

## **32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Implementation Group for the European initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus**

**on 6 December 2016 from 10.00 to 17.00**

***(Albert Borschette Conference Centre,  
Rue Froissart 36, Brussels)***  
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### **1) Adoption of the agenda**

The Agenda was adopted

### **2) Update on all the LoDs by the Chair**

The Implementation Group (IG) 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 5 – Framework:** The situation remained unchanged since the previous meeting. IG members were asked to continue to request the adoption of the revised LoD 5 framework via their chains of command.
- b) **LoD 6 – National implementation of the programme:** The Chair presented a letter for approval by the IG, to be sent to all commandants/superintendents, asking them to send representatives from the basic officer education institutions to IG meetings more frequently and to support the Initiative.
- c) **LoD 8:**
  - SK representative: presented the 'General review and lessons learnt from the third CSDP Olympiad' (see attached doc).
  - Dr. Sylvain Paile expressed the intention of the Bulgarian NMY Vassil Levski to organise the next CSDP Olympiad in May or June 2018. The organisation process (invitation, call for papers, etc.) will be proposed as a point on the agenda at the next IG meeting.
  - The Chair presented the outcome of the CY/AT 'Leadership development' module which was organized for the second time in Cyprus between 19 and 23 September 2016. The curriculum is now

in the process of being approved by the IG as Common with the name 'Military Leadership B' and it will be part of the International Semester developed by the Strategic Partnership Project. The IG kindly requests Cyprus to consider organizing this module again next year in Cyprus in cooperation with Austria, since the logistical support from CY and the CY trainers proved very efficient, and the harsh conditions resembling a desert environment were excellent (see attached presentation).

- IT presented the outcomes of the 'Humanitarian Law' module which was held at the Centre of Excellence for the Police Stability Units in Vicenza between 18 and 26 June 2016(see attached presentation).
- The IG Chair updated the group on the Strategic Partnership Project (International Semester involving five institutes under the Erasmus+ programme), giving the following indicative timeframe:
  - E-books by the end of 2016.
  - E-learning & didactic material by February 2017.
  - Test phases by the middle of July 2017.
- AT/IT/GR informed the Group about upcoming common modules and other exchange offers (see attached presentations and Emilyo homepage).
- The IG discussed the distributed curricula of the International Semester modules and the comments received from IT. The curricula have been sent to the IG members again for approval under silence procedure.
- The Hellenic Naval Academy presented a curriculum that included a module on Maritime Security of the European Union, to be discussed at the next meeting with a view to being approved as common (see attached doc).

### **3) 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 is still in the accreditation phase and the plan is for it to start 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). In this context of additional partners for specific projects, the Theresan Military Academy signed an Erasmus+ Agreement on 24 November with the Open University of Cyprus with a view to cooperating in the field of Cyber Security. As the Chair mentioned, this Open University has a state-of-the-art level of organization and infrastructure for internet distance learning.

#### **4) 'European doctoral school on CSDP' Concept paper**

Dr. Sylvain PAILE presented a Concept paper entitled 'European doctoral school on CSDP'. The ESDC Secretariat invited the IG members to identify potential candidate institutes in their respective Member States and to inform them that they can express their interest in joining this initiative by sending an email to the ESDC Secretariat ([Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu)) by 10 February 2017. As soon as an adequate number of institutions show interest, the ESDC Secretariat will organize a special meeting day, preferably during the first semester of 2017 (see attached doc).

#### **5) Discussion on the timeframes for academic semesters – possibility of synchronising – way ahead**

IG members were invited to fill out the attached table, as this seemed to be the only way to identify the best timeframes for exchange offers and to facilitate the synchronisation of semesters (see attached form).

#### **6) Discussion about the pool of trainers**

In order to facilitate lecturer exchanges, as an initial step IG members had been invited at the two previous IG meetings 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. Only six institutions have responded as yet.

