

**46<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Implementation Group  
for the European initiative for the exchange of young officers  
inspired by Erasmus (Emilyo)  
Initial meeting (VTC)  
2 June 2020 (14:00-16:00)**

**Draft minutes**

1) The IG chair welcomed the LoD (lines of development) chairs.

**2) Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted with the addition of the following items:

- a) Discussion about a new LoD 9 chair
- b) Nomination of a new LoD 11 chair
- c) Nomination of an LoD 14 (Research and Development) chair
- d) International Medical Semester – update on a new LoD and chair
- e) International Semester and future events by TMA
- f) 2021 offers by IT Army
- g) IG meeting in September 2020

**3) Update by the IG chair on all lines of development (LoDs)**

The Implementation Group (IG) chair presented the respective roles, objectives and achievements of the Member States and their participating institutions for each line of development (LoD) and asked the chairs to pass on the information, as well as any requests, to their groups. In particular:

**a) LoD 5 – Legal framework**

The IG chair announced the adoption of the legal framework from Lithuania. He explained its importance to the LoD chairs and asked them to pass on the information to their LoD members and to continue to request its adoption via their chains of command.

**b) LoD 6 – National implementation of the strategic communication programme**

- European Union Military Academies Commandants Seminar (EUMACS) 2020 is scheduled to be held at the Bundeswehr's Helmut Schmidt University in Hamburg from 29-31 October 2020.
- EUMACS 2021 will take place in Lisbon on the premises of the PMA.

**c) LoD 8 – Common modules/evaluations and offers**

- AT and IT announced upcoming offers ([www.emilyo.eu/node/878](http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878)). The residential phase will only take place if the COVID-19 situation allows. A decision will be made before the deadline for registration.
- Lt. Col. SPINELLO informed the group about the following items:

1) ERASMUS+ Virtual Exchange: a new European Commission project (2018-2020 pilot programme) aims to expand the reach and scope of the Erasmus+ programme through virtual exchanges. A 'virtual exchange' is defined as a technology-enabled, facilitated, people-to-people education programme sustained over a given period. The project is aimed at young people (18-30), and the virtual exchange format distinguishes itself from other forms of online learning in several ways:

- people-to-people interaction and dialogue;
- participants experiencing how to communicate and cooperate with their peers;
- soft skills (intercultural awareness, media and digital literacy, teamwork, etc.) are included in the learning goals or outcomes;
- learner-led concept.

Training materials for teachers and staff and other information are available on the portal: [www.europa.eu/youth/erasmusvirtual](http://www.europa.eu/youth/erasmusvirtual).

2) Virtual Mobility: the University of Turin, in cooperation with the IT Army Education and Training Command and School of Applied Military Studies, has opened up the start@unito project to all partner universities of the Emilyo programme (BOEIs) during the COVID-19 crisis. It provides free online university courses, all of which are part of the university's graduate and undergraduate programmes and have been designed to encourage internationalisation processes. Courses can be freely accessed by anyone, using any type of device. Courses are self-paced. For those who intend to acquire ECTS credits, the final exam can be taken using a distance e-learning functionality. The programme, which covers the field of security and defence comprises the following:

- History of European Integration, 6 ECTS
- International Law, 6 ECTS
- Military Sociology and Leadership, 6 or 9 ECTS
- Mathematical Modelling, 6 ECTS

It is possible to attend one, several or all courses. A specific bilateral agreement has to be signed with the University of Turin in order to allow certification.

An agreement with the Military University of Technology of Warsaw is currently being signed; a maximum of 10 students will be admitted.

The programme will be confirmed for the next academic year. The CM database has been updated and the priority list of CM curricula to be updated and adapted to the standard format has been provided. Organising BOEIs are invited to attend the next LoD 8 meeting.

3) EDUROAM: Eduroam (<https://www.eduroam.org/>) is an association that provides Wi-Fi access and other services to universities and research centres in the EU and worldwide. At

national level, every EU MS has created a consortium to which all universities can be affiliated as members. This means that students, teachers and staff can access free Wi-Fi provided locally by other partners when they are abroad. If you wish to apply to become a new member, you are encouraged to contact your national consortium. The University of Turin is part of this consortium.

