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The Common Module "Common Security and Defence Policy" was organised by the Theresan Military Academy under the framework of the European Initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus (EMILYO). The aforementioned Common Module was conducted in Wiener Neustadt (Austria) from 24 to 28 October 2022 and was attended by 3rd-year cadets from the Theresan Military



Academy, cadets from military academies based in Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and USA, who stay at the Military Academy as exchanged students for the whole semester and also one week visitor-cadets and young officers from Italy, Greece and Poland.

The Common Module included interesting lectures on the topics of Integration of the EU, EU Battle Group Concept, EU Missions & Operations, Human Rights, Lessons Learnt from Afghanistan and more.

Beyond boosting our academic knowledge, the Common Module gave us the chance to further interact with the cadets from foreign military academies through ice-breaking games during the first day. Thanks to that we had the opportunity to



chat with each other and learn about each one's cultural background and way of living.

On the second day, we started working on syndicates group solving case studies, which proved to be very helpful in enhancing the collaboration and sense of teamwork between one another as well as in deeply understanding the lesson taught by the lecturers through practical exercise.



On the third day, which happened to be the National Day of Austria celebrating the declaration of permanent neutrality after WWII and its independence, we had a trip to Vienna. Furthermore, we had the chance to visit the War Museum and watch the exhibition of the Austrian Armed Forces.

On the last day, a test was conducted, examining the knowledge we acquired, followed by the closing remarks.

In conclusion, the Common Module CSDP is a seminar worth attending. The high level of knowledge of the lecturers, the warm hospitality offered by the Austrian Military Academy, and the productive interaction with the cadets from foreign military academies contributed to making this experience unique and unforgettable.