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The Common Module “Budget and Finance in the EU Defence Sector” was organised by the Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers (HMACSO), under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC). The Common Module took place in Thessaloniki, during the period 16 to 20 of May 2022, and was attended by civilian students, both undergraduate and postgraduate, young officers and cadets from four other EU member countries and cadets from the HMACSO and other Greek military Academies.



During the week of the Common Module, a variety of lectures and activities took place. The lectures included not only traditional topics about the EU’s budgeting and financing but also subjects that are discussed in the modern literature. The lecturers were acclaimed officers, with outstanding academic backgrounds and multi-year experience, from the three different branches of the Hellenic Armed Forces (Army, Navy, and Air Force). The whole event was also supported by the officers and the command of the HMACSO, whose guidance and remarks were very helpful. Thus, apart from the opportunity to educate himself or herself, every participant could come in touch with talented and experienced officers and be influenced by them.





On the first day, the Academy organised an ice-breaking event in the officers' club in Thessaloniki. That event helped the participants to communicate with each other and come in touch with the lectures in a more convenient way. The foreign officers had the opportunity to get familiar with the Greek culture, and especially with our traditional food and music. Furthermore, the visit to the museum of Vergina was an outstanding experience. The great hospitality and



the well-structured guided tour helped us learn many things about our ancient history, so as enjoy ourselves and have fun. Also, the visit took place on the 18th of May, the day that is dedicated to the museums, and hence the HMACSO supported, with its own way, the importance of that day. Moreover, the visit to the Thessaloniki's War Museum, and the wonderful experience that the visit provided us, should also be reported. We had the opportunity to remember the most crucial moments of Greece's modern history and enjoy three unique lectures in the museum's amphitheatre.



Thanks to the "Studies and Development" branch of the HMACSO and the ESDC we were given the opportunity to get familiar with the budgeting and financing principles of the EU Defence Sector and strengthen our personal relationships with each other. I would strongly recommend the attendance of such a Common Module, especially for Economics officers and students. This type of action promotes global cooperation and

peaceful experience and bridges relationships between the academic and military world, especially between the EU member countries.