

***31st meeting of the Implementation Group for the
European initiative for the exchange of young officers
inspired by Erasmus***

on 6 October 2016 at 15.00

(Armed Forces Academy, Liptovsky Mikulas, Slovakia)

Draft minutes

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

2. General Annual Report on ESDC Activities (GAREA) – Update from the ESDC Secretariat

The ESDC Secretariat presented the GAREA content related to the Implementation Group (IG), focusing on the following recommendations adopted by the Steering Committee: *'Encourage Member States to engage more actively in the activities of the Implementation Group, including the organisation of more common modules, especially of those included in the curriculum of the International Semester'* and *'Based on the experience of the International Semester, promote the creation of such a semester between Naval and Air Force Academies'* (see: <http://www.emilyo.eu/sites/default/files/2016-087%20%5BEEAS.2016.1430%5D%20GAREA%202015-2016%20%5BARES%5D.pdf>).

The IG agreed to organise a full-day meeting, back to back with the next IG meeting, devoted to launching the procedure for the creation of strategic partnerships between naval and air force academies under Erasmus+.

3. Update on the different lines of development (LoDs)

The Implementation Group Chair presented the objectives, achievements and respective roles of the states and their participating institutions for each line of development (see attached presentation).

In particular:

- a. **LoD 2:** The Head of the ESDC presented a letter he had received from the EU Military Committee Chair in which the ESDC was invited to consider developing a sectorial qualification framework (SQF) for all levels of military career, based on the SQF for cadets and basic officers already developed by the ESDC/IG.

- b. **LoD 4 – IT platform:** The Chair presented the new design for the Emilyo homepage and it was agreed that a list of IG members would be uploaded within a password-protected area.

The group agreed with the Chair's suggestion to use the Emilyo homepage as the sole source of information, replacing the work plan (*Mobility Offers and Multiplier Events* section).

- c. **LoD 5 – Framework:** The situation had remained unchanged since the previous meeting. The IG agreed with the Chair's suggestion to include it on the agenda for the international Military Academic Forum (iMAF) 2017. IG members were asked to continue via their chains of command to request to adopt the revised LoD 5 framework.
- d. **LoD 6 – National implementation of the programme:** The Chair would prepare a letter to be sent to all commandants/superintendents, asking them to send representatives from the basic officer education institutions to IG meetings more frequently and support the initiative.
- e. **LoD 7 – Lifelong learning:** The Chair gave a short report on the LoD 7 meeting which had taken place in Brno on 20 September 2016 (exchange of offers, pool of trainers, PhD research).
- f. **LoD 8 – (Common) modules/exchanges**

- f.1 **Third CSDP Olympiad:** The Slovakian representative would prepare a detailed evaluation report to be presented at the next meeting in Brussels. The whole event had been organised in an excellent manner and the IG members congratulated and thanked the Slovakian representative.

The winners of the Third Olympiad:

Knowledge winner: ALFARO PÉREZ (ES)

Essay winner: John Michael NEVIN (IE)

Cover page winner: Sebastian Enache IONUT (RO)

- f.2 **SERE TTP course:** The Romanian IG representative gave a short report on the course. The IG Chair suggested creating a proper module description with a view to having it approved as a common module.
- f.3 **Summer mountain training course:** The French IG representative presented the outcome of the summer Initial Mountain Adaptation Training (IMAT) (4 to 16 September 2016, Modane, Alps), which had focused on the acquisition of knowledge related to the movement and stationing of troops in mountainous terrain during the summertime. Sixty participants (French cadets and foreign cadets from seven different countries) obtained the military mountaineering certificate at the end of the course. This training course would be conducted next year as well.
- f.4 **Post-Daesh World course:** The French IG representative presented the outcome of the annual Saint-Cyr seminar, which had sought to clarify this complex issue related to the collapse of the Islamic State. During this seminar, military and academic experts had tried to assess the sustainability of the Daesh phenomenon and the way in which world geopolitics could rearticulate after its sudden collapse. Unfortunately there had been no foreign participants. Fifteen representatives from different universities and French academic

institutions had attended the seminar; a few French cadets had also participated. This seminar would be repeated in May or June 2017.

