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The Common Module “Common Security and Defence Policy” was organised under the auspices of the Italian Army Education and Training Command School of Applied Military Studies of the Italian Army Post Conflict Operations Study Centre based in Turin, in collaboration with the University of Turin, entirely virtually via the WebEx platform, due to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, from the 3rd through 7th of May 2021. The completion of several Autonomous Knowledge Units and being successful in a few quizzes in the e-learning platform of the European Security and Defence College by achieving a satisfactory standard was necessary for the participants to be eligible to attend.

The Common Module’s objective was to deepen the participant’s knowledge on the European Union’s CSDP and highlighting the importance of enhancing the collaboration between member states to successfully deal with modern crises. This was fully achieved by the interactive approach of the lectures on a variety of topics regarding the subject. This one-week module consisted of lectures and syndicate work sessions. The participants-both military cadets and civilian students coming from several member states- got familiar with the crisis management structures and procedures and the need of an integrated European crisis management policy, to be able to efficiently respond to emerging threats. In addition, the participants were introduced to the concepts of European comprehensive



and integrated approach to conflicts and crisis and to the main pillars of the EU counter-terrorism strategy. Moreover, they were introduced to the basics of military decision-making process in operation abroad. Finally, they had the opportunity to participate in syndicate work sessions, where they cooperated with other attendees from different backgrounds in small teams addressing various interesting topics. The work in syndicates allowed the application of the theory on a practical level of case studies and gave also to participants the opportunity to collaborate in order to achieve solutions, making use of the knowledge they acquired during this one-week seminar, on challenging topics. The module was concluded with a final exam and was followed with a course evaluation and feedback questionnaire.

Beyond offering knowledge and expertise on the CSDP subject, the Module provided European Cadets the opportunity to communicate openly with each other, exchanging ideas, thoughts, and opinions on certain topics they were asked to discuss. Every Cadet realised the proximity between European cultures despite the individual country's differences.

In conclusion the HMAESO cadets had a unique experience that not only gave them the opportunity to deepen their knowledge but also highlighted the importance of raising European young officers and Cadet's awareness about biosafety and bioterrorism and the necessity of training in related subjects in order to be able to efficiently respond to emerging threats.