



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 5 October 2012, 09:30 hrs
(« Aqua Mare Hotel » - Kato Paphos, Cyprus)**

Draft Minutes

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was slightly adopted.

2. CSDP Olympiad – Information and first lessons learnt

The organiser of the first CSDP Olympiad reported on the organisation of the event and the first lessons learnt of this experience for the participating cadets and all the actors involved.

Cyprus initially envisaged 48 participants, 34 actually participating. Some States had to resign for budgetary reasons. The representatives provided a general schedule of organisation for future CSDP Olympiad organisations. Stressed the need for involvement of PoCs (IG but also the academies), suggests that the evaluation team meets for coordinating on their way to grade the papers. The use of the Emilyo website support has been positive for promoting the event but also positive for promoting the website itself. Makes proposal for the development of the Olympiad.

Austria suggested considering the different examination schedules in the different Member States and academies, to adapt the calendar for the grading team (before the summer) and to receive the paper in a Word format (instead of pdf).

The IG proposes to study the possibility to organise the CSDP Olympiad on a regular basis (perhaps in the framework of the Presidency and/or every two years), better harmonisation with regard to grading.

Views on the Olympiad have been shared and debated: more interaction/involvement for the non-selected papers' participants, as well as a more systematic information to and involvement of the academies.

ECTS delivery shall be bound to completion of the full learning process.

The winner(s) should be announced to the academies, to further motivate the young officers participating to the competition.

During the next IG meeting suggestions for the future organisation will be prepared.

France proposes to fund a reward for one of the winners of the CSDP Olympiad.

A Trophy between academies could also be organised.

3. LoD2 – discussion

The Chairman of the LoD2 informed the Group about the progresses achieved toward establishing a common qualification framework for the military officers basic education. The Group received a synthetic document presenting the different contributions received from the Member States and possible outcomes of these contributions for the design of the framework. The Group had an initial discussion on these results and worked on a draft of these qualifications.

Mr. Paile presented the draft “tree of qualifications” on behalf of the Chair of LoD2. A general appreciation has been expressed by the IG who also agreed to organise a workshop to allow LoD2 members, other interested IG members and experts from the Commission to further develop the document. Working material will be made available on the Emilyo forum (restricted area) to better support the work of the LoD2 group and have contributions from all interested IG members.

4. LoD4 – construction of the IT platform

The Group continued the discussion on the practical implementation and creation of the IT platform and to define the adapted content of such platform according to the needs of the Member States and their education and training institutes.

The group stated that it keeps thinking and debating about the form and content of the IT platform: mobility newsletter, information on the education and training system (compendium + stocktaking), link to and info from the branch conferences.

To have a convenient time for reflection, suggestions for implementation are expected for next IG meeting. The IG identified the need for volunteers to act as focal point to maintain updated the platform.

5. Exchange Opportunities – Newsletter and offers

The Group endorsed the edition 6 of the CSDP Newsletter, prepared by Mr Paile.

The Group had a discussion on the exchange opportunities presented by the education and training institutes for the academic year 2012-2013.

The Chairman of the LoD8 informed the Group about the information received for the update of the lecturers' database.

6. LoD6

*Encouragement to send contacts of PoCs in the academies to the **LoD8** Chairman. List to be published on Emilyo. Mr. Paile also presented the relevant outcome of the evaluation level 4 of the most recent common CSDP modules.*

Kommentiert [PS1]: The PoCs database (an excel sheet) has been prepared in the framework of the LoD8 and is now available on the Emilyo forum (restricted access). The Member States and their academies are thus invited to complete and update this document on the Emilyo or to send the relevant information to the Chair of the LoD8 (France)

7. LoD7 – guide on the use of “Erasmus Intensive Programmes”

The Chairman of the LoD7 presented the first elements of a guide on the use of the Erasmus Intensive Programmes and the opportunities they offer for the development of the exchanges of cadets and instructing staff between the European institutes.

Austria reported on the Erasmus intensive programmes. Shall be planned very early (2 years for application). The EIP will end in 2014, however, the adoption of the “Erasmus for All” framework is yet expected in order to have more details on future funding possibilities through the European programmes.

8. Common tactical military decision-making procedures

The Member States were invited to continue the discussion and provide their views on the proposition of creation of a common European Military Decision-Making Process at tactical level and the possibilities of common training on this subject, presented during the last Implementation Group meeting.

If adopted, a common teaching on MDMP would request to deliver a presentation of the national MDMPs (synthetic presentation).

The matter will be dealt with at the next IG meeting but the MS are invited to think about it.

9. AOB

*Austria distributed the publication containing the **evaluation reports** on the organisation of the common CSDP modules to the IG members.*

Kommentiert [PS2]: It is not only the level 4 but also levels 1-2 and 3, actually (and 4).

Austria as well announced the organisation of a common module on CSDP (previously planned in the same period of other ESDC activities) during the 1st week of December.

The IG expressed his very high appreciation of the constant and excellent work done by Mr. Paile, who will not be able anymore to provide scientific support to the Initiative in the lack of financial support