#### **7) Information about EMACS 2017**

Estonia informed the IG that the Estonian National Defence College will host the EMACS 2017 in Tartu, Estonia on the 42<sup>nd</sup> week of the year 2017. Further details will be provided at the next IG meeting.

#### **8) Proposals for the agenda of the 33<sup>rd</sup> IG meeting in Brussels**

The group proposed to include on the agenda of the next meeting information points about EMACS 2017 and iMAF 2017. IG members were invited to send any further proposals/topics that they would like to discuss at the next IG meeting to the ESDC Secretariat by **13 January 2017**.

#### **9) Work plan – contributions/update**

All the necessary information can be found on the Emilyo homepage. The next meeting will take place in Brussels on 21 February 2017 (all day meeting) and a second half day will be held on 22 February (9.00 - 12.30), preferably for Naval and Air Force Academies (all IG members are invited), with a view to creating strategic partnerships resulting in common International Semesters under Erasmus+. The 34<sup>th</sup> IG meeting will be take place in Cyprus, on 23 May 2017.

#### **10) AOB**

**IG special day for Naval and Air Force Academies with a view to creating strategic partnerships resulting in common international semesters under Erasmus+**

**(all IG members were invited)**

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- 1) The IG Chair presented the Erasmus+ principles with a view to a strategic partnership project (SPP).
- 2) The Polish representative of the Military Academy of Land Forces presented the SPP from the Erasmus+ Coordinator's perspective and analysed the challenges and the lessons identified and a new proposal for a Strategic Partnership Project entitled 'International Military Leadership Academy'. The deadline for submitting the project proposal is 31 March 2017.
- 3) The representatives of the Naval and Air Force Academies from Greece, Italy and Poland presented their respective academies. The Romanian Naval and Air Force Academies sent their presentations expressing their interest in participating in these new Strategic Partnerships.
- 4) The Chair noted that there are enough interested academies to begin the procedure. Nevertheless, he suggested allocating more time to allow more Member States to react positively and increase the final number of participating academies. It was agreed that this topic would be included on the next IG meeting agenda with a view to finalizing the group of interested academies.
- 5) All the presentations have been uploaded onto the Emilyo homepage: <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1017>.

To provide a better overview, all requests from both days are summarised in the table below:

Request:	Send to:
<p><b>Comment on the LoD 5 paper (framework).</b> 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 <a href="http://www.emilyo.eu/node/982">http://www.emilyo.eu/node/982</a> - LoD 5)</p>	<p><a href="mailto:Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu">Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu</a>  or announcement in the Steering Committee</p>
<p>Mark in blue and red the <b>autumn/winter and spring/summer academic semesters</b> of your institution. Create new lines if necessary. (See attached document)</p>	<p><a href="mailto:Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu">Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu</a></p>
<p>Create a '<b>pool of lecturers</b>' list for your institution, listing lecturers who are willing to teach abroad, preferably under Erasmus+. (See attached document)</p>	<p><a href="mailto:harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at">harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at</a></p>
<p>Propose <b>topics for the next IG meeting</b> in Brussels <b>by 13 January 2017</b>.</p>	<p><a href="mailto:harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at">harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at</a></p>
<p>If you want to post a <b>mobility offer</b> on the Emilyo homepage, send the dates and a short description – or a link if you post it on your homepage. (See <a href="http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878">http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878</a>)</p>	<p><a href="mailto:harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at">harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at</a></p>
<p>If you want to post <b>any document</b> on the Emilyo homepage, send it in Word or Excel or pdf format.</p>	<p><a href="mailto:harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at">harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at</a></p>
<p>Encourage <b>cadets or students to write a report</b> on an event with international participation. Please include pictures. (See <a href="http://www.emilyo.eu/exchange_experience">http://www.emilyo.eu/exchange_experience</a>)</p>	<p><a href="mailto:harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at">harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at</a></p>
<p>Express the interest of your Academy to participate in the '<b>European doctoral school on CSDP</b>' by <b>04 April 2017</b>.</p>	<p><a href="mailto:Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu">Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu</a></p>