

38th meeting of the Implementation Group for the European initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus

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Draft minutes

- 1) The chair welcomed the 33 participants from 12 EU Member States and 23 institutions.
- 2) **Adoption of the agenda**
The agenda was adopted.
- 3) **Minutes approval**
The group approved the minutes of the 37th meeting:
<http://www.emilyo.eu/node/872>.
- 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 (all presentations are temporarily available at <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191>).
In particular:
 - a) **LoD 5 – Framework:** The chair explained its importance to the IG members and asked them to continue to request its adoption via their chains of command.
 - b) **LoD 6 – National implementation of the programme – Strategic Communication:**
 - The chair had sent an invitation letter for the European Military Academies Commandants seminar (EMACS 2018) to all (rector-) commandants/superintendents and asked the IG members to follow it up.
 - The chair had presented the initiative to a large high-level audience in the context of a training conference organised by the Hellenic Joint General Staff in Athens on 26 April 2018.

- The Hellenic army, naval, and air force academies presented an updated schedule for the 10th anniversary event and asked the IG members to register their participants and provide their logo competition proposals as soon as possible. The official invitation/registration procedure and further details are available on the EMILYO homepage (<http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191> and <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878>).
- The chair asked the IG members to strongly recommend that their cadets write more reports/short articles regarding their exchange experience.
- The group was informed by the ESDC military training manager about the food-for-thought paper on the possibility of including EMILYO on the agenda for the defence ministers' meeting in August 2018 in Austria, with a view to rekindling interest in the initiative 10 years after its launch by EU defence ministers in 2008.
- In his letter to the IG dated 1 May 2018, the chair had nominated Ms Anna Zamiar-Ziółkowska from the General Tadeusz Kosciuszko Military University of Land Forces for the title of second honorary IG member. In support of the nomination, he referred to the following points:
 - a. She had coordinated five Basic Officer Education (BOE) institutions during the development of the first international semester, with outstanding services. Without her work, the project might well have been abandoned. Her work had resulted in 11 common modules and a significant contribution to the achievement of the initiative's goal.
 - b. Ms Zamiar-Ziółkowska's work had led to the implementation of the Strategic Partnership international semester, not only at her institution but also at other BOE institutions, such as the Romanian Land Forces Academy and the Hellenic Military Academy.
 - c. She had continued her work in the spirit of the Implementation Group in continuing Strategic Partnership projects, which would definitely contribute to the fulfilment of the IG's goals.

The group voted and unanimously decided to award Ms Zamiar-Ziółkowska the second honorary IG membership.

c) **LoD 8 – Common modules/offers**

- **Fourth 'CSDP Olympiad'** hot wash-up: The overall winner was Kacper Kasprzak from the Polish Military University of Technology (MUT), the thesis laureate was Matthias Kern from the Austrian Theresan Academy, and the winner of the cover page competition was Nikola Savic from the Austrian Theresan Academy. Following the Olympiad, the group discussed different possibilities to make the already very successful competition even better for the next edition in 2020. The suggestions are included in the chair's presentation. Any further suggestions should be made no later than 2 July in order to be included in the agenda for the next IG.
- The Italian Air Force Academy had sent an updated version of the curriculum for the '**Leadership & Agility in Complex Environments**' common module. If no comments were made by 18 June CoB, the updated curriculum would be adopted (<http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191>).

- The Polish MUT presented the results of the **Military Multinational Sports and Shooting Games 2018** and the details for the upcoming 'Advanced Technologies in Borders Surveillance' module. Details are available on the EMILYO homepage (<http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191> and <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878>).
- Italy/SA-Torino presented the evaluation report on the Law of Armed Conflict common module and informed the group about the upcoming training offers.
- The Hellenic Military Academy updated the group on the ongoing international semester.
- Romania/Land Forces Academy informed the group about the ongoing international semester, upcoming training offers and EMACS 2019, which would take place in Sibiu from 12 to 15 June 2019.
- Spain presented the details for Exercise Tierra 2018, organised by the Spanish Academia General Militar in Saragossa. It would be open to 15 international participants.
- The Belgian Royal Military Academy informed the group about an upcoming training offer (not a common module) on leadership for senior cadets in January 2019.
- Austria/Theresan Academy informed the group about the upcoming international semester and the featured common modules (information available on the EMILYO homepage: <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878>).

