



COMMON MODULE “LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT”

STRENGTHENING COOPERATION BETWEEN CADETS ACROSS EUROPE

The common module “Law of Armed Conflict” was hosted in Wiener Neustadt, Austria from the 12th to the 16th of October 2020 by the Theresian Military Academy. Despite the multiple obstacles and implications due to Covid-19 pandemic, the Module proved to be a great success, as it fulfilled its two primary goals: Teaching the Law of Armed Conflict to young cadets and junior Officers from different European countries and strengthening the ties between European Armed Forces by encouraging fruitful collaboration between them.



The objective of this one week module was to provide a thorough understanding of LOAC texts, an enhanced awareness of responsibilities in terms of LOAC implementation and an in depth knowledge on the international implementation of LOAC. Initially, the Cadets were familiarized with the basic theoretical principles, terms and definitions of LOAC and International Humanitarian Law (IHL). Next, HMACSO Cadets worked in syndicates, applying the theoretical knowledge into case studies; solving difficult legal subjects that raised doubts in the courts and tribunals worldwide. The training was concluded with a Moodle examination in which the Legal Cadets achieved outstanding results. Upon the completion of the training, the Cadets were awarded their certificates while they handed to the Commander of the Austrian Academy the crest of the Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers.



Beyond offering knowledge and legal expertise, the Module provided to European Cadets the opportunity to communicate openly with each other, exchanging ideas, thoughts and opinions. Every Cadet realized the proximity between European cultures despite the individual country's differences. The Module also included many trips to Vienna during the Cadets' spare time. The participants had the chance to immerse into Austrian traditions and customs by visiting historic monuments and museums.

The ultimate goal of the European unification is the creation of a unified Army consisted by personnel from all states of the EU. The road of fulfilling this task is still long, yet participating in common modules such as LOAC is truly one of the best ways to achieve it. In conclusion, participating in EMILYO (Military Erasmus) training activities is a highly recommended and unforgettable experience.



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