



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

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**Honorary Member of the Implementation Group
Nomination for the 5th 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 Dr Sylvain Paile as the 5th Honorary Member of the Implementation Group. Dr Paile is currently the Chairperson of the ESDC/CSDP Doctoral School working group.

Reasons:

(1) In 2007, in the framework of research for the Royal Military Academy of Belgium, Dr Paile laid the foundations for what he called, and what one year later became, the 'Military Erasmus' initiative. Based on this scientific research, he supported the 2008 French Presidency of the Council of the EU and collaborated with the ESDC Secretariat on an initial stocktake of European military higher education with a view to implementing the project at European level.

(2) After the launch of the Military Erasmus initiative by the EU Member States' Ministers for Defence (10-11 November 2008), he continued collaborating with the ESDC on the organisation of the first Implementation Group meeting and the second and third detailed stocktakes of initial education and training systems for officers in the EU, aimed at identifying windows of

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opportunities for quantitative and qualitative improvements of mobility (published in 2010 by the Council of the EU and 2011 by the Polish Presidency of the Council).

(3) He has been active and productive as a member or co-chair in several lines of development (e.g. the qualification framework, the IT platform) of the initiative and has, at different points in time, been a representative in the IG of France, the National Defence College of Sweden and the National Military University of Bulgaria, where he was awarded a PhD in 2015 for his thesis on the Military Erasmus initiative (which was published by the ESDC with a foreword by Federica Mogherini).

(4) He has conducted audits and evaluations of modules or curricula for many military institutions, provided lectures and spoken at conferences on the initiative and published 32 books or articles in relation to the initiative. He has been awarded several distinctions for his work on the Military Erasmus initiative (Golden Ring of the Theresan Military Academy, Honour of the Academic Council of the National Military University of Bulgaria).

We will discuss and – if you agree with me – vote on Dr Paile’s Honorary Membership at the 43rd IG meeting in Brussels.

Yours sincerely,



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