- f.5 **Non-Common Module on leadership development (new name: Military Leadership B):** The evaluation of the module, organised jointly by AT/CY in Cyprus, would be presented at the next IG meeting.
- f.6 The '**Protection of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in International Crisis Management**' course organised by IT would be presented at the next IG meeting.
- f.7 **Strategic Partnership Project (SPP):** The IG Chair updated the group on the SPP (international semester involving five institutes under the Erasmus+ programme), giving special consideration to the future common modules curricula, which did not yet have 'common' status. The IG agreed to provide any comments/suggestions by **25 November** with a view to have a discussion at the next IG meeting, probably followed by agreement by the silence procedure. The relevant curricula could be accessed via the following link: <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/988>.

4. Outcomes of iMAF 2016 in PL and information about iMAF 2017 in CZ

The IG Chair informed the group that the iMAF report had already been uploaded to the Emilyo homepage and he invited the keynote speakers and other members involved to send the articles for the publication (iMAF 2016 book) to the Polish organisers as soon as possible. Articles should be sent to: Anna Ziółkowska, e-mail: a.ziolkowska@wso.wroc.pl.

Then the IG Chair updated the group on the current state of iMAF 2017, which would focus on faster implementation (including double/joint degrees) and the LoD 5 framework. iMAF 2017 would take place near Prague in CZ from 19 to 23 June 2017.

5. Update on the ongoing work on the joint master's degree in CSDP

The IG Chair presented an update on the 'Joint Interdisciplinary Master Study Programme for Common Security and Defence Policy' (120 ECTS), which would be offered jointly by three institutions in Austria, Poland and the Czech Republic. It was now in the accreditation phase and the plan was to start it in the 2017 winter semester at the Jagiellonian University (PL), then at the Theresan Military Academy (AT) and then at the University of Defence in Brno (CZ).

6. Discussion on 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 had been invited during the previous IG meeting to provide the ESDC Secretariat with lists of potential lecturers, with a view to creating a database in a restricted area of the Emilyo homepage. The response had been very poor (see the attached ppt).

7. Discussion on the timeframes of academic semesters – possibility of synchronising

IG members were invited to fill out the attached table as it seemed that was the only way to identify the best timeframes for exchange offers and facilitate the synchronisation of semesters.

8. Proposals for the 32nd IG meeting in Brussels

The IG Chair suggested including as one of the agenda items a discussion of the Fourth CSDP Olympiad in 2018, which would preferably be organised by either Bulgaria or Austria as these Member States would hold the EU Council Presidency in 2018.

IG members were invited to send any proposals/topics that they would like to discuss at the next IG meeting to the ESDC Secretariat by **1 November 2016**.

9. Work plan – contributions and updates

As mentioned in section 3.b above all the necessary information could be found on the Emilyo homepage. The next meeting would take place in Brussels **on 6 December 2016** and an additional full-day meeting would be held **on 7 December 2016**. It would be devoted to launching the procedure for the creation of strategic partnerships between naval and air force academies under the Erasmus+ programme.

To provide a better overview, all requests 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 the ESDC with an official statement. If not initiated so far, try to get an answer from the responsible echelons. (See http://www.emilyo.eu/node/982 - LoD 5)	Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu or announcement in the Steering Committee
Mark in blue and red the autumn/winter and spring/summer academic semesters of your institution. Create new lines if necessary. (See attached document)	Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu
Send your institution's high-quality logo . (See http://www.emilyo.eu/node/876)	jasmin.hahnekamp@gmail.com
Create a ' pool of lecturers ' list for your institution, listing lecturers who are willing to teach abroad, preferably under Erasmus+. (See attached document)	harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at
Propose topics for the next IG meeting in Brussels by 1 November 2016.	harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at
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. (See http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878)	jasmin.hahnekamp@gmail.com

If you want to post any document on the Emilyo homepage, send it in Word or pdf format.	jasmin.hahnekamp@gmail.com
Encourage cadets or students to write a report on an event with international participation. Please include pictures. (See http://www.emilyo.eu/exchange_experience)	jasmin.hahnekamp@gmail.com