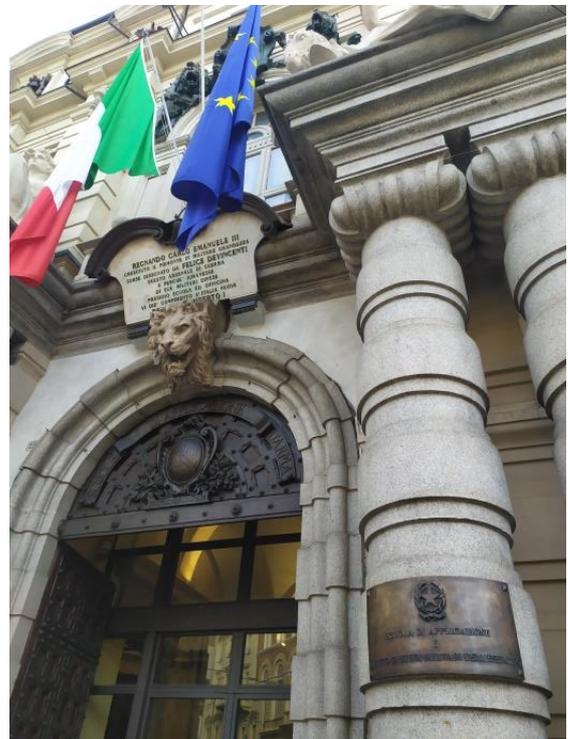




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| Name of the event                      | Common Module “Biosafety and Bioterrorism”                    |
| Institution, which organised the event | School of Applied Military Studies (SAMS)                     |
| Country of the organiser               | Italy   |
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The common module “*Biosafety and Bioterrorism*” was organised by the School of Applied Military Studies (SAMS) in Italy, under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College, in the framework of the **European initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus**. The Common Module was conducted in Turin from 23-27 May 2022 and was attended by young officers and cadets from the USA, Poland, Romania, and Greece (Hellenic Air Force Academy and Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers) as well as students from civilian Universities.

A variety of lectures and activities took place during the week of the common module. The lectures were related to biological and environmental issues. The lecturers were acclaimed teachers, with excellent academic CVs’ and multi-year experience, and their presentations were fully understood as well as very interesting.

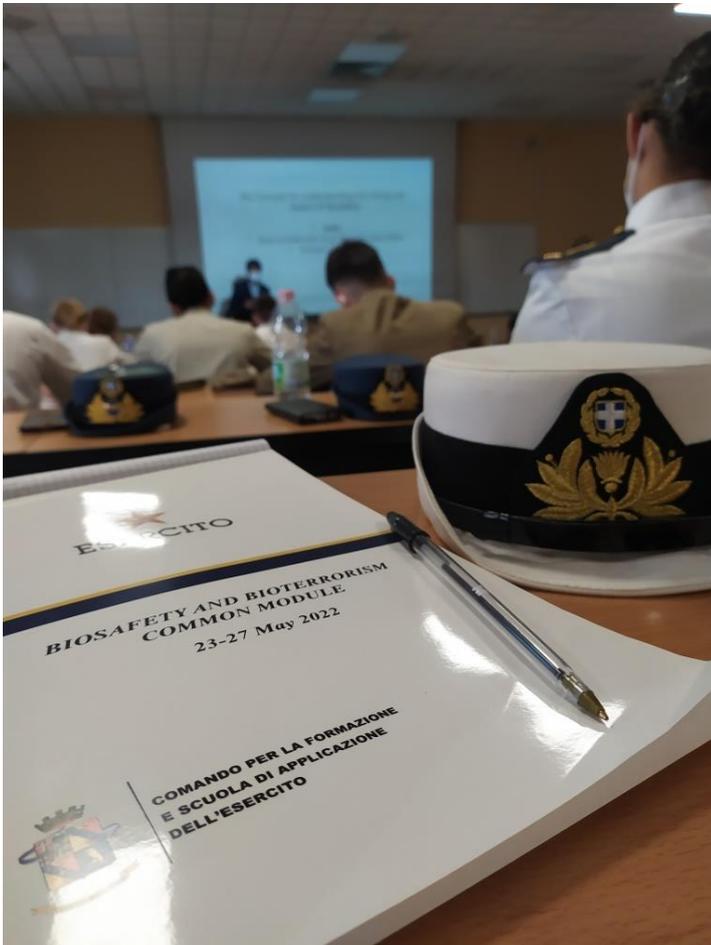


On the first day, an ice-breaking event was organised inside the academy. The participants had the opportunity to communicate with each other and discuss about their county’s culture and about their routine life. In addition, cadets got familiar with the Italian culture, and especially with the traditional food and music.



Following to the Common Module programme, lectures were held on a daily basis from 08:00 to 16:00. Every day, lunch was offered at the restaurant of the Academy with a variety of healthy food such as fresh vegetables, spaghetti, fish, and chicken. The great hospitality and the well-structured programme helped us learn many things about the history of this Academy and the routine life of a cadet in Italy.

On the second day, we took a group walk around the historical centre of the city.



During our spare time for the rest of the days, we visited the museum of Egyptian history and the museum of the cinema and we enjoyed the sightseeing in Turin.

Thanks to the common module “*Biosafety and Bioterrorism*”, we were given the opportunity to get familiar with scientific knowledge related to the topic and strengthen bonds with military cadets from other military academies. I would certainly recommend the attendance of such a Common Module, especially for medical officers and students. These programs bridge relationships between the academic and military world, especially between the EU member countries and that’s why we could believe in a better future in the field of European security and defence.

In conclusion, Military Erasmus leads to European identity’s development by bringing students together and



eliminating cultural differences, even if national feelings always come to the fore. Moreover, the programme increases an attachment to Europe and its institutions by giving an opportunity to students to expand their cultural frame.

