

Implementation Group

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Meeting of the Implementation Group for the European initiative for the exchange of young officers (inspired by Erasmus)

on 21 February 2013, 10:00 hrs

(at the Albert Borschette Conference Centre, room AB-3B, Rue Froissart 36 - 1040 Brussels)

Draft minutes

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

2. Qualification profile of the Chairperson of the IG

The Board had an exchange of view on the draft "Qualification profile for the selection and appointment of the Chairpersons of the Implementation Group (IG) for the 2013/14 academic year and subsequent year(s)", circulated by the Secretariat. There were no further suggestions to the proposed document. The Chairperson of the IG explained the implications of becoming the IG Chairperson and underlined the importance for him/her of participating to the annual conferences of the single services academies with the aim of enhancing the synergies with the national authorities and being perfectly awared on workload. He mentioned the additional workload connected to the preparation of different documents, such as the Progress report and the work plan. Commitment from the sending party for financing the missions of the IG Chair must also be considered. The Head of the ESDC explained the procedure, the document will be circulated to the SC. The new IG Chair would take office after the summer break.

3. LoD 2 - discussion and way ahead

The IG members were invited to provide additional elements to further develop the Qualification Framework, in order to establish a new working group and prepare a text to be approved by National Authorities.

The Chair of the LOD 2 asked for the clarification on defining the members of the LOD2. Further she explained some activites connected to the work progress. She reported on the videoconference with Frontex working on a final product in May 2013 in the field of the 'sectorial qualification profile' (SQF). This can be taken as benchmark for the work of the

LoD2 Group to transform the “qualification tree” elaborated previously into a document to be submitted for approval to the National Authorities.

The Chair plea on the urgent need to have all relevant information further commitments from national authorities in this field in order to have a complete framework of professional competences of European young officers. It is also essential to have a clear and permanent poc in support of the LoD2 working group. The LoD2 WG can be formed by a limited number of experts able to work on the basis of the elements coming from all MS/Academies.

The IG has also received a presentation on the “Military SQF” that is available on the Emylio Website.

The Chairperson of the IG invited the participants to send their information about the subject to the Chair of LoD 2.

4. LoD 6 - Exchange Opportunities – Newsletters way ahead

The IG was informed on the progress of the LoD 6 and the draft text of Newsletter which was endorsed and circulated by the ESDC Secretariat.

The Board had an exchange of views on the possibility to open a facebook account with the aim of creating a Military Erasmus Page on an important and well-known social network. This idea will be further discussed in the light of the need to maintain some confidentiality in the debates through the network.

5. LoD7 – Erasmus Intensive Programmes

The CZ Representative informed the IG on the progress of the LoD7 and the initiative(s) that will be taken by the BRNO Defence University.

She presented in particular the Erasmus Programme and the Erasmus for all 2014-2020, Short Term Intensive ERASMUS Programme (Rules, the example of the 4 Schools of PL, CZ, LT, and SK), the Common Project of “Peace Support Operations as a Challenge for EU and International Community”. She also informed the IG on the LoD 7 meeting that will be organised on 8th October 2013 in Brno, Czech Republic. The presentation will be made available. The AT Representative complemented the presentation with additional information on the Erasmus programme and Erasmus Charter.

The IG members had an exchange of views and made suggestions on possible ways to make use of the existing programmes in support of the exchanges of Young Officers and Teachers/Instructors.

6. LoD 8 - Common Modules

The IG has been informed on the progress of the LoD8 and had an exchange of views on the way ahead.

7. Annual Progress Report – Development of the text and information on the way ahead

The IG members has provided information to further develop the draft report. The information required should cover i.e. the statistics on the exchanges, the activities offered, the relevant projects conducted, relevant issues and the main recommendations/proposals for the future.

The Secretariat informed the IG on the way ahead of the preparation of the Report, that will be synchronised with the preparation of the GAREA.

8. Workplan

The IG updated the workplan (see ANNEX A).

The IG has also been informed on the next EMACS that will be organised by Lithuania on 16-18 Oct. 2013 in Vilnius.

9. AOB

It was agreed that the next meetings in 2013 will be held on the following dates:

- 13 June in Brussels,
- 19 September (in Cyprus-TBC) and
- 12 December (in Brussels-TBC).

The meetings would start at 10.00.

10. AOB

No AOB has been presented.