

**46th meeting of the Implementation Group
for the European initiative for the exchange of young officers
inspired by Erasmus (Emilyo)
Follow-up meeting (VTC)
LOD7/9
10 June 2020 (14:00-16:00)
Draft minutes**

1) Participants:

COL Harald Gell, Chairman of the IG; LTCOL Paulo Machado, Chairperson of the LOD7; CAPT Stefano Esposito, Ms Ramona-Helena Herman, LT Panagiotis Ioannou, Maj Radoslaw Milewski, LTCOL Rafal Niedzela, LTCOL Timo Vehvilainen, LT Neculai-Daniel Zvincu and Maj Piotr Pietrakovski. Was invited to be present Prof. Marta Wincenwicz (request from AWL MULF).

2) Agenda

The agenda was adopted with the addition of the following items:

- a) LOD5 – Legal Framework.
- b) LOD6 – National Implementation of the Program.
- c) LOD8 – Common Modules.
- d) LOD9 – Future Projects.
- e) LOD11 – Naval International Semester.
- f) LOD14 – Research and Development.
- g) LOD15 – International Medical Semester.
- h) 5th CSDP Olympiad.
- i) IMAF2020 and 48th IG Meeting.
- j) Work Plan.
- k) General Subjects.



The Implementation Group (IG) LOD7 Chairperson, LTCOL Paulo Machado, after verified the participants in the meeting, presented the Agenda and shared the presentation on VTC.

The Implementation Group (IG) chairman talked with the participants about the next International Military Academy Forum (IMAF), asking to Nicolae Balcescu Land Forces Academy representant, Ramona-Elena Herman if the Academy could assure the organization of IMAF in november, as planned. Because of the Covid19 was not possible to confirm. So, the Chairman asked to the representant of AWL Military University of Land Forces (AWL MULF) to coordinate the organization of IMAF2021, planned to be in Poland, with Romania.

The LOD7 Chairperson started to share the presentation with all and followed the agenda:

a) LoD 5 – Legal framework

The LOD7 chairperson announced the adoption of the legal framework from Lithuania, highlighting the importance of the signature of the Framework by all the Institutions and asked the participants to pass on the information to their Institution and to request its adoption via their chains of command.

b) LoD 6 – National implementation of the strategic communication programme

About European Union Military Academies Commandants Seminar (EUMACS) 2020, the LOD7 chairperson informed is scheduled to be held in Helmut Schmidt University of the Bundeswehr in Hamburg from 29-31 October 2020. The IG chairman confirmed it.

The EUMACS 2021 will take place in Lisbon, from 26 to 28 of may and the Portuguese Military Academy already started to plan it.

c) LoD 8 – Common modules/evaluations and offers

LOD7 chairperson asked to all participants to see the mobility offers in emilyo page because was actualized and they can find new AT and IT announced upcoming offers (www.emilyo.eu/node/878). This activities will have residential phase only if



the COVID-19 situation allows. A decision will be made before the deadline for registration.

Also, the LOD7 chairperson informed the participants about some items referred by LTCOL Spinelò:

1. ERASMUS Virtual Exchange: A new European Commission Project (2018-2020 pilot program) aims to expand the reach and scope of the Erasmus+ Program through virtual exchanges. A virtual Exchange is defined as a technology-enabled, facilitated, people-to-people education program sustained over a given period. The Project is aimed at young people (18-30), and the virtual exchange format distinguishes itself from other forms of online learning in several ways:

- people-to-people interaction and dialogue;
- participants experiencing how to communicate and collaborate with their peers;
- soft skills (intercultural awareness, media and digital literacy, teamwork, etc.) are included in the learning goals or outcomes;
- learner-led concept.

Training materials for teachers and staff and other information available on the portal: www.europa.eu/youth/erasmusvirtual.

2. Virtual Mobility: The University of Turin, in cooperation with the IT Army Education and Training Command and School of Applied Military Studies, has opened up the start@unito project to all partner universities of the Emilyo programme (BOEIs) during COVID-19 crisis. It provides free online university courses, all of which are part of the university's graduate and undergraduate programmes and have been designed to encourage internationalisation processes. Courses can be freely accessed by anyone, using any type of device. Courses are self-paced. For those who intend to acquire ECTS credits, the final exam can be taken using a distance e-learning functionality. The programme dedicated to the field of security and defence is as follows:

- History of European Integration, 6 ECTS



- international Law, 6 ECTS
- Military Sociology and Leadership, 6 or 9 ECTS
- Mathematical Modelling, 6 ECTS

It is possible to attend one, several or all courses. A specific bilateral agreement has to be signed with the University of Turin in order to allow certification.

