

Common Modules on Security and Defence Policy at the **T**heresan **M**military **A**cademy

From 03-07 October 2011 and from 10-14 October 2011 two international CSDP-



Modules (J-1 and J-2) at the Theresan Military Academy within the Frame of the European Initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by ERASMUS took place.



Participants were Austrian Military Students of the 3rd Semester and Students from Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Greece and USA (USA-Students from the regular semester-exchange with USMA).

Among achieving knowledge about the Common Security and Defence Policy, one of



the main aims was the integration of international students to create a “European Culture” and to increase students’ international competence. To reach this goal, activities were performed beside the lectures (sports competition between the

syndicates, students’ party, guided tour through the old castle of TMA, visit to United Nations Headquarters in Vienna, a free activity on students’ plan and a cultural day in Vienna). All these activities were planned and executed by students to train their organisational skills. All of them performed outstandingly.



Students had to pass an e-learning programme on CSDP in advance and several tests supervised by Col Nussbaumer, MAS, MMSc. Moreover they were to work out topics during their syndicate-sessions and present the results in front of all Module-participants and experts. Those ones who absolved everything positive received a



certificate valid for 1.5 ECTS issued by the acting Head of Institute, Col(GS) Mag. Wiedner, Dr. Rehl (author of the CSDP-Handbook) and the Course Directors

LtCol Dr. Gell (J-1) and Maj Lampersberger, MSD (J-2). Additionally, certificates signed by Baroness Ashton were presented. Among the increase of knowledge on CSDP the students were evaluated concerning their competences by a special “competence evaluation team”.

International and national high ranking experts on CSDP, among them Ambassador Dr. Lennkh, were the lecturers and could pass excellent knowledge to the students.



Briefing of Ambassador Lennkh
Source: TMA

The whole Module was evaluated by an expert from Brussels working within the ESDC, Mr. Paile, to find out best practice and lessons learnt.

At the end of the CSDP-Modules students exchanged their addresses, in doing so contacts among them will continue

The above mentioned CSDP-Handbook you can find on the homepage of the Theresan Military Academy - http://campus.milak.at/campus/iep/IDL_modul_j.php.