



European Initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus
Implementation Group
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Dear (Rector-) Commandant, dear Superintendent!

As the Chairman of the Implementation Group (IG) allow me to pass a request on behalf of all the current IG Members to you.

As you may know – in November 2008 the European Union Ministers of Defence decided in their Council of the European Union Conclusions on the ESDP (2903rd External Relations Council Meeting) to establish an Implementation Group for the so-called “**European Initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus**”, or with other names “Military Erasmus”, “Erasmus Militaire”, “EMILYO” (Exchange of MILitary Young Officers) or just in short “The Initiative”.

The overall goal of this IG is to harmonize the European Union Basic Officer Education and to increase interoperability, thus to increase Europe’s security. The IG’s working meetings take place on a quarterly basis; meeting location is mainly in Brussels.

Scientific researches proved evidence that exchanges on Officer Cadets’ level increase their competences which are needed on a later stage when acting as Officers.

For the IG an essential course of action – to educate our future Officers best – is the support by the Commandants and Superintendents of the European Union Basic Officer Education Institutions. But we only can fulfil our tasks if representatives from these Institutions contribute with their valuable special knowledge to the elaborations we draw up on EU level which – as a consequence – may be implemented at your institution on a voluntary basis.

Sir, my respectful request to you would be to send a representative from your institution to the IG meetings on a regular basis to assure, that we use each avenue of approach to educate all our European future leaders best.

Thank you for your support in advance,
yours sincerely,



Col Gell, PhD

