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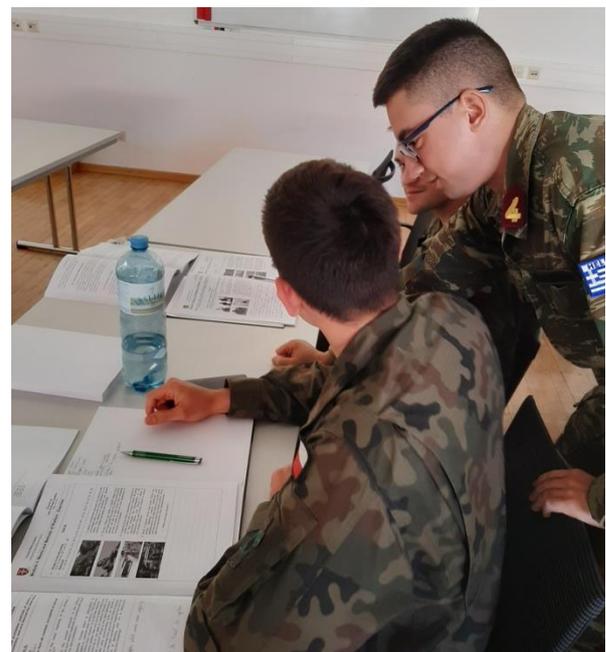


The Common Module “Law of Armed Conflict” was organised by the Theresan Military Academy in Austria, under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College, in the framework of the European initiative for the exchange of young military officers. The Common Module was conducted in Wiener Neustadt from 10 to 14 October 2022 and was attended by young officers

and cadets from Poland, Italy, and Greece (Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers) as well as cadets from the Theresan Military Academy.

A variety of lectures and activities took place during the week of the common module. The lectures, among others, were related to the principles, applicability, and enforcement of LOAC. We had also the opportunity to better understanding the subject by studying a lot of cases and how LOAC applied to them. The lecturers were acclaimed teachers, with excellent academic CVs’ and multi-year experience, and their presentations were fully understood and very interesting as well.

On the third day, an ice-breaking event was organised inside the academy. The participants had the opportunity to communicate with each other and discuss about their countries’ culture





and about their routine life. In addition, cadets had a great time playing games and singing karaoke.



Following the Common Module programme, lectures were held daily from 08:00 to 17:00. Every day, breakfast and lunch were offered at the restaurant of the Academy with a variety of healthy food such as fresh vegetables and fruits spaghetti, fish and chicken. The great hospitality and the well-structured programme helped us learning many things about the history of this Academy and the routine life of a cadet in Austria.

On the fourth day, we took a group walk around the historical centre of the city and ate some of the traditional dishes of Austrian culture.

During our spare time for the rest of the days, we visited the museum of modern art, the natural historical museum, and the St. Stephen's Cathedral and we enjoyed sightseeing in Vienna.

Thanks to the “*Law of Armed Conflict*” Common Module we were given the opportunity to get familiar with scientific knowledge related to the topic and

strengthened bonds with military cadets from other military academies. I would certainly recommend the attendance of such a Common Module, especially for law officers and students. These programmes bridge relationships between the academic and military world, especially between the EU Member States and that is why we could believe in a better future in the field of European security and the protection of civilians in different kinds of conflicts.

In conclusion, Military Erasmus (EMILYO) leads to a European identity 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 them an opportunity for students to expand their cultural horizons.

