

**39th meeting of the Implementation Group
for the European initiative for the exchange of young officers
inspired by Erasmus**

3-5 September 2018

Royal Military Academy, Hobbemastraat 8, 1000

Brussels

Draft minutes

1) The chair welcomed the 38 participants from 15 EU Member States and 27 institutions.

2) **Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

3) **Approval of the minutes**

The group approved the minutes of the 38th 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:** Situation unchanged. 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:**

- A new EMILYO book authored by Harald Gell, Sylvain Paile and Symeon Zambas, printed by the Austrian MoD and available at:

http://www.emilyo.eu/scientific_publications .

- The Hellenic Army, Naval, and Air Force academies presented an updated schedule for the 10th anniversary event and the group voted for the logo competition. 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.
- In his letter to the IG dated 29 July 2018, the chair had nominated Major MANOLIS Emmanouil from the Hellenic Army Academy as the 3rd Honorary Member of the Implementation Group. In support of the nomination, he referred to the following points:
 - a. Major Emmanouil MANOLIS has for years been a very active member of the Implementation Group. Within few years he became one of the main actors to receive the Erasmus Charter for his Academy in order to start exchanges under the umbrella of the European Initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus.
 - b. He tried very hard, not only to implement the new International Semester at his own Academy, but also convinced other Academies to implement it as soon as possible after finalising this Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership Project. This is one real result of his activities – according to the RoP's para 2.
 - c. He was one of the main actors – together with the Hellenic Air Force Academy and the Hellenic Naval Academy – organising the 10th anniversary of the Initiative.
 - d. He tried hard to send as many cadets as possible to the Initiative's events abroad – and in doing so he contributed very much to the Initiative's goal according to the RoP's para 1 – of harmonising the European Union's BOE and increasing interoperability.

The ESDC Military Training manager and the Hellenic Air Force Academy also supported the nomination of Major MANOLIS Emmanouil, referring to his great contribution to the Initiative. Then the group voted and unanimously decided to award Major MANOLIS Emmanouil the third honorary IG membership.

c) **LoD 8 – Common modules/evaluations and offers**

- The Military University of Technology (MUT), Hellenic Army and Air Force Academies presented the results of the 'Advanced Technologies in Borders Surveillance', 'Maritime Security' and 'CSDP' Common modules respectively.
- The draft curricula of four Non-Common Modules were presented in the context of a new Strategic Partnership project, 'International Military Leadership Academy' between the Polish MULF ('Stress Management' and 'Leadership, Motivation and Influence'), the Hellenic Army Academy ('Crisis Management') and the Portuguese Military Academy ('Leadership in Communication'). The Belgium Royal Military Academy presented a new Non-Common Module ('Senior Cadets' Seminar on Leadership') and the National Defence Academy of Latvia presented a new Non-Common Module as well ('Fighting In Built Up Area'). Unless silence is broken by 22nd October CoB, the six draft curricula will be adopted as 'common' (available on the EMILYO homepage <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191>).
- The Hellenic Military Academy (HMA), the Polish Military University of

Land Forces (MULF) and the Romanian Land Forces Academy (LFA) informed the group about the upcoming 2019 spring International Semester. For the HMA the Semester will run from 22 February 2019 until 21 June 2019 and for MULF and LFA from 04 March 2019 until 21 June 2019. MULF also announced that the CM 'Electronic Warfare' and 'Cyber Security' will be offered on a modular basis from 18-22 March 2019 and 6-10 May 2019 respectively.

- Polish MULF also announced the following offers:
 - Military sports competition from 26 to 30 November 2018.
 - Military Ski Patrol 2019 competition from 05 to 09 March 2019
 - International Military Leadership Course from 24 June to 5 July 2019
 - SERE B Level from 29 September to 05 October 2019.
- The Belgian Royal Military Academy informed the group about an upcoming training offer (not a common module so far) on 'leadership for senior cadets', 21-25 January 2019 to be organized in Brussels and the 'Winter camp', 21 January – 01 February 2019 to be organized in Morocco.
- The Italian Naval Academy informed the group about a seminar on 'Leadership for midshipmen' 1-6 October 2018.
- Italy/SA-Torino informed the group about the upcoming training offers:
 - CSDP common module from 4-8 March 2019
 - Law of Armed conflict common module 6-10 May 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>).
- The National Defence Academy of Latvia informed the group about upcoming trainings offers (not common modules) on:
 - 'Fighting in a Built Up Area' from 22 Oct to 2 November 2018 in SKRUNDA military-industrial town.
 - 'Crisis response operations' from 19 November to 1 December at the Adazi military base.