5) Information about EMACS 2018 and 2019

The Theresan Military Academy would host EMACS 2018 in Wiener Neustadt, Austria, from 24 to 27 October 2018. For the first time all services would be invited (all documents are available on the EMILYO homepage: <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878>).

IG members were asked to check whether their (rector-) commandants/superintendents had received the invitation letter. The deadline for registration is **6 July 2018**, and **30 June 2018 for hotel bookings**.

The Land Forces Academy in Sibiu, Romania, would host EMACS 2019 from 12 to 15 June 2019.

6) Discussion on the pool of trainers

In order to facilitate lecturer exchanges, IG members were asked 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). Non-academic instructors are also welcome.

7) Discussion on the academic semesters

In order to facilitate exchanges, the chair asked the IG members to mark the beginning and end of their summer and winter semesters in a Word document (available on the EMILYO homepage <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191>).

8) CSDP Doctoral School

The chair of the Working Group on the European Doctoral School on CSDP informed the IG about the state of development of the initiative and encouraged the members to promote the participation of their institutions in its implementation. He called on interested member institutes to add to the database of potential supervisors and mentors of doctoral research and to identify potential candidates and inform them about the doctoral school and its activities.

9) Proposals for the agenda for the 39th IG meeting in Bulgaria

The group proposed including on the agenda updates on the CSDP Olympiad, quality assurance procedures, Lines of Development chairing, the 10th anniversary, the honorary membership award, presentation of modules and common projects.

10) Work plan

- All relevant information could be found on the EMILYO homepage. The next meeting (39th) would take place in Brussels on 4 and 5 September 2018 and would be hosted by the Belgian Royal Military Academy. Further details would be sent out with the agenda and uploaded to the EMILYO homepage.
- The 40th IG meeting would take place IVO the 10th anniversary.
- The 41st IG meeting would take place in Brussels in February 2019.
- The 42nd IG meeting would be hosted by the Spanish Army Academy, most probably in May 2019.
- The 43rd IG meeting would take place in Brussels in September 2019.
- The 44th IG meeting would be hosted by the Romanian Police Academy (first day) and the Romanian Air Force Academy (second day), most probably in the second week of December 2019.
- The Polish Military University offered to host one of the future IG meetings.

11) AOB

Maj Manolis informed the IG members that it was his last IG meeting and thanked them for their cooperation. He also thanked the IG chair and Lt Col Zambas for inspiring him to participate in the initiative. He mentioned that the initiative was a way for EU military institutions to contribute to EU integration and to the formation of a common EU security and defence culture. Referring to the outcomes of the initiative, he encouraged the other participating institutions to implement at least one of the common modules and to proceed with adopting the international semester in their curricula.

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

Request:	Send to:
<p>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 this has not been started yet, try to get an answer from those responsible.</p> <p>(See http://www.emilyo.eu/node/982 - LoD 5)</p>	<p>Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu</p> <p>or announcement in the Steering Committee</p>
<p>Mark in blue and red the autumn/winter and spring/summer academic semesters of your institution. Create new lines if necessary.</p> <p>(http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191)</p>	<p>Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu</p>
<p>Create a 'pool of lecturers' list for your institution, listing lecturers who are willing to teach abroad, preferably under Erasmus+.</p> <p>(http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191)</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 documents on the EMILYO homepage, send them in a single pdf document.</p>	<p>harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at</p>
<p>Encourage cadets or students to write a report on an event with international participants. Please include pictures.</p> <p>(See http://www.emilyo.eu/exchange_experience)</p>	<p>harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at</p>
<p>Send any suggestions regarding the CSDP Olympiad regulations by 2 July 2018.</p>	<p>harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at & Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu</p>