



Dear Rector, (Rector-) Commandant, dear Superintendent,

This year the European Initiative for the Exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus, or in other terms EMILYO (Exchange of MILitary Young Officers) or Military Erasmus will complete 10 years of continuous and productive existence.

The Initiative has managed to create 35 Common Modules 103 ECTS in total. It has succeeded because of the Basic Officer Education Institutions' contributions to both, the participation of the representatives to the Implementation Group (IG) and the implementation of at least one Common Module. This initiative has moved forward by creating a common International Semester, which has been implemented by four Military Institutions so far. In the near future the IG plans to create International Semesters for the Naval and Air Force Institutions as well.

Over the last 10 years, the Initiative has managed to bring together the Military Institutions of the European Union with the goals of harmonising the European Union Basic Officer Education and increasing interoperability, thus to increase Europe's security. In that sense, it is upon us to create a common security and defence culture between all EU Officers, with support of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC).

During the 35<sup>th</sup> IG meeting in Brussels it was decided to organise the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Initiative in cooperation with the Hellenic Military Academies (Army, Naval and Air Force) in Athens. The purpose of this is to portray the great importance of the historical battles of Marathon, Thermopylae and Salamis in view of the evolution of European history.

In that framework we would like to invite you to participate to the celebration for the 10 years of the Initiative from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018. At the following [link](#) you may find the registration form, where you can also register to participate to the rowing event with Trireme "*Olympias*" or the "*Athens Marathon. The Authentic*". During these events you may be escorted by your Aide de Camp, who may register [here](#).

Your Institution is kindly invited to participate with up to 4 cadets accompanied by 1 escort Officer from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018. They will have the opportunity to attend lectures

and to visit places of cultural and historical interest. The cadets should participate either in the rowing event or the marathon.

Accommodation and meals for them (cadets and escort Officers) will be provided by the Hellenic Military Academies. The escort Officers may choose to be accommodated to hotels close to the Hellenic Military Academies by their own expenses. The cadets may register themselves [here](#) and the escort Officers [here](#).

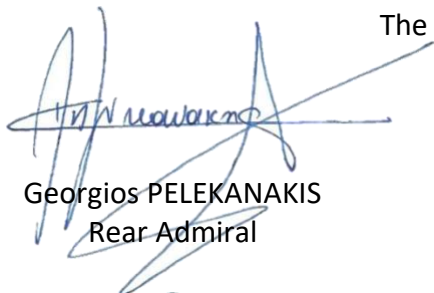
Attached you may find the draft schedule of both, yours and your cadets' participation.

For any information you may contact us through e-mail to [secretariat-esdc@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:secretariat-esdc@eeas.europa.eu).

We are really looking forward to meeting you in Athens.

Respectfully,

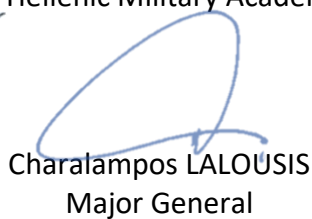
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