

6th Plenary Meeting of the LoD-12 (International Air Force Semester)

In the context of the

46th meeting of the Implementation Group for the European Initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus 09 June 2020 (09:00-11:00) VTC

Draft minutes

- 1) The LoD-12 chair welcomed the thirteen (13) participants from eight (8) EU Member States and eight (8) institutions.

Air Force Institution/Member State	Number of Participants
Theresian Military Academy/AT (IG Chair)	1
European Security & Defence College/EU (TM)	1
Hellenic Air Force Academy/GR	2
Military University of Aviation/PL	4
Portuguese Air Force Academy/PT	1
Air Force Academy ‘Henri Coanda’/RO	2
Italian Air Force Academy/IT	1
Military Academy of Lithuania/LT	1

- 2) **Adoption of the agenda**

- 3) **Update by the LoD-12 chair on the issues discussed in the initial VTC meeting of June 2nd among IG Chair, ESDC Training Manager and LoD chairs**

The LoD-12 chair briefed the participants about the updates in the Lines of Development according to the minutes of the Initial VTC meeting of IG. More specifically, new developments in LoD-5, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 14 were presented and the participants were particularly asked to agree or not with the nomination of Lt Cdr Samuele MONDINO as the chair of the LoD-11 – International Naval Semester and Associate Professor Ioannis Templalexis as the chair of the new LoD-14 – Research and Development. None of the participants objected to the previously mentioned nominations. The Training Manager of the ESDC also informed the participants for the establishment of a new LoD

for the International Medical Semester which will be formed in the future since The Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers has expressed the interest to nominate a chair in due course. Finally, the chair informed the participants about the forthcoming GAREA statistic forms that all the IG member institutions will receive in the future with instructions on how to submit them and thus they need to be prepared.

4) International Air Force Semester Status Update

The chair of LoD-12 informed the participants that the Strategic Partnership Proposal was submitted on behalf of the consortium on the 24th of April, 2020 to the Hellenic National Agency (IKY) through the online platform. Then, the main activities and the expected outcomes of the project were presented along with the foreseen in the proposal timeline. The budget requested and the submitted project plan was also presented as well as all the scheduled meetings and events of the project. In this point, the Training Manager of the ESDC, Mr. Ilias Makris noted that in order to facilitate the organization of the meetings of the project, other IG activities could be scheduled together upon agreement of all the IG members, as for example, a transnational meeting could follow an IG meeting in order to reduce traveling for the project participants. The specific possibility will be further investigated by the Training Manager of the ESDC and it will be discussed in the next IG meeting depending on the success of the project proposal. Concluding the presentation, the chair of LoD-12 discussed the preparatory activities that need to be done by the partners upon successful selection of the proposal for funding. The main activities are related with the harmonization of the internal management procedures within institutions with the required by the funding scheme procedures, the appointment of the responsible personnel to work in the project and the preparation and signing of a bipartite agreement between the coordinator of the project and each partner.

5) Road map

- Once the project leading institution is notified by the National Agency for the evaluation results of the proposal, it will immediately communicate the results to the partner organizations.
- Further VTC meetings between the partner organizations may be scheduled depending on the outcome of the project evaluation during the summer or in September in order to discuss the next actions.