The programme will be confirmed for the next academic year. The CM database has been updated and the priority list of CM curricula to be updated and adapted to the standard format has been provided. Organising BOEIs are invited to attend the next LoD 8 meeting.

3. EDUROAM: Eduroam (<https://www.eduroam.org/>) is an association that provides Wi-Fi access and other services to universities and research centres in the EU and worldwide. At national level, every EU MS has created a consortium to which all universities can be affiliated as members, meaning that students, teachers and staff can access free Wi-Fi provided locally by other partners when they are abroad. If you wish to apply to become a new member, you are encouraged to contact your national Consortium. The University of Turin is part of this Consortium.

d) LoD 9 – Future projects

The LOD9 chairperson, LTCOL Marcin Bielewicz, from AWL MULF has stepped down. LTCOL Rafal Niedzela, also from AWL MULF, informed the participants about the intention of his Commandant to keep the LOD9 chairperson from AWL MULF and the proposed person is Prof. Marta Wincenwicz-Bosy (presente in the meeting as invited person). The chairman of the IG informed that is mandatory for the nomination of the new LOD9 chairperson, the MULF Commandant to write a letter asking and the proposed person as to be accepted by all members of the IG.

e) LoD 11 – International Naval Semester (INS)

The LOD7 chairperson asked if all participants agreed with the proposal of the Italian Naval Academy to support the candidacy of Lt Cdr Samuele MONDINO, and if anyone disagree about the candidate. All the participants agreed with the nomination of Lt Cdr Samuele MONDINO for chairperson of LOD11.

f) LoD 14 – Research and Development

The LOD7 chairperson informed the meeting participants that the Hellenic Air Force Academy has nominated Associated Professor Ioannis TEMPLALEXIS as the chair of the R&D LoD. All the participants agreed with the nomination of Associated Professor Ioannis TEMPLALEXIS for chairperson of LOD14.

g) International Medical Semester

The chairman asked the word and updated the participants meeting on the matter of the establishment of a new LoD as na old subject and that the Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers (HMACSO) expressed its intention to lead the Medical LoD, and will therefore nominate a chair in due course, in order to be able to launch the new LoD at the September IG meeting.

4) 5th CSDP Olympiad

The LOD7 chairperson informed the participants that, in response to the preventive measures taken worldwide to intercept the spread of COVID-19, the IG, in close cooperation with Croatian Defence Academy (CDA), decided to postpone this event to early spring 2021 (8-12 March). The participants were advised to consult all details, available at http://www.emilyo.eu/olympiad_csdp. For the 5th CSDP Olympiad, the IG will not accept new participants, but those already accepted may participate, even if they have already graduated.

5) iMAF 2020

The chairman talked in the beginning of the follow-up meeting with the representatives of Nicolae Balcescu Land Forces Academy, Romania, and AWL Military University of Land Forces, Poland, and asked them to coordinate the organization of IMAF2020 and IMAF2021 due to the confinement measures put in place by EU MS to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The IMAF has been rescheduled to take place on the premises of the Nicolae Balcescu Land Forces Academy in Sibiu, Romania, back-to-back with the 48th IG meeting (30 November-4 December) and the IMAF2021 is planned to be organized by AWL Military University of Land Forces, Poland.

6) Work plan

The LOD7 chairperson informed the participants about 47th IG meeting: will take place in Brussels from 1-2 September 2020. On Monday 31 August, from 16.00 to 18.00, there will be a workshop for new IG members; all of the necessary



administrative details and documents are available at <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878>. Decision on whether the IG meeting will be conducted in person or as a VTC will be made by the end of June at the latest. One important detail about accommodation was referred: for the 47th IG meeting the Royal Military Academy cannot accommodate the participants.

Lisbon, 10 of June 2020

The LOD7 Chairperson

Paulo Machado

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