes for the vocational part of the provided training. For the academic part, the institutes should continue to refer to the European Qualification Framework through their respective national Qualification Framework.

7. Preparation Work Plan 2012

The Group discussed which Lines of Development should be continued in the next year and their timing. Based on this input, the Secretariat will prepare the work plan to be further discussed in the next meeting.

8. AOB

No points were raised under this agenda item.

The principle to have one IG-meeting per year in another place than Brussels, was generally welcomed. Greece plans to host an IG meeting in Athens in September 2012.

Mr Paile presented a short report on the level 4 evaluation of the Common Modules on CSDP.

Next meeting: 14 December (morning meeting only!)
