

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

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**Honorary Member of the Implementation Group
Nomination for the 9th 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 Prof. Petros Kotsiopoulos, PhD, of the Hellenic Air Force Academy (HAFA) as the 9th Honorary Member of the Implementation Group.

My reasons for the nomination are as follows:

(1) Prof. Kotsiopoulos was a member of the working group (WG) responsible for the legal reform of the HAFA. His duties included examining existing laws, promoting and implementing changes in the HAFA's legal framework, with the aim of transforming the HAFA into a military Higher Education Institution (HEI). All of the changes introduced by the WG were in line with the Bologna Declaration and any other precondition of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).

(2) In his capacity as Dean of the HAFA, Prof. Kotsiopoulos turned the HAFA into a model institution. Driven by his endless desire for innovation and creativity, he fully supported the internationalisation process launched in 2015. He also played a leading role in involving the HAFA in EMILYO activities. During his term, the HAFA took part in several KA2 Strategic Partnership Projects, such as the 'International Air Force Semester' (IAFS), the European Common Technical Semester for Defence and Security (EuCTS_DS) and the Implementation of Digitalisation of Defence in Higher Education (DDHE).

(3) Prof. Kotsiopoulos is a keen supporter of the IAFS, a strategic partnership project within the framework of the Erasmus+ programme, which is primarily intended to develop a common programme of studies in the field of Basic Air Force Officer Education. The IAFS is currently being implemented by three Air Force Academies, the aim being to incorporate it into the national curricula of more BOEIs.

At the 56th IG meeting, I propose that we discuss and – subject to your agreement – vote on the Honorary Membership of Prof. Petros Kotsiopoulos, PhD.

Yours faithfully,

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