

2009 06 Austria International PSO-Module C



Within the programme „European initiative on the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus“ Austria is responsible for the “PSO-Module”. From 22 June to 27 June, 2009 and from 29 June to 04 July, 2009 two equal Sub-Modules (PSO-Module “C”) took place in the area of Wiener

Neustadt/Austria as part of the Austrian academic education for basic officer training. Working language was English.

The goals for Module C (TEWT – Tactical Exercise Without Troops) on Company and Platoon level are:

- IDL (self-studies for international students to be prepared for the Module),
- Principles of War, operational principles, troop-leading procedures (TLP), MDMP (Military Decision Making Process);
- Sustainability;
- Co-operation with combat support, combat service support, command support, and special forces assets as well as with international organisations, governmental, non-governmental organisations and local agencies, with special consideration given to cultural differences, legal provisions, and Force Protection;
- Leadership training.





Students and instructors from Austria, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Netherlands, Slovenia, Sweden and Switzerland were able to exchange their experiences and got knowledge of the Austrian approach to deal with robust Peace Support Operations.

Especially during the last day students had to prove their learning outcomes. They were tested in different scenarios under time-pressure. Additionally they were shown how procedures for CCA (Close Combat Attack) are done; Austrian Air Force fighters showed various attacks fitting into the exercise scenario.

LtCol Gell as the ORE (Officer Responsible for the Exercise) handed over a certificate to all international students with 3 ECTS which are foreseen to be recognised at the home-institution.

To familiarize all the international participants with the country and its people, the Saturday before departure was dedicated to visit cultural places in Vienna. The tour was guided by Col Pauschenwein.

