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LOD No.	LOD Name	Description/Purpose	Solved/Ongoing
4	Create an IT-Platform	Sharing all types of information of the Initiative. Re-launched in 2015. (www.emilyo.eu)	
5	Supporting Develop Mechanism/ (Legal) Framework	How to deal with administrative and legal matters. Key: <i>“Officer Cadets from abroad should be treated in the same way as the own ones”</i> .	
6	National Implementation of the Programme	Support of the Initiative by Superiors ➔ information-flow (e.g. Wikipedia, Newsletter).	

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European initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus

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The **European initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus**, often referred to as "military Erasmus" in the media, is an initiative undertaken by the [European Union](#) Member States aimed at developing the exchanges between armed forces of future [military officers](#) as well as their teachers and instructors during their initial education^[1] and training. Due to the fact that the initiative is implemented by the Member States on a purely voluntary basis, their autonomy with regard to military training is not compromised.

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Origins [edit]

The number of European crisis management operations and multinational military operations launched by European Union Member States in the framework of the [Common Security and Defence Policy](#) (CSDP) have increased, demonstrating a fast-growing need for a stronger [interoperability](#) of military forces, not only with regard to the pure technical and procedural aspects but also to the ability for the European military officers to work closely and effectively together.

One way to foster this ability is to integrate the education and training of the servicemen and their officers. The European military officers' educational institutes, and the Member States at a more diplomatic level, have had a long experience and tradition of exchanges, to this end.

The experience of mobility they acquired nevertheless revealed that, due to the particular nature of the education and training they provide, the military institutes could not make full use of all the possibilities offered by the mobility instruments available^[2] which were primarily designed for civilian higher education, such as the [Erasmus programme](#). A need was identified, therefore, for addressing together these structural obstacles at the European level.

In the second half of 2008, the French EU Presidency then in office launched a programme of reflection on ways to allow greater integration of the initial academic and professional training of young European officers through mobility.^{[3][4]} The initiative for the exchange of young officers, inspired by Erasmus, was launched in November 2008 with the declaration by the European Ministers of Defence, meeting within the [Council of the European Union](#), on the European Security and Defence Policy (2903rd External Relations Council meeting, Brussels 10 and 11 November 2008).^[5]



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Aims [edit]

Young officers in training are the future military elites, who will have to work ever more closely together for the realisation and consolidation of the Common Security and Defence Policy, regardless of their nationality or their armed forces. It is essential, with view to improve interoperability and to pave the way for a European security and defence culture, that European military students and cadets share parts of their education and training as early as the basic level and become familiar with their future role and responsibilities in international security.



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