

## 34<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Implementation Group for the European Initiative for the Exchange of Young Officers inspired by Erasmus

on 23 May 2017 from 10.00 to 17.00

*(Sun Hall Hotel, Larnaca, Cyprus)*

### Draft minutes

#### 1) Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

#### 2) Minutes approval

The group approved the minutes of the 33th meeting (attached doc.).

#### 3) Chairmanship of the Implementation Group

The group decided **unanimously** to extend the term of office of the current AT chair for a further two academic years, thus until September 2019. The Head of ESDC thanked and congratulated the IG chairman for his excellent work and for his availability to continue for an additional term.

#### 4) 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:** The agreed descriptors, which will be used for all new module descriptions, are available on: <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/976>
- b) **LoD 3 – Development of Internet Distance Learning (IDL):** New IDL modules initiated via Strategic Partnership (SP) and currently in a test phase until July 2017.
- c) **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.

d) **LoD 6 – National implementation of the programme – Strategic Communication:**

The group reported that the ESDC Secretariat would keep briefing the EU Military Training Group on a regular basis and that the chair would give briefings at ISoDoMa 2017, iMAF 2017 and EMACS 2017.

- Discussion on the 10th anniversary of the Initiative in 2018

1) The ESDC Secretariat informed the group that, after an initial exchange of views with the Hellenic Army Academy and the Hellenic Naval Academy, it seemed feasible to organise an excellent event in Athens in, November 2018, which would combine some academic sessions, the Athens Authentic Marathon, an analysis and visit to the archaeological sites of the Battles of Marathon, Thermopylae and Salamis, taking into consideration the great importance of these battles in the evolution of the European history. Both academies would check this possibility and would offer a full proposal in the context of the next IG meeting. The IG group members warmly welcomed the idea.

2) As a prelude to the above-mentioned event, the Hellenic Army Academy announced the organisation of the 'Leonidas Trophy' from 11-18 September 2017 and the Athens Authentic Marathon from 6-13 November 2017. Further details and the official invitation would be uploaded to the EMILYO website soon.

3) The ESDC Secretariat suggested creating rules of procedure (RoP) for awarding the title of honorary IG members, in the run-up to the first honorary members being announced in the context of the 10th anniversary event. The IG members welcomed the suggestion and the ESDC Secretariat would, together with the Chair, prepare with the draft RoP before the next IG meeting.

e) **LoD 8 – Common Modules/offers**

- **Fourth 'CSDP Olympiad':** The residential phase of the Olympiad would take place in Bulgaria from 21-24 May 2018 (all the details are available on the EMILYO homepage). Registration is open for up to four cadets per MS by no later than **30 June 2017**. Each MS must put forward, along with the cadets, at least one evaluator for the paper/thesis competition. The 10 topics for the thesis would be finalised in the context of the next IG meeting.
- **CY: update/details on the Military Leadership B common module, 18-22 September 2017, Larnaca, Cyprus:** CY presented the details of and invitation to the common module, which would be co-organised with the Theresan Military Academy for third time (document available on the EMILYO homepage). GR confirmed their participation, mentioning that the Hellenic Army Academy considered this specific module very useful and that they had already integrated many elements of it in their curriculum.
- The Hellenic Naval Academy presented the evaluation of the pilot module on Maritime Security of the European Union held in Athens between 24 and 28 April 2017, in which one third of the participants were civilians and for which the final draft curriculum was to be adopted by the IG as common (document uploaded to the EMILYO

homepage). The group decided to adopt it as common by silence procedure before 24 July.

