

Implementation Group

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27th Meeting of the Implementation Group for the European initiative for the exchange of young officers (inspired by Erasmus)

on 10 September 2015, 10.00 hrs (all day meeting)

(A. Borschette Centre / Rue Froissart 36, room AB – 3C)

Draft Minutes

1. Adoption of the agenda

Adopted

2. Information about the non-paper on the reconfiguration of the EAB

The Chairman expressed his gratitude for the contributions received from the IG Member on the non-paper. A summary of the changes for the ESDC structure was provided (attached agenda briefing ppt).

3. Final discussion about the updates of 'old' common modules / integration of LOD2-descriptors.

No comments or input on the descriptors of the common modules (distributed in May) were received by the ESDC Secretariat. The updated Basic Curricula will be adopted unless silence is broken until **16 October** (attached agenda briefing ppt).

4. LoD 4 - IT Platform – Follow-up discussion.

The IT platform construction team provided a briefing on the use and potential of the Emilyo platform, which is dedicated to improving the exchanges of young officers: <http://www.emilyo.eu/>. Personnel of the participating military academies were invited to send their contact details to the ESDC Secretariat if they wished to be registered and have access to the protected functionalities of the website, which also gives them the right to upload exchange offers from their academies and relevant articles/photos.

5. LoD 6 - Exchange Opportunities- The Slovakian Military Academy Liptovský Mikuláš presented the 3rd CSDP Olympiad.

The SK Military Academy provided a briefing on the event. ESDC internet-distance learning AKU 1, 2, 3 and 7 and the writing of a 3000-4000 word paper will be prerequisites for participants prior to the residential phase (4-7 October 2016). Two ECTS will be awarded. Additionally, a cover page competition will be organised, as has been done for previous CSDP Olympiads. An IG meeting may be organised in the margin of the event.

Institutions sending students are also requested to provide one evaluator for the paper. The Chairman will provide regulations on the evaluation of the papers.

6. LoD 8

a. Discussion on the curriculum of the new common module 'Electronic Warfare'

The module was adopted as a common module. The Chairman reiterated that it is not in conflict with the 'Cyber Security' seminar organised by Saint-Cyr (FR) in November 2015.

b. External evaluation report for the three common modules in Hellenic Military, Naval and Air Force Academies

Dr. Sylvain Paile gave a presentation on the main results and conclusions of the external evaluation of the three modules conducted by Greece in May 2015. It was proposed that LoD3, which consists in developing IDL content for the common modules other than the CSDP module, be activated.

c. Outcomes of the AT-CY pilot vocational activity on 'Cadet Leadership Development'

CY presented the one-week training programme which was held in August 2015 with Austrian, Cypriot and Greek Army and Air Force cadets, the different modules that composed the training, and the lessons identified. AT emphasised that this was a training programme aiming to improve leadership behaviour in a multinational environment. An IDL phase was organised (course-specific) for participants prior to the residential phase. The proposal is formulated to transform it into a common module (capacity for 30 international participants/6 trainers).

With a view to making it into a common module, the descriptors should be drafted and should be appropriate for all possible locations in the EU. It may be proposed for adoption during the next IG meeting (attached ppt).

d. Evaluation report for a LOAC common module in Italy

An additional presentation was made by Italy on a LOAC common module conducted by the School of Applied Military Studies in May 2015 (attached doc).

e. Presentation of the project 'European Month' (26 March–22 April 2016) in Greece

The Greek delegation presented the 'European Month' project (26 March–22 April 2016) organised by the 3 military academies and composed of the CSDP, Basics for CMO, the LOAC and Maritime Security. During the same period (17–22 April), the fencing competitions will also be organized by the Army Academy. The four modules can be undertaken separately or together in the format of a 'European Month'. Invitations will be sent in November 2015 (ppt attached).

During the same period, Italy will organise a common module on CSDP (14-18 March 2016).

7. Report on the iMAF 2015

25 institutions from 15 EU Member States (+US) participated in the iMAF conference. The course content (common modules) of an international semester was described, as were the conditions for participating in this semester.

The IG Chairman invited the IG delegations to work on the design of modules on: 'cross-cultural communication', 'interoperability', 'military leadership' (a pilot

activity already organized by CY and AT), 'cyber security' (a pilot activity will be organized by France in November) and 'physical training'.

IMAF 2016 will be organised by the LF Military Academy of Poland between 20-24 June 2016. Invitations will be sent in October 2015. The theme will be 'Financing exchanges' (using Erasmus + and possibly other instruments).

8. Presentation - discussion on the 'Exchanges statistical data sheet'

The Chairman and ESDC Secretariat presented the Exchanges statistical data for the academic year 2014-15 (attached doc), thanked the institutions for having shared their exchange data on the common modules, and also invited them to collect the data on exchanges outside the Initiative for statistical reasons.

9. Discussion on the status of the IG/Military Academies in the ESDC Network

Interested academies are invited to express their wish to join the ESDC academies network through their national representation at the Steering Committee.

10. Work plan – preparation for 2015-2016

Based on a proposal by the Secretariat, the IG reviewed and developed the work plan for 2015–2016. The next IG meeting will take place on 25 November 2015 in Brussels (attached doc).

11. Presentation of a survey on the ESDC CSDP training activities to be conducted by PhD student Katharina Stirland

The PhD student presented her research proposal, 'Warring Identities: an investigation of the impact of CSDP training on notions of (European) identity amongst military staff' to the IG (attached doc). The AT Academy and the IT School of Applied Military Studies expressed their willingness to collaborate in the study in the context of the common modules they are offering during the current semester.

12. AOB

- a. The ESDC Secretariat proposed creating a logo for the Initiative and the IG welcomed the idea.
- b. The Chairman invited the delegates to think about activation of the LoD3 as well as about gathering contact details of trainers in order to create a European pool of trainers.