**d) LoD 9 – Future projects**

The current LoD chair has stepped down. The IG chair asked Lt Col MACHADO from the PMA to act as interim chair and discuss with Lt Col Rafal NIEDZIELA the possibility of nominating a new one.

**e) LoD 11 – International Naval Semester (INS)**

The Italian Naval Academy supports the candidacy of Lt Cdr Samuele MONDINO, who will chair the upcoming LoD meeting and discuss with the members the possibility of their accepting his candidacy.

**f) LoD 14 – Research and Development**

The Hellenic Air Force Academy (HAFA) nominated Associated Professor Ioannis TEMPLALEXIS as the chair of the R&D LoD. During their group meetings, all LoD chairs will request that his candidacy be accepted.

**g) International Medical Semester**

The ESDC training manager updated the group on the matter of the establishment of a new LoD. The Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers (HMACSO) expressed its intention to lead the Medical LoD, and will therefore nominate a chair in due course, in order to be able to launch the new LoD at the September IG meeting.

**4) 5<sup>th</sup> CSDP Olympiad**

In response to the preventive measures taken worldwide to intercept the spread of COVID-19, the IG, in close cooperation with Croatian Defence Academy (CDA), decided to postpone this event to early spring 2021 (8-12 March). Details are available at [http://www.emilyo.eu/olympiad\\_csdp](http://www.emilyo.eu/olympiad_csdp). The IG will not accept new participants, but those already accepted may participate, even if they have already graduated.

**5) iMAF 2020**

The event was postponed due to the confinement measures put in place by EU MS to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The event has been rescheduled to take place on the premises of the Nicolae Balcescu Land Forces Academy in Sibiu, Romania, back-to-back with the 48<sup>th</sup> IG meeting (30 November-4 December).

**6) Work plan**

The 47<sup>th</sup> IG meeting will be held in Brussels from 1-2 September 2020. On Monday 31 August, from 16.00 to 18.00, there will be a workshop for new IG members; all of the necessary administrative details and documents are available at <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878>. The decision on whether the IG meeting will be conducted in person or as a VTC will be made by the end of June at the latest.

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inspired by Erasmus (Emilyo)  
LoD sessions (group meetings)  
2<sup>nd</sup> week of June 2020**

**1) LoD 4 – IT Platform**

The new chair presented again the proposal for the redesign of the EMILYO website that was discussed during the previous IG meetings. He also introduced to the members of the group the purpose and the structure of a redesigned website for the EMILYO platform. He presented the different user roles that should exist, the proposed structure as well as the required mechanisms and components of the new website.

The transition to the new format, as has been discussed within the group, will take place after close consultation with our partners from NMU in Veliko Tarnovo.

**2) LoD 8 – Common modules/evaluations and offers**

The chair updated the LOD8 group. The group discussed topics as set out in the agenda.

In addition, BG, CZ, EE, FR, GR, IT, LT and PL announced their offers for the new academic year ([www.emilyo.eu/node/878](http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878)). The residential phase will only take place if the COVID-19 situation allows. A decision will be made before the deadline for registration.

**3) LoD 9 – Future projects**

LtCol NIEDZIELA informed the LoD about the intention of his Commandant to keep the LoD 9 chair from the Military University of Land Forces (MULF) and nominated Associate Professor Marta WINCENWICZ-BOSY as the next LoD chair. The IG chair informed the participants that a nomination letter is required from MULF's Commandant, requesting the IG to accept the candidacy of Associate Professor Marta WINCENWICZ-BOSY. The decision will be made during the 47<sup>th</sup> IG meeting.

**4) LoD 10 – Gender Mainstreaming**

The chair informed the participants about the main points of the initial IG meeting. Information was provided about future events: EUMACS 2020, EUMACS 2021, 5th CSDP Olympiad, iMAF 2020, next IG meeting etc.

