

Rules of Procedure for awarding the status of an Honorary Member of the Implementation Group

Paragraph 1

The overall goal of the Implementation Group (IG) is to harmonize the European Union Basic Officer Education, to increase interoperability among the Member States' young Officers and thus, to increase the attitude for a European Security and Defence Culture.

Paragraph 2

Persons who have rendered outstanding services to the IG's goals – according to Paragraph 1 – may receive the status of an "Honorary Member of the Implementation Group". The expression "outstanding services" refers to real results for achieving the IG's goals; solely administrative achievements are not enough to eventuate in a nomination.

Paragraph 3

Each IG member has the right to nominate persons. The nomination is to be announced formally during an IG meeting accompanied with the reason(s) for nomination. Within the reason(s) for nomination it has to be included, which of the IG's goal(s) – according to Paragraph 1 and 2 – the nominated person has achieved.

Paragraph 4

The IG members decide the matter by an open vote during the quarterly IG meetings. The decision has to be made unanimously. If an IG member does not issue an affirmative vote, it has to be reasoned.

Paragraph 5

The status of an "Honorary Member of the Implementation Group" should have a high value. To avoid any kind of "inflation", the status is issued twice a year as a maximum. If for various reasons more persons should reach the status, it has to be decided within the IG unanimously.

Paragraph 6

The honoured person has the right to receive a certificate, created by the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), and signed by the Head of ESDC and the Chairman IG. If – for various reasons – additional persons should sign the certificate, it is to be decided on a case to case basis. The honoured person is to be mentioned with the name, function, picture, and the date of awarding on the EMILYO homepage. Whenever possible, the awarding shall take place during an IG meeting.