

COMMON MODULE ON CSDP 2017

'The future of the CSDP through the eyes of cadets and civilians'

The international Common Security and Defense Policy Module took place on 15th to 19th of May 2017 in Greece and it was hosted by the Hellenic Air Force Academy. Within the frame of the European Initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus, cadets and civilians from numerous different countries had the chance to amplify their knowledge on the European common defense and also to reclaim it during a crisis management procedure.



The structure of the module was the following: lectures and presentations, a crisis simulation coordinated by the Institute of Research and Training on European Affairs and some remarks related to the crisis scenario that were presented by the cadets and the civilians. During the first days, the participants attended sessions concerning not only the European Union's history but also its structure, its strategic goals and the humanitarian law that applies within its framework. They were also introduced some case studies of specific operations in order to achieve a comprehensive approach of what exactly the CSDP is.

Regarding the crisis simulation scenario that was distributed to participants in Thursday, it dealt with various crucial issues, such as the refugees, the EU-Turkey cooperation

and the military CSDP missions and operations. Through this initiative coordinated by Institute of Research & Training on European Affairs (IRTEA), the cadets and the civilians had the opportunity to propose the most efficient solutions in order to react to the crisis scenario by applying the knowledge that acquired from the lectures. The discussions between the groups and the deliberations ended up in some conclusions and relevant presentations by the participants of the module. The conclusions were shaped to a final document with bullet points that was adopted with consensus by the participants.



It is of utmost importance to mention that the cooperation between cadets and civilians was valuable and proved that a greater result demands the work of people coming from different backgrounds with profound knowledge and experience on a specific field. Furthermore, such initiatives similar to the Common Module on CSDP promote the ongoing education of the military forces personnel and the interest of civilians about security and defense issues. The Modules of this content are a further motivation to strengthen the security and defense policy of each country and the EU as a whole by deploying new ideas and proposals. The future is in the hands of next generations!



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