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***30th Meeting of the Implementation Group for the
European initiative for the exchange of young officers
(inspired by Erasmus)***

On 5 May 2016 at 09.00 (all-day meeting)

(Hotel Golden Bay, Larnaka, Cyprus)

Draft Minutes

1. Adoption of the agenda

Agenda adopted.

2. Update on the different Lines of Development (LoDs)

The Implementation Group (IG) Chairman presented the objectives, achievements and respective roles of the States and their participating institutions for each Line of Development. Concerning LoD 5, the chairman once again encouraged those Member States which have not yet done so to send a message to the ESDC stating they intend to use the framework.

3. LoD 4 - IT platform

The IG received information about the re-designed homepage and after discussing the procedure for checking the documents asked its members to:

- a. Encourage the participating cadets to create more reports;
- b. Send their institution's high quality logos and their mobility offers to:
j.hahnekamp@miles.ac.at;
- c. Check the links to their institution;
- d. Upload documents via the IG Chairman, also informing the ESDC Secretariat.

4. LoD 6 - Exchange opportunities

- a. The SK representative presented an update of the third CSDP Olympiad, which is now at the end of the paper-writing stage (document attached).
- b. The IG Chairman presented a new exchange offer by the Swedish Defence University (SEDU), Stockholm, on 'Irregular Warfare' (IG agenda briefing PowerPoint attached).
- c. GR reported on the CSDP common module organised by the Hellenic Air Force Academy from 4-8 April 2016, in which 51 cadets/young officers and civilian university students from 13 different institutions and from 4 Member States participated (PowerPoint attached).

IT reported on the CSDP common module organised in Turin from 14-18 March 2016, in which 41 cadets/young officers and civilian university students from 11 different institutions and from 9 Member States participated (PowerPoint attached).

- d. The IG Chairman updated the group on the Strategic Partnership (international semester involving 5 institutes under the Erasmus+ programme), giving special consideration to possible future common modules (IG agenda briefing PowerPoint attached).
- e. CY informed the group that the pilot module 'Cadet Leadership Development' would be co-organised by CY and AT for the second time in Cyprus from 19 to 23 September 2016 for up to 30 cadets. Preparation for the trainers would be organised in Cyprus from 12 to 16 September 2016 (application form attached).
- f. The IG Chairman informed the group about the common module 'Defence Economics', which would be organised at the University of Defence, Brno, from 17 to 21 October 2016 (IG agenda briefing PowerPoint attached).
- g. FR presented a new exchange offer, the engineer semester 'Basics of digital information processing and protection' and the 'Post Da'esh World' from 24 to 26 May (both documents are available on the EMILYO homepage).

5. Information about the current state of iMAF 2016

The IG Chairman updated the group on the current state of the international Military Academic Forum (iMAF) 2016, which will focus on funding and the review of modules. iMAF 2016 will take place in Poland from Monday to Friday, 20 to 24 June 2016, and 81 international participants plus Poland have already registered.

6. iMAF 2017

The IG discussed possible topics to be included on the agenda of iMAF 2017 and IG members are invited to send any suggestions to the ESDC Secretariat by 31 May 2016.

7. Update of the ongoing work on 'Joint Degree Master in CSDP'

The IG Chairman presented an update of the joint 'Interdisciplinary Master Study Programme for Common Security and Defence Policy' (120 ECTS), which will be offered jointly by three institutions in Austria, Poland and the Czech Republic. Its curriculum is already finalised and – according to the current plan – it will start during the winter semester of 2017, with a maximum of 30 students (IG agenda briefing PowerPoint attached).

8. Discussion about the EUMS's intention to propose a 'European Union Military Decision-Making Process at tactical level' - update and way ahead

According to the Head of the ESDC, the IG is not mandated to develop doctrine. The IG will follow this guidance. The IG Chairman presented a module (available on the EMILYO homepage) which covers the smallest possible denominator of Military Decision-Making Processes (MDMPs). The content will be discussed during iMAF 2016 and during the next IG meeting and tested in Austria's 'international Winter Semester Military Leadership'.

- 9. Discussion about the 'Pool of Trainers/Instructors' and the possibility of uploading the list to a restricted area of the EMILYO homepage**
 In order to facilitate lecturer exchanges, as an initial step, IG members are invited to provide lists of potential lecturers to the ESDC Secretariat with a view to creating a database in a restricted area of the EMILYO homepage.
- 10. Discussion on the timeframes of academic semesters – possibility of synchronising**
 IG members are invited to fill out the attached table.
- 11. Proposals for the IG meeting in Liptovsky Mikulas, Slovakia**
 IG members are invited to send any proposal/topic that they would like to be discussed in the next IG meeting to the ESDC Secretariat by 6 June 2016.
- 12. Work plan – contributions and updates**
 Based on a proposal by the Secretariat and taking into account all the contributions received, the IG reviewed and further developed the work plan for 2015-2016 (document attached). The next meeting will take place in Liptovsky Mikulas, Slovakia on 6 October 2016.
- 13. AOB**
Experiences from the International Semester at the Theresan Military Academy (TMA)
 A GR participant in the International Semester at the Theresan Military Academy presented his experience to the IG, emphasising the great importance of international participation.

To have a better overview of all requests, they are summarised in the table below:

Request:	Send to:
Comment on the LoD 5 paper (framework). The goal is for your institution or your country to provide an official statement to the ESDC. If not initiated so far – try to get an answer from the responsible echelons. (according to http://www.emilyo.eu/node/870 - LoD 5)	Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu or announcement in the Steering Committee
Mark in blue and red the academic autumn/winter and spring/summer semesters of your institution. Create new lines if necessary. (according to the attached document)	Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu
Check the links to your institution and send corrections if necessary. (according to: http://www.emilyo.eu/node/48)	j.hahnekamp@miles.ac.at
Send your institution's high quality logo . (according to: http://www.emilyo.eu/node/876)	j.hahnekamp@miles.ac.at
Create a list ' Pool of Lecturers ' for your institution containing lecturers who are willing to teach abroad, preferably under ERASMUS+. (according to the attached document)	harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at
Propose topics for the next IG meeting in Liptovsky Mikulas (if you have any) by 6 June 2016.	harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at

<p>Provide proposal(s) of topics for iMAF 2017 in Brno by 31 May 2016 (must have a connection to the Initiative).</p> <p>Excerpt from the iMAF contract: '...§ 1 (3) <i>In doing so, iMAF therefore shall promote and support the “ERASMUS Lifelong learning circle” in officers’ education and training as well as the “European initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus”, - an efficient cooperation in education of our future elites, for the realisation and consolidation of the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) regardless of their nationality or their armed forces</i>’.</p>	<p>harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at</p>
<p>If you want to post a mobility offer on the EMILYO homepage, send the dates and a short description – or a link if you post it on your homepage. (according to http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878)</p>	<p>j.hahnekamp@miles.ac.at</p>
<p>If you want to post any document onto the EMILYO homepage send it in Word or pdf format.</p>	<p>j.hahnekamp@miles.ac.at</p>
<p>Encourage cadets or students to write a report of an event with international participation. Please include pictures. (according to: http://www.emilyo.eu/exchange_experience)</p>	<p>j.hahnekamp@miles.ac.at</p>
<p>Advertisement for the Interdisciplinary Master Study Programme for Common Security and Defence Policy (the leaflet will be posted on the EMILYO homepage at http://www.emilyo.eu/node/874)</p>	<p>-</p>