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Meeting of the ESDC European Union Military Secondary Schools Forum (EUMSSF)

FINAL MINUTES

10th Meeting 6 and 7 September 2022

Venue: this meeting took place exclusively in person at the Borschette Conference Centre in Brussels – Rue Froissart 36

Chair: Lt. Col. Symeon ZAMBAS, CY

Day 1 - 6 September, 15.00-16.30

1) Welcome and *tour de table*

The ESDC Secretariat welcomed the 12 participants from 7 schools and 6 states.

2) Adoption of the agenda

The Forum adopted the agenda of the meeting.

3) Introductory remarks

The Chair presented the main objectives of the Forum and described in detail the specific objectives of the 10th EUMSSF meeting.

4) LOD 1 – finalisation of the curricula:

The Chair introduced the final discussion on the two modules currently being endorsed by the Forum:

- 1. EU History and core values.
- 2. EU Institutions.

The National Military High School 'Stefan cel Mare' (RO), chairing LOD 1, presented the final draft of the curriculum of the first course and the Colégio Militar (PT) presented the final draft of the curriculum of the second course. The Forum endorsed the two curricula, to be implemented by the schools on a voluntary basis

Day 2 – 7 September, 10.30-12.30

5) Introductory remarks from the EUMSSF Chair

6) Update on the 2nd EUMSSF Essay Writing Olympiad

The ESDC Secretariat provided an update on the 2nd CSDP Writing Competition for EUMSSF for 2022, including the titles of the essays and the timelines for the competition.

The Forum agreed to host a WebEx meeting open to all participants and evaluators in order to present the competition. This meeting will be organised and hosted on the WebEx page of the ESDC on 12 October at 15.00-16.00 (Brussels time).

7) Way forward and agenda topics for the next meeting of the EUMSSF

The Forum agreed to hold the **next (11th) meeting** of the Forum in person on 25 January 2023 (date TBC / location TBD – COVID-19 permitting) and the **12th meeting** on 9 May 2023 (Schuman Day).

- 8) AOB
 - a. **PSP 2023:** The Chair presented the topics for the 2023 edition; it was reported that seven schools from the Forum attended the 2022 edition and all expressed their satisfaction with the event.
 - b. Report on exchanges:

Naval military school '*Francesco Morosini*' (IT) informed the Forum about the successful completion of the 2nd international Venetian rowing course, which took place in Venice (IT) in the summer of 2022 and saw the participation of two Italian schools and one Romanian school.

National Military High School 'Ștefan cel Mare' (RO) announced a bilateral exchange with naval military school '*Francesco Morosini*' for an activity to take place in September 2022, following the successful results of the 2nd international Venetian rowing course.

c. **Future activities:** *Colégio Militar* (PT) announced its willingness to host the pilot course on EU history in the 1st trimester of 2023. More details will be circulated in due course.

d. Erasmus accreditation:

Following the guidelines received from the Forum, the Romanian 'Alexandru Ioan Cuza' military school succeeded in enrolling in an Erasmus project along with 'Francesco Morosini' naval military school. The first mobility exercise will take place in October 2022.

The Forum agreed to run a poll in order to verify which schools are accredited or willing to participate in a project under Erasmus, with a view to disseminating the results and enabling future cooperation.

9) Publicising the EUMSSF's work

The minutes, agendas, Rules of Procedure and all other relevant documents will be uploaded onto the Military Erasmus webpage at: <u>www.emilyo.eu</u>, specifically <u>http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1389</u>.

To provide a better overview, all requests are summarised in the table below:

Request:	Send to:
All institutions are invited to express their interest in hosting future meetings no later than 31 October 2022.	
All institutions are invited to provide information on whether they intend to run a summer school for 2023-2024 that is open to participants from other schools no later than 31 October 2023.	
All institutions are invited to express their interest in being appointed as coordinators and/or participating as members in a project under Erasmus+ no later than 31 October 2022.	
All institutions are invited to express their interest in hosting the 11 th EUMSSF meeting and suggest topics for the agenda no later than 31 October 2022.	