



3rd plenary meeting of the LoD-12 International Air Force Semester

3-4 September 2019

in Brussels, Belgium

Draft minutes

- 1) The chair of the LoD welcomed the 9 participants from 5 EU Member States and 5 institutions.

Air Force Institution/Member State	Participants
Aviation Faculty, National Military University/BG	1 person
European Security & Defence College/EU	1 person
Hellenic Air Force Academy/GR	1 person
Polish Air Force University/PL	1 person
Portuguese Air Force Academy/PT	1 person
French Air Force Academy	3 persons

2) Information about the Project (International Air Force Semester-IAFS)

The chair mentioned the significance of the Project, and underlined that it was a strategic plan aiming to provide the European Air Force Institutions with the tools to encourage the mobility of cadets without facing problems in terms of recognition of any periods of study completed abroad.

The ESDC Military Training Manager, Lt Col Symeon Zambas, added that the Member States, via the GAREA recommendations, encouraged and supported the development of the International Air Force Semester as a key factor for promoting a security and defence policy within the Union.

After Mr Zambas's contribution, the chair drew attention to the introduction of the French Air Force Academy to the IAFS's team and continued to describe the proposed curriculum.

Participating institutions: The chair officially welcomed the newcomers to the project - the French Air Force Academy - and expressed his desire and hope to continue to engage in fruitful cooperation. He announced that the ESDC had received letters of intent from Bulgaria, France, Greece, Portugal and

Romania. The Polish Air Force University officials had decided not to join the project at present due to many differences in their curriculum and the intensity of the Polish cadets' training path. However, they had expressed their support for the International Air Force Semester and were hopeful about the Project's success.

Proposed curriculum: The chair provided a detailed analysis of the SPP's general rules in order to familiarise the French delegation with the Erasmus+ procedures. Representatives from the Bulgarian, Hellenic, Portuguese and French Air Force Institutions then discussed issues concerning the curriculum as well as the administrative part of the project. As a result, it was decided to allow the FAFA time to work on the proposed curriculum, in order to identify possible paths of cooperation and bring their proposals for the semester to the negotiating table. The curriculum would be finalised during the December IG meeting in Bucharest. The IG chairman said that it would be better to create a 30 ECTS semester in order to fulfil the requirements of the Bologna process and ensure better conditions to be approved by the Hellenic National Agency. Pending approval of the learning outcomes, it was expected that the courses comprising the IAFS would be approved at the 44th IG meeting.

<u>Title of the course</u>	<u>ECTS</u>	<u>Duration in weeks</u>
Aviation English	4	2
Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)	2	1
Cyber Security	2	1
Avionics systems	4	2
Aviation Meteorology	2	1
Flight and Ground Safety	2	1
Propulsion Systems	2	1
Space Applications for Security and Defence	2	1
Military Ethics	2	1
Aerial Navigation	2	1
Total	24	12

3) Road map:

- The next meeting of the LoD-12 will take place in Bucharest on 10 and 11 December in the context of the 44th IG meeting.
- Finalisation of the participating Air Force Institutions (Dec 2019)
- Development and finalisation of the proposed curriculum (Dec 2019)
- Presentation of the final proposal at the 45th IG meeting in Brussels (Feb 2020)
- Submission of the proposal (Mar 2020)