



## **46th Meeting of the Implementation Group for the European initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus (Emilyo)**

### **LoD 10 Gender Mainstreaming meeting (VTC)**

**11 June 2020 (09:00-12:00, Brussels time)**

#### **Draft minutes**

The Chairperson welcomed the members of the subgroup by using the WEBEX system. All colleagues according to the initial list participated:

1. Assoc. Prof., PhD Sofia MENEZES – AM, Portugal;
2. Assoc. Prof., PhD Daniela MOLDOVEANU – MTA, Romania;
3. PhD Vida CESNUTYTE – Lithuania;
4. PhD Alvydas SAKOCIUS – Lithuania;
5. PhD Isabel COSTA – MoD, Portugal;
6. MA Birgit KERB – Estonia;
7. Annija ANDREJSONE – Latvia.

All participants introduced themselves and shared an information concerning to the COVID-19 spread and measures in their countries.

The chairperson informed the participants about the main points of the Initial Meeting of the IG. Messages were transmitted for the future events – part of the Initiative: EUMACS 2020, EUMACS 2021, 5th CSDP Olympiad, iMAF 2020, next IG Meeting and etc.

The members of the LoD 10 subgroup shared information of past and future events.

1. In fulfillment of one of our decisions during the discussions in LoD 10 subgroup in the 45th IG Meeting connected with the application for the Gender Project (strategic partnership) related to the gender concept and research, we informed the colleagues for successful application of the project named “Military Gender Studies Project” (MGS).

Assoc. Prof. Sofia Menezes – Erasmus+ coordinator in Military Academy in Lisboa, Portugal provided additional data related to the project. The MGS is a project to take place under KA2 of the Erasmus+ project. It is a strategic partnership among the Military Academies from Portugal (Coordinating Country), Bulgaria, Romania and Italy (Partner Countries). An application for this project was submitted last year but it was not successfully approved by the Portuguese National Agency. This year, a new application was submitted, with more data, more partners, and more support (PT MoD, PT National Defence Institute, Spanish MoD, Croatian RACVIAC Center for Security Cooperation).

The application was submitted in March 2020 and results (hopefully, positive!) will be known by the end of July

The major goal of the MGS project is to gather data from different military academies of several European countries in order to undertake specific research under the field of Gender Studies in European Military Institutions. The project has three main objectives:

1. to stimulate scientific production regarding Gender Studies in the military;
2. to create and implement a set of common contents to be taught, initially, in each partner institution in the format of masterclasses – the curricular program being the result of the scientific research and production;
3. to extend the masterclasses to all Military Academies in Europe by means of training trainers from each of the institutions interested in taking part in the process.

2. The remind for future event was announced by Assoc. Prof. Daniela Moldoveanu - the Military Culture and War Experience Online , 15-17 October 2020, Bucharest, Romania. The conference will be hosted by Military Technical Academy “Ferdinand I” and organized in partnership with New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria.

In view of the current Covid-19 situation and the uncertainty regarding prospects for the coming months, the MCWE organizing committee and the MTAFI Executive have jointly decided to hold the CONFERENCE ONLINE. The organizers and a limited number of participants are, however, expected to be physically present function of the Covid-19 future regulations.

Some of the main topics in the conference are:

- Military cross-cultural competence;
- Gender, race, age and disability in the military;
- Implications of military culture and stereotypes and etc.

As one of the keynote speakers is invited the Chairperson of LoD 10 Gender Mainstreaming.

For more information about MCWE 2020 check the conference website: <https://mcwe2020mta.wixsite.com/website>

3. The idea to organize 3rd Erasmus Gender seminar ‘How to strengthen gender perspective within the European basic officer education’ was on our meeting agenda again. It was confirmed that Estonian Military Academy is still very interested in arranging of the 3rd gender seminar in Tartu. According to the Academy’s representative the plan was that seminar could take place 06-08.10.2020, but because of the COVID-19 situation the request to the superiors will be this event to take place in February 2021.

4. The conversation for the new common module ‘Gender perspectives’ was connected with sharing of proposals for the content of the module.

A lot of researches and publications are available with the popular topics like "Differences between gender and sex" or “UN Resolution 1325 on Woman , peace and security and its impact on the social processes” , but additional topics could be involved as follows:

- International document of the implementation of WPS agenda;
- Key Gender Concepts;
- Gender diversity;
- Empathy, emotions and gender;
- The social media, gender and the military;
- Recruiting policies and practices in the military;
- Gender Equality in Security Sector Reform
- Gender in PSO;
- Gender-based violence .....

The future work will continue with the determination of the organizational elements – for example: how each academy will find a way to insert the module in its curriculum; is it possible the module to become part of the Erasmus international semester; how to arrange this module in order to be attractive for the young cadets; how to prepare academic lectures and to find experts for teaching and showing good gender based policies.

**LoD 10 Chairperson**

**Colonel Assoc. Prof. Nevena Atanasova- Krasteva, PhD**

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