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The Common Module “Common Security and Defence Policy” was organised by the Hellenic Military Air Force Academy in Athens, Greece. Despite the coronavirus pandemic, this one week CM was carried out successfully in flesh from March the 28th to April the 1st.



It was attended by civilian students, cadets and young officers from 5 countries (Greece, Italy, Portugal, Poland, Belgium), under the auspices of the “**European Initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus**” of the European Security and Defence College.

This one week-long module included a wide variety of lectures, which were based on interesting subjects about Common Security and Defence Policy. Firstly, CSDP history was introduced parallel to the EU integrated approach. Furthermore, other significant topics were Russia Relations, European External Action Service (EEAS) Procedures and Crisis Management Structure, EU Maritime Security Strategy, etc. Some contemporary issues were online life management and new challenges in a transforming world, which are very important for EU





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On the first day, participants were examined on an entrance test and on the last day they had to answer the same questions to test their level of knowledge before and after this module. Throughout the week, these current subjects were presented by distinct officers and academics from Greece and other EU countries. During this educational process, a syndicate work took place, in which civilian students, cadets, and young officers were separated into small groups and were encouraged to collaborate on a case study. In that way, participants were supported to exchange opinions and creative ideas.



Apart from the lectures, there were also a lot of educational activities. In particular, it was a great chance for participants to visit HAF's museum, which houses a variety of fighter aircrafts, the city of Kifisia and the Centre of Athens. In my opinion,

the highlight of this week was the visit to the Acropolis Museum which is one of the best of its kind in the whole world. Undoubtedly, this educational program contributed to the creation of strong friendships and sufficient knowledge on CSDP issues.

In conclusion, the HMAESO cadets had a unique experience during this CM, by participating actively in lectures. These actions promote international cooperation and peaceful coexistence, between nations. Moreover, it gives the opportunity to self-improve through the realisation of the value of European military and academic cooperation.

