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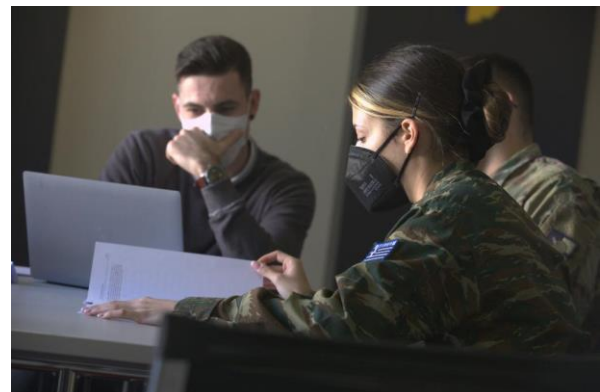


The Common Module “Common Security and Defence Policy” was organised by the Theresan Military Academy in Wiener Neustadt, Austria. It was conducted in a residential format from 22 to 26 November 2021 under strict coronavirus precautions. This common module was attended by civilian students, cadets and young officers from 12 nations, under the “European Initiative for the Exchange of Young Officers - inspired by Erasmus” of

the European Security and Defence College. The Common Module’s thematic focus was Common Security and Defence Policy in the EU and its historical evolution from the very first steps of the EU's establishment until today.

Throughout the week, the syndicates discussed current and significant topics such as the concept of a single European Army, European Union's relations with third parties, gender mainstreaming in the military and the defence of human rights. The participants had the chance to familiarise themselves and practice European policy and defence subjects through relevant presentations, discussions, and questioning.

The educational activities took place in groups consisting of syndicates from different nationalities. It is of a great importance that each group was assigned the presentation of a specific question related to the larger topics as an outcome of teamwork, ideas’ expression, and exchange of views and reflections.





These groups and the syndicates' close cooperation contributed to the creation of strong bonds of friendship and mutual respect and the development of a noble rivalry feeling. On the last day of the educational week, a test was taken on the taught content of the



Educational Activity in order to certify the syndicates' sufficient knowledge on the subject and their participation.

In conclusion, the HMACSO cadets had a unique experience during this one week Common Module, participating actively in the initiative to promote international cooperation and peaceful coexistence. In addition to gaining valuable and high level of knowledge, the warm hospitality in the facilities of the TMA, the contact

and acquaintance with cadets from military academies of different countries and the observance of a common program sealed this unique experience of knowledge, maturation and self-improvement through the realisation of the value of European military and academic cooperation.

