



**Military Training Manager  
EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE**

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**Honorary Member of the Implementation Group  
Nomination for the 4<sup>th</sup> Honorary Member**

Dear Members of the Implementation Group,

In accordance with the RoP (ESDC document 2017/184 of 5 September 2017), I would like to nominate RAdm Cesare Ciocca of the Italian Navy (ret.) as the 4<sup>th</sup> Honorary Member of the Implementation Group. RAdm Ciocca is currently Secretary General of Eurodefense Italia, a member of the Military Commission of the Italian Atlantic Committee in Rome, and is responsible for international education at the Istituto Studi Ricerche Informazioni Difesa (Italian acronym ISTRID)

**Reasons:**

1) Admiral Ciocca, as the first Chairman of the IG from Feb 2009 to July 2013, guided the group in its very first and difficult steps when everyone was unknown to everyone else and the 'waters' were deep and unfamiliar. He retired from the chairmanship when he retired from the Italian Navy.

2) However, since then he has never ceased to actively support the Initiative by regularly delivering lectures related to the EMILYO and the comprehensive/integrated approach of the EU in the context of common modules on an annual basis since 2013.

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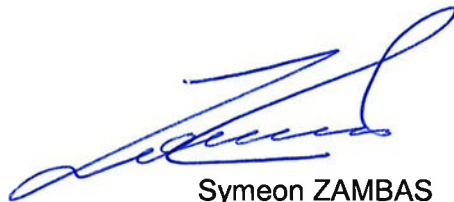
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3) He constantly keeps himself up to date regarding the Initiative and promotes it via his presentations and active participation in various international fora, including high-level seminars, EU-level workshops on "Skills for Europe's Defence Sector" and "European Defence Skills Partnership", EUAFA Dean's Meetings and others.

We will discuss and – if you agree with me – vote on Admiral Ciocca's Honorary Membership at the 42<sup>nd</sup> IG meeting in Reichenau.

Yours sincerely,



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**To: ESDC/EAB/ IG Members**