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>).

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

6) Information about iMAF 2018 and 2019

The National University of Public Service hosted the iMAF 2018 in Budapest from 18-21 June 2018. 67 participants from 25 institutions were present with the outcome of 6 new draft modules. iMAF 2019 will be hosted by the Theresan Military Academy from 20 to 23 May 2019, in Reichenau.

7) **5th CSDP Olympiad**

The 5th CSDP Olympiad will be hosted by the Croatian Defence Academy in May, 2020. The group discussed the lessons identified from the 4th CSDP Olympiad with a view to amending some of the procedures for the next one.

8) **New Chairpersons for LoDs**

The group decided to revitalize the functioning of the 8 LoDs chairpersonship. Any interested Institutions are welcome to nominate candidates **by 1st November**.

9) **Discussion of 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.

10) **Discussion of 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>).

11) **Proposals for the agenda for the 40th IG meeting in Greece**

The group proposed including on the agenda updates on the CSDP Olympiad, quality assurance procedures, Lines of Development chairing, iMAF 2019, presentation of modules and common projects.

12) **Work plan**

- All relevant information could be found on the EMILYO homepage. The next meeting (40th) would take place in Athens on 9 November 2018 in the context of the 10th anniversary and would be hosted by Greece. Further details would be sent out with the agenda and uploaded to the EMILYO homepage.
- The 41st IG meeting would take place in Brussels 19-20 February 2019. On 18 February (16:00-18:00 hrs.) a workshop for new IG members will be organised in order to facilitate their future work within the IG.
- The 42nd IG meeting would be hosted by the Spanish General Army Academy, most probably in May 2019 or by the Theresan Academy in Reichenau in the context of iMAF 2019 on 23-24 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 of Land Forces offered to host one of the future IG meetings.

IG 2nd 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)

5 September 2018, 9.00-13.30

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- 1) The Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers and the Belgian Royal Military Academy expressed their willingness to create partnerships and exchanges under the Initiative in the medical domain. They will exchange more information on a bilateral basis. They will contact the Romanian and German Medical Academies and the Hellenic Nursing Academy which have also expressed their interest in the recent past.
- 2) **Naval Academies**
The Bulgarian, Hellenic and Italian Naval Academies reconfirmed their interest in creating a new Strategic Partnership Project with a view to setting up a Naval International Semester. The ESDC Secretariat underlined once more the importance of such a project which is also directly related to work strand 5, 'Maritime Security Research Education and Training' of the European Union Maritime Security Strategy (EUMSS) – Action Plan. The Academies decided to exchange more information regarding their curricula/syllabuses/ learning outcomes in the immediate period.
- 3) **Air Force Academies**
The French, Hellenic, Italian and Polish Air Force Academies reconfirmed their interest in creating a new Strategic Partnership Project with a view to setting up an Air Force International Semester. They will intensify their bilateral communication, focusing on the possible content of such a semester and on identifying more partners. The Academies decided to exchange more information regarding their curricula/syllabuses/ learning outcomes in the immediate period.
- 4) The other members of the IG worked on EMACS 2018 and iMAF 2019 possible topics. For iMAF 2019 the group identified the following possible topics:
 - Common methodology to evaluate the activities
 - Tracking how the training provided affects the careers of the participants
 - Revision of the common modules

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@bmlv.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@bmlv.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@bmlv.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@bmlv.gv.at</p>
<p>Nominate a chairperson for a Line of Development by 1 November 2018.</p>	<p>harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at & Symeon.ZAMBAS@eeas.europa.eu</p>