



European Initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus

Implementation Group

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Top Priorities 2023 for the Military Erasmus (EMILYO) Implementation Group

Priorities for 2023	Requirements for their achievement
<p>The priorities are listed in the GAREA 2023, which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrate at least one common module to the national curriculum of each BOEI. • Align common modules qualification requirements with the SQF-MILOF. • Implementation of the International Air Force Semester (IAFS) and European Common Technical Semester on Defence and Security (EuCTS-DS). • Continue elaborating on an International Naval and Medical Semester. • Launch a new project for an International Air Defence Semester. • Examine R&D collaboration opportunities with the ESDC Doc School. 	<p>Everything is initiated and elaborations are taking place by the various Lines of Development and are on the way.</p> <p>There is only the (continuing) problem for launching the elaborations of an International Medical Semester. The Member States simply do not report experts. One avenue of approach was launched via the ESDC Steering Committee by passing the request to the MilReps mid 2022 – unfortunately only 2 MS replied. The IG (ESDC?) has to find other ways to reach the experts.</p>
<p>During EUMACS 2022 two main proposals were requested by the (Rector-) Commandants / Superintendents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a Common Module on “Fake News / identifying correct & accurate information”. • Launching a new Line of Development “English for Teachers”. in order to take the shyness from teachers to talk in English. 	<p>The LoD-6 already got the task to start elaborations on the new common module.</p> <p>The new LoD-18 will be decided (launching or not) during the 57th IG meeting in March 2023.</p>
<p>In Austria the first “Common Module Gender Perspectives in Security and Defence” was organised in November 2022. The module should be organised each year in a rotating principle – but more institutions should be requested to integrate it into the regular curriculum.</p>	<p>In December 2022/January 2023 discussions with the Portuguese Military Academy are ongoing. The plan is to combine the common module with the “5th Erasmus+ Gender Seminar” and the “Multiplier Event for the Military Gender Studies Project”. This could create an early stage for further implementation.</p>



Lessons Identified	
Topic	Consequences
<p>During the study year 2021/2022 the IG has organised most of the exchanges since ever.</p> <p>The challenge is to keep the quality of exchanges – not just having huge numbers.</p>	<p>Continue with the number of exchanges – even aiming to do more. In spite of having a quality assurance system at each institution, this could be standardised.</p> <p>The IG developed a simple evaluation system – focusing onto the achievement of learning outcomes – but the next steps are to implement it to be used for each IG exchange activity.</p>
<p>The increasing number of tasks overwhelms more and more the few persons of the IG management (in particular it is the IG Chair, the ESDC Training Manager and to some extent the LoD-Chairs (some LoDs are still unoccupied – therefore, the work has to be done by the IG Chair).</p>	<p>Restructure the IG-Management. One avenue of approach is the establishment of a Deputy IG-Chair (even some more Deputy IG Chairs with the focus onto certain LoDs would be useful).</p>

Dynamics – Trends – Risks	
Topic	Consequences
<p>It is unopposed that the activities of the IG contribute to the CSDP. This is proven evidence by statements of the HR/VP as well as by scientific researches.</p> <p>Therefore, it is a real pity that not all Member States participate in the IG activities (Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Slovenia – Finland and Sweden depending on the persons working for the international affairs – Denmark had the exception for CSDP in the TEU, but after the referendum on 01 June 2022 concerning participation in the CSDP, initial stages were made recently).</p> <p>Luxembourg participates via RMA Brussels and Malta is not relevant because of not running a military education, but both are most welcome.</p>	<p>We have to find a way – probably via the ESDC Steering Committee or the EEAS – to attract these Member States.</p> <p>A “strong recommendation” by high officials to the (Rector-) Commandants / Superintendents or even the EUMC would help a lot.</p> <p>Once (in 2017) the IG Chair could brief the ChoDs during an EUMC meeting, which had a positive effect.</p>

Future work strands (in 2023 and beyond)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2023: Elaborate on and implement the GAREA and EUMACS recommendations. • In 2023: Establish at least 1 Deputy IG Chair. • In 2023: Launching first thoughts about re-structuring the IG because of the increasing size. • Beyond 2023: Establish a real “common EU education for young officers (incl. CSDP)” with duration of at least 1 semester (thinking about even more semesters). • Beyond 2023: Restructure the IG according to the needs. This could be a typical “<i>Staff structure</i>”. • Beyond 2023: EUMACS should become THE annual conference for all (Rector-) Commandants / Superintendents for all services. • Beyond 2023: If possible, establish a second ESDC Training Manager for the IG. • Beyond 2023: Find ways for more financial support for short time activities (by the ESDC?).

