

33rd meeting of the Implementation Group for the European initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus

on 21 February 2017 from 10.00 to 17.00

*(Albert Borschette Conference Centre,
Rue Froissart 36, Brussels)*

Draft minutes

1) Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted

2) Update by the Chair on all LoDs

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

In particular:

- a) **LoD 2 – Development of competences:** Descriptors used for new Strategic Partnership (SP) modules, which will be used for all new module descriptions. Available on: <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/976>
- b) **LoD 3 – Development of Internet Distance Learning (IDL):** New IDL initiated via SP and currently in a test phase until July 2017.
- c) **LoD 4 – IT platform:** Updated constantly. If an IG member would like to upload documents, they are invited to provide the Chairman with the data according to the respective subpage and with one single document in pdf format – if necessary.
- d) **LoD 5 – Framework:** The situation has 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.
- e) **LoD 6 – National implementation of the programme:** The Chair updated the group on the briefings given to the EU/HTF Training Military Group and to the EU Military Committee on 8 December 2016 and 1 February 2017 respectively. These two presentations and the letter sent to

the Academies during the same period significantly increased the interest of more MS in participating actively in the Initiative.

f) **LoD 8 – Common Modules/offers**

- BG National Military University's representative: presented the milestones for the fourth 'CSDP Olympiad'. The residential phase of the Olympiad would take place in Bulgaria from May 21 to 24, 2018. Further details would be proposed as an item on the agenda at the next IG meeting (see attached presentation).
- The Hellenic Naval Academy presented a draft curriculum of a module on Maritime Security of the European Union. The group decided to discuss it at the next meeting along with the evaluation report on its pilot implementation from 24 to 28 April 2017 with a view to being approved as Common.
- The Chair presented the evaluation of the AT CSDP Common Module which was held in Austria between 16 and 20 January 2017 (see attached presentation)
- The IG Chair updated the group on the Strategic Partnership Project (International Semester involving five institutes under the Erasmus+ programme) as follows:
 - E-books are ready.
 - E-learning & didactic materials are ready.
 - Test phases by the middle of July 2017.
 - It was expected that by the end of November 2017 all the material could be provided with revised versions to all who were interested.
- AT/IT/FR/GR/PL/RO informed the Group about upcoming common modules and other exchange offers (see attached presentations and Emilyo homepage - <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878>).
- The PL Air Force Academy presented 7 new draft module curricula with a view to receiving initial comments and presenting them again at the next meeting.
- CY representative announced that the Cyprus National Guard would co-organise with the Theresan Military Academy the Military Leadership B common module from 18 to 22 September 2017 in Larnaca, Cyprus (11 to 15 September trainers' training).

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. The plan was 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). Further details would be presented at the next meeting.

4) Update on iMAF 2017

The Chair informed the group that the iMAF 2017 would take place in CZ (in a castle near Prague) from 19 to 23 June 2017. The capacity would be limited to 2-3 persons per institution and the topic would be: **'Faster Implementation (incl. double/joint degrees) + LoD5'**. See the homepage at:

<http://aktivita.unob.cz/imaf/layouts/15/start.aspx#/SitePages/DomovskaStranka.aspx>

5) Information about EMACS 2017

Estonia informed the IG that the Estonian National Defence College would host the EMACS 2017 in Tartu, Estonia in the 42nd week of 2017. The main topic of the meeting would be **'The role of the Military Erasmus Initiative in military education – the way ahead'**. In March/April the official invitation would be sent to the commandants and a web-page would be available (incl. agenda and timetable, registration, additional discussion topics/themes, proposals for presentations).

6) 'European doctoral school on CSDP' concept paper

Dr. Sylvain PAILE once again presented a concept paper entitled 'European doctoral school on CSDP' (attached doc). The ESDC Secretariat informed the IG members that 16 institutions had already expressed an interest in participating, and that institutions could still express an interest in taking part in the initiative by sending an email to the ESDC Secretariat (Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu). The number was considered sufficient for the creation of a special ESDC Executive Academic Board working group. ESDC would organise a meeting, preferably in June 2017.

7) 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 of identifying the best timeframes for exchange offers and of facilitating the synchronisation of semesters (see attached form).

8) Discussion on the pool of trainers

In order to facilitate lecturer exchanges, as an initial step IG members had been invited 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. IG members who had not done so far were invited to create such a list and send it to the ESDC Secretariat (Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu).

9) Proposals for the agenda of the 33rd IG meeting in Brussels

The group proposed to include on the agenda of the next meeting information items on EMACS 2017, iMAF 2017, 4th CSDP Olympiad, the draft curricula created by the Hellenic Naval Academy and the Polish Air Force Academy, and the 10th anniversary of the Initiative. 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 **23 March 2017**.

10) Work plan – contributions/update

All the necessary information can be found on the Emilyo homepage. The next meeting (all day), would take place in Cyprus on 23 May 2017 (see attached hotel reservation form).

The 35th meeting would take place in Brussels on 5 September, and a second half-day on 6 September (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+.

11) AOB

IG 2nd 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)

22 February 2017 from 9.00 to 13.00

(ESDC, Avenue de Cortenbergh 115, Brussels)

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- 1) The IG Chair presented the Erasmus+ principles with a view to a strategic partnership project (SPP) – challenges /lessons identified.
- 2) A DG Education and Culture representative presented the 'Opportunities and perspectives for Transnational Cooperation'.
- 3) The representatives of the Naval Academies of Spain and Bulgaria, the Air Force Academies of Spain and Romania and the Polish Military University of Technology presented their respective institutions and expressed their interest in participating in these new Strategic Partnerships.
- 4) During the discussion phase the Chairman pointed out the benefits of the Erasmus+ programme. Institutions were encouraged to apply for an Erasmus+ Charta – if they had not done so far. During the IG meeting in September an expert would brief IG members on 'how to make a successful application for a Strategic Partnership Project'.
- 5) All the presentations had been/would be 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:
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

<p>Create a 'pool of lecturers' list for your institution, listing lecturers who are willing to teach abroad, preferably under Erasmus+.</p> <p>(See attached document)</p>	<p>harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at</p>
<p>Propose topics for the next IG meeting in Brussels by 23 March 2017.</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 (in pdf format) – or a link if you post it on your homepage.</p> <p>(See http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878)</p>	<p>harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at</p>
<p>If you want to post any document on the Emilyo homepage, send it in Word or Excel or pdf format.</p>	<p>harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at</p>
<p>Encourage cadets or students to write a report on an event with international participation. Please include pictures.</p> <p>(See http://www.emilyo.eu/exchange_experience)</p>	<p>harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at</p>
<p>Express the interest of your Academy participating in the 'European doctoral school on CSDP'.</p>	<p>Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu</p>