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The International Students' Week was organised by the "Nicolae Balcescu" Land Forces Academy under the framework of the ERASMUS+ Programme and European Initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus (EMILYO). The abovementioned International Week was conducted in Sibiu (Romania) from 1 to 5 May 2023. It was attended by cadets from 11 different countries, including cadets from Austria, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Latvia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, and the United States of America and it is an initiative of the Academy to promote its study programmes and attract students from international partner institutions to exchange ideas and experiences.



The International Students' Week included a variety of lectures, workshops, and cultural and social activities. Also, the participants had the chance to participate in scientific events, the SECOSAFT and the CADET INOVA conference. Some of the topics

that were discussed during the conference were Technical Sciences, British Culture and Civilization, Law and Public Administration, Management and Economics and Military Sciences.

This International Week gave the opportunity to the participants to learn and study together, which aimed to deepen and intensify cooperation among the different institutions within the framework of the ERASMUS+ Programme in student and staff mobility. In particular, through social and sports activities, the presentation of each cadet institution and the participation in the scientific conferences, the cadets had the chance to build a strong bond with one another and also to broaden





their horizons with new experiences. As a result, they learn to be active participants, share innovative ideas, and collaborate with officers from different countries.

On the first day, we were introduced to the participants and a guided tour was held at the Ethnographic Museum Astra, an open museum that was born from the desire of the Romanians from Transylvania to define their own ethnocultural identity in the ethnic conglomerate of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.



On the second day, a tour was conducted at the institution, including the robotics and Artificial Intelligence (AI) laboratories as well as the state-of-the-art libraries and simulators. This was followed by a presentation of its participant Academy. In the afternoon, there was a tour of the historical centre of the city.

On the third day, there was a visit to Castle Corvin, also known as Hunyadi Castle or Hunedoara Castle, a Gothic-renaissance castle in Hunedoara, Romania, 2 hours away from Sibiu, while in the afternoon the program included team sports activities, in the facilities of the Academy

On the fourth day, the program included a demonstration of military training by the "Nicolae Balcescu" Land Forces Academy's students using helicopters and armoured vehicles. Afterwards, the SECOSAFT and CADET INOVA conferences were held, in which there was the possibility to attend lectures and papers presented by students of the Academy. In the afternoon, the official dinner took place inside the Academy for all participants.

On the fifth day, the program concluded with a certificate award ceremony for successful participation in the activity, a group photo, and a visit to the historic city of Alba Iulia, located on the Mures River, one hour away from Sibiu.

To conclude, International Students' Week" is a seminar worth attending. It truly puts into perspective the international collaboration between the cadets, creating vital bonds for the future, and exchanging knowledge and ideas. The high level of knowledge of the



instructors, the hospitality offered by the "Nicolae Balcescu" Land Forces Academy and the productive interaction with the cadets from all the different countries were contributing factors to making this experience extremely educational and unique.