- The IT Army Education and Training Command and School of Applied Military Studies presented the evaluation of the CSDP Common Module held between 13 and 17 March in Turin, in which one third of the participants were civilian students (presentation available on the EMILYO homepage).
- The Hellenic Army Academy presented the evaluation of the Common Module 'Law of Armed Conflict' held from 8-12 May 2017 in Athens and the initial information regarding the 'Leonidas Trophy' and Athens Authentic Marathon (presentation available on EMILYO homepage)
- The Hellenic Air Force Academy presented an initial evaluation of the CSDP Common Module held in Athens between 15 and 19 May 2017, in which more than one third of the participants were civilians.
- Austria, France, the Netherlands, Italy, Romania and Spain informed the Group about upcoming common modules and other exchange opportunities (information available on EMILYO homepage - <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878>).
- The PL Air Force Academy presented seven new draft module curricula on aviation and aircraft maintenance, in English, to be adopted by the IG as common (documents available on the EMILYO homepage). The group welcomed the new proposals and decided to adopt them as common by silence procedure by 24 July. The ESDC Secretariat mentioned that these could also be considered as potential elements of the Common Semester of the EU Air Force Academies.
- The PL Military University of Technology presented a draft curriculum of a module on 'Advanced Technologies in Borders Surveillance' to be adopted by the IG as common (document available on the EMILYO homepage). The group welcomed the new proposal and decided to adopt it as common by silence procedure by 24 July.
- 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.
  - Next SPP meeting during iMAF 2017
  - It was expected that by the end of November 2017 revised versions of all the material could be provided to all who were interested.

GR announced that the Hellenic Army Academy (HAA) had decided to integrate the curriculum of the International Semester in the curriculum of the Academy from the spring semester of 2018. The announcement was welcomed by the Chair, who underlined the great importance of such a decision for the whole initiative. ESDC also

congratulated HAA on this decision, mentioning that such steps reflected the essence of the whole Initiative and ought to be followed as a good example.

#### **5) Update on the ongoing work on the 'Joint Master's Degree in CSDP'**

The IG Chair presented an update on the 'Interdisciplinary Joint Master's 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 to start in the 2018 winter semester. Further details would be presented at the next meeting.

#### **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 two-three persons per institution and the topic would be: **'Faster Implementation (incl. double/joint degrees) + LoD5'**. See the homepage at:

[https://aktivita.unob.cz/imaf/\\_layouts/15/start.aspx#/SitePages/DomovskaStranka.aspx](https://aktivita.unob.cz/imaf/_layouts/15/start.aspx#/SitePages/DomovskaStranka.aspx)  
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#### **6) Information about EMACS 2017**

The Estonian National Defence College would host the EMACS 2017 in Tartu, Estonia from 17 to 19 October 2017. The main topic of the meeting would be **'The role of the Military Erasmus Initiative in military education – the way ahead'**. Further information is available on the EMILYO homepage.

#### **7) 'European doctoral school on CSDP' (DocSch)**

The ESDC Secretariat presented the road map and the current list of the institutions which had expressed an interest in participating (attached documents). The first meeting of this ESDC Executive Academic Board Working Group would take place on 8 June in Brussels.

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

Once again 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).

#### **9) Discussion on the pool of trainers**

In order to facilitate lecturer exchanges, as an initial step IG members had been invited at the three 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 yet done so were invited to create this list and send it to the ESDC Secretariat ([Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu)). Non-academic instructors were also welcome.

#### **10) Proposals for the agenda of the 35<sup>th</sup> IG meeting in Brussels**

The group proposed including on the agenda items on EMACS 2017, the 4<sup>th</sup> CSDP Olympiad (Topics), Joint Degree, SPP, RoP regarding IG honorary members and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Initiative. The location of the 37<sup>th</sup> meeting would be discussed as well. 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 **30 June 2017**.

## 11) Work plan – contributions/update

All the necessary information can be found on the EMILYO homepage. The next meeting (35<sup>th</sup>), would take place in Brussels on 5 September 2017 and a second half-day meeting would take place on 6 September (9.00 - 12.30), preferably for Technical Universities, Naval and Air Force Academies (all IG members invited), with a view to creating strategic partnerships resulting in common International Semesters under Erasmus+.

The 36<sup>th</sup> meeting would take place in Brussels on 9-10 November 2017 back to back with the annual ESDC/EUMS/EUISS training conference (6-7 November 2017) and the EAB (8 November 2017).

## 12) AOB

To provide a better overview, all requests 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 those responsible. (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 30 June 2017</b>.</p>	<p><a href="mailto:Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu">Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu</a></p>
<p>If you want to post a <b>mobility offer</b> on the EMILYO homepage, send the dates and a short description (in PDF format) – 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 documents</b> on the EMILYO homepage, send them in Word, 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>