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## Military Gender Studies (MGS) Project

We are pleased to announce that the Portuguese Erasmus+ Agency, following its 2020 call for proposals for Strategic Partnerships for Higher Education (Key Action 203), has approved the Military Gender Studies (MGS) Project.

The Military Gender Studies (MGS) Project is a 30 months Strategic Partnership constituted by the BOEI from the four following countries: Portugal (Project Coordinator), Bulgaria, Italy and Romania, under the scopus of Erasmus+ program (KA 203). The synergies from the 4 countries' collaboration will ultimately provide a more diverse and dynamic perspective on gender mainstreaming in European Military Institutions.

The project's main priority is to develop a Military Gender Studies model, devised specifically to be taught in European Army Institutions. Namely, an MGS Army Handbook will be created in order to be used at the partner institutions. This training system will ensure the promotion of the necessary social, civic, intercultural and interdisciplinary competences, improving institutional perspectives of equalitarian gender roles and establishing the groundwork that will allow for a smooth integration of Military Gender Studies into the curricular offer of the partner military academies.

At the end of the project there will be a Multiplier Event with the participation of military and civilian institutions. This event, while disseminating results, will hopefully draw other institutions to engage with the MGS module.

Regarding the potential longer-term benefits, after project completion, the continuation of the work is perceived in terms of lectures/seminars/workshops, as one of the objectives is the incorporation of the MGS module in other European Military Institutions. Another possible long-term goal is the adaptation of the MGS module to a general approach/initiation to military gender studies to be taught in earlier stages of education (e.g. ages 5 to 18).

With this project, the 4 partner countries expect to actively contribute to a more modern, dynamic, committed and professional environment inside Military Institutions, making a difference in the lives of military women and men, in the institutions themselves, and in European societies.

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