

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

**on 5-6 September 2017**

**(ESDC, Avenue de Cortenbergh/Kortenberglaan 115, Brussels 1040)**

**Approved minutes**

**1) Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

**2) Minutes approval.**

The group approved the minutes of the 34th meeting.

**3) 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 (all presentations are temporarily available on: <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191>).

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 completed via Strategic Partnership (SP).
- c) **LoD 5 – Framework:** Some small changes and achievements had been made. 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 continue to brief the EU Military Training Group on a regular basis. The chairman had given a briefing at ISoDoMa 2017, iMAF 2017 and would do so at EMACS 2017.
  - Discussion on the 10th anniversary of the Initiative in 2018

1) The Hellenic Army Academy, the Hellenic Naval Academy and the Hellenic Air Force Academy had jointly proposed a draft agenda for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the European Initiative that would be held in Athens in November 2018. The objective of the event is to celebrate the Initiative while portraying the great importance of the historical battles of Marathon, Thermopylae and Salamis in view of the evolution of European history. All IG members invited to participate however there is a maximum capacity of 150 participants. Each institution is allowed to bring 4 cadets and 1 escorting officer. Commandants of the academies would also be invited to participate in this event. Participants would have the opportunity to take part in one of the two competitions on offer: the *Athens Marathon: the Authentic* and a rowing event. There would also be a contest for designing the 10-year logo and the winning logo would be printed on the t-shirts worn during the Marathon and the rowing event, which would be co-financed by the ESDC. Further information and a more detailed schedule would be presented at the IG meeting in February 2018. Registration would take place via the EMILYO webpage.

2) The ESDC Secretariat together with the Chair had prepared the draft rules of procedure (RoP) for awarding the title of honorary IG members. The IG members present at the 35<sup>th</sup> meeting all gave their approval on the suggested RoPs (available at <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191>).

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). 14 thesis topics were presented to the meeting and the Group selected 10 of them. The deadline for cadets to select a topic and send logos for the Olympiad was 30 **September**.
- The Hellenic Air Force Academy (HAFA) presented an 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. HAFA also presented the draft Curricula of three modules: Space Applications for Security and Defence, Military Ethics – Part I and Part II. The three curricula will be presented in detail to the next IG meeting with the view to be adopted as common.
- Saint-Cyr presented an evaluation of the 2-week-long International Semester and French Guyana training course. Some problems were mentioned regarding cadets who lacked the necessary physical skills to meet the demanding course requirements. A request was made for institutions to send cadets who are well-prepared physically since the course's level of difficulty would remain the same.
- The Spanish Academia General Militar will present the evaluation for Exercise Tierra 2017 at the next IG meeting.
- The Polish Military Academy of Land Forces (MALF) presented the evaluation of the International Military Leadership course which lasted 2 weeks and was completed successfully. 96 cadets from various countries participated in this year's course. However, in future there will be a limit on the number of cadets who can attend. (More information can be found on the EMILYO homepage.)

- The IT Army Education and Training Command and School of Applied Military Studies presented the upcoming CSDP Module course which will be offered on 2 February 2018 and the Law of Armed Conflict Module which will be offered on 6 April 2018.
- Austria informed the Group about upcoming common modules and other exchange opportunities (information available on EMILYO homepage - <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878>).
- The IG Chair presented the results of the iMAF 2017 organised by the University of Defence Brno (CZ) together with the 4 other iMAF partners (AT, HU, PL, RO), which brought together 90 participants from 22 countries and 29 institutions. The outcomes focused on the implementation of the new international semester (11 Common Modules). A lot of positive points were identified though also some difficulties for which the various working groups had identified possible solutions.

#### **4) Strategic Partnership Project (SPP)**

The Project Coordinator from MALF Wroclaw updated the IG members about the current project implementation as follows:

- o E-books were ready.
- o E-learning & didactic materials were ready.
- o Test phases had been concluded in July 2017.
- o It was expected that revised versions of all the material would be available for everyone interested by the end of November 2017.

The project coordinator also presented the future plans for a new SPP (with the International Military Leadership Academy), which would focus on preparing a 2-week-event.

#### **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 on 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. The institutions in Austria and Poland had already signed the agreement, however the Czech Republic needed to do an accreditation.

#### **Update on iMAF 2018**

The Chair informed the Group that the iMAF 2018 would take place in Budapest from 18 to 21 June 2018. The topics would be discussed at the LoD7 meeting in Brno, Czech Republic. The Chairman proposed focusing more on "New Challenges" for the new modules and asked for IG members to share ideas on what could be in the new modules. ESDC also suggested checking the possibility of creating new modules inspired by the 21 disciplines under the HTF/ EU Training Military Group.

#### **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**'.

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

In order to facilitate lecturer exchanges, IG members had been requested 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 on 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.

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

The group proposed including on the agenda updates on SPP, EMACS 2017/2018, 4<sup>th</sup> CSDP Olympiad, 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, presentation of modules and common projects. The 36<sup>th</sup> meeting would take place in Brussels on 9 and 10 November.

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

All relevant information can be found on the EMILYO homepage. The next meeting (36<sup>th</sup>) would take place in Brussels on 9 November 2017 and a second half-day on 10 November and all IG members were invited, with a view to creating strategic partnerships resulting in common international semesters - bringing together naval, air force, technical and medical academies/universities - under Erasmus+.

The 37<sup>th</sup> meeting would take place on 20-21 February 2018.

**IG 2<sup>nd</sup> special day for Naval, Airforce, Technical and Medical Academies/Universities with a view to creating strategic partnerships resulting in common international semesters under Erasmus+**

**(all IG members were invited)**

**6 September 2017 from 9.00 to 13.00**

**(ESDC, Avenue de Cortenbergh 115, Brussels)**

**Draft Minutes**

- 1) The IG Chair presented the Erasmus+ principles for creating a strategic partnership project (SPP).
- 2) The project-coordinator of the Strategic Partnership Project (SPP) from MALF Wroclaw presented the challenges/lessons identified from the existing partnership (KA2), and proposed the first steps for establishing new “International Semesters”.
- 3) The representative of the Air Force Academy of Romania presented another example of an ongoing Strategic Partnership (KA2) between the Polish War Study University, the Bulgarian National Military University and the Romanian Air Force Academy, which could create an international Air Force Semester.
- 4) The chair presented how the group was currently promoting the initiative and requested that the group develop further ideas and also bear in mind the recognised scientific proof that exchanges (even of only 1 week) increase learning outcomes.
- 5) The representative of the Bundeswehr Medical Academy of Germany presented his Academy and military medical training in Germany, expressing the Academy's interest in creating partnerships with other EU military medical academies.
- 6) During the discussion phase the group decided to organize the next special day in different working groups, according to which of the academies wished to create new strategic partnerships with each other under Erasmus+. Taking into consideration the deadline for the application (early March), the **next meeting would be crucially important** for those interested in taking part in such a partnership. Institutions were encouraged to apply for an Erasmus+ Charta – if they had not yet done so. During the IG special day meeting in November an expert from DG Education and Culture and the project coordinator of the Strategic Partnership Project (SPP) would be invited to support the working groups on the question of “how to make a successful application” for a “Strategic Partnership Project”.
- 7) All the presentations have been uploaded onto the Emilyo homepage: <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191>

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 this has not been started yet, 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. (<a href="http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191">http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191</a> )</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+. (<a href="http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191">http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191</a>)</p>	<p><a href="mailto:harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at">harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at</a></p>
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