



**Hellenic Military Academy
of Combat Support Officers (HMACSO)
The Commandant**

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Dear Rectors, dear (Rector-) Commandants, dear Superintendents!

I have the honour to inform you that the Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers (HMACSO) along with the Military Erasmus (EMILYO) Implementation Group (IG) took the initiative to plan and create an International Medical Semester (IMS) for military cadets.

This initiative has already been presented and approved by the IG. For that reason, a new Line of Development (LoD 15) was established with the overall goal to promote the IMS preparation.

I can assure you that it is a very challenging but also promising project. First of all, each of the European Union basic officer education institutions is embedded into the national academic education system. As a result, the military medical academies follow different study programmes. In our case, military medical cadets receive the academic education from a civilian university – the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki – while receiving military training from our academy's officers.

In addition, the academic education of doctors, dentists, veterinarians, and pharmacists also varies from one country to the other and in all cases it is demanding too and leaves almost no time for a pre-graduate student to be involved in other long-term projects.

However, it is our strong belief that in spite of the education differences, the requirements of medical military personnel are similar in all European armed forces.

As a result, our Academy leads the attempt to find a common place in order to create an IMS, offering a unique opportunity to increase interoperability, thus to increase the European security and promote a European security and defence culture in terms of spreading ideas among the participating officer cadets.

The first, but decisive step is to find together on a “conference table”, where we will introduce ourselves, share the pros and cons as well as our visions. All European military academies are invited.

Our proposal consists of an agreement between institutions providing military training (military academies of any branch) and civilian and military universities providing academic education for medical personnel. The idea is to take advantage of the ERASMUS+ programme, already achieved by most civilian and military universities and “adjust” a military education with an agreed curriculum during the academic semester. Details of our proposal can be explained to you by our staff. Please take into consideration that all ideas are most welcome!

For that reason, I would like to invite you and your representatives to attend the elaborations of the LoD 15 sessions during the next IG meetings, where our personnel will explain our proposals. I would also like you to know that I and my staff are available for any clarifications you may need.



I have appointed as Point of Contacts (PoC) two officers of our Military Erasmus Office:
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I look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you in advance,
with honour,

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