In line with the decision taken in the previous LoD meeting, Assoc. Prof. Sofia Menezes – Erasmus+ coordinator of PMA - provided additional data relating to the project "Military Gender Studies" (MGS). MGS is a strategic partnership project involving military academies from PT (coordinating country), BG, RO and IT (partner countries) under KA2 of the Erasmus+ programme. An application for this project was submitted last year. Unfortunately, it was not approved by the Portuguese National Agency. In March 2020, a new application was submitted, with the provision of more data, partners and support. The results (hopefully, positive!) will be known by the end of July.

The primary purpose of the MGS project is to gather data from military academies across Europe in order to enable specific research in the field of Gender Studies in European military institutions.

**5) LoD 11 – International Naval Semester (INS)**

The Italian Naval Academy supports the candidacy of LtCdr Samuele MONDINO, who chaired the LoD meeting and discussed with the members the possibility of their accepting his candidacy. The group accepted his candidacy unanimously.

The list of modules, as well as the list of learning outcomes, were discussed in depth, amended and approved by LoD Members. More information can be found on <http://emilyo.eu/node/158> .

**6) LoD 12 – International Air Force Semester (IAFS)**

The chair briefed the participants on the updates on the LoDs in line with the minutes of the initial IG meeting. Furthermore, he informed the participants that the SPP application has been submitted to the Hellenic National Agency on the 24th of April 2020. The main activities and the expected outcomes of the project were presented, along with those foreseen in the proposed timeline. For more information please refer to the following link: <http://emilyo.eu/node/1393> .

**7) LoD 13 – International Technical Semester (ITS)**

The chair updated the group on the topics discussed during the initial IG meeting. Moreover, he delivered a detailed presentation on the matter of the progress of the International Technical Semester Project. The application form for the Erasmus+ KA2 project was submitted by the Military Technical Academy “Ferdinand I” to the Romanian Erasmus+ National Agency with a view to its being evaluated. The announcement of the evaluation results is expected in August 2020 (<http://emilyo.eu/node/1387>).

The representatives of the Military University of Technology (MUT) presented the progress made on the new module “Technologies in Cybersecurity”. The module will provide specific knowledge on computer science profiling in cyber war, its technical concepts and modelling strategies, software engineering elements required for cybersecurity, reverse engineering techniques, tools for technical forensics and basic elements of cryptology. The pilot edition of the module will be conducted on the premises of the MUT in Warsaw in 2021 (<http://emilyo.eu/node/878>).

**8) LoD 14 – Research and Development**

The HAFA nominated Associated Professor Ioannis TEMPLALEXIS as the chair of the R&D LoD. During their group meetings, all LoD chairs requested that his candidacy be approved. The IG accepted his candidacy unanimously.

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inspired by Erasmus (Emilyo)  
Follow-up meeting (VTC)  
18 June 2020 (14:00-16:00)**

**Draft minutes**

1) The IG chair welcomed the LoD chairs.

2) **Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted with the addition of the following items:

- a) Discussion about the GAREA statistics
- b) New Rectors Commandants
- c) Discussion about a new LoD 9 chair
- d) Nomination of a new LoD 11 chair
- e) Nomination of a LoD 14 (Research and Development) chair
- f) International Semesters and future events
- g) IG meeting in September 2020

3) **GAREA Statistics**

All the Basic Officer Education Institutions (BOEIs) members of the Initiative, are kindly requested to fill in the GAREA forms available on the EMILYO website (<http://emilyo.eu/node/182> ) as regards students/cadets and staff mobilities for the academic year 2019-20. The deadline is 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

4) **New Rectors Commandants**

The IG chair informed the group about the appointment of new Rectors-Commandants to the University of Defence (CZ) and National Defence Academy (LV).

5) **LoD 6 – National implementation of the strategic communication programme**

- a) EUMACS 2020 will be held at the Bundeswehr's Helmut Schmidt University in Hamburg from 29-31 October 2020. Invitations as well as administrative instructions will be sent out soon.
- b) EUMACS 2021 will be held in Lisbon on the premises of the PMA from 26-28 May 2021.
- c) The University of Defence in Brno officially informed the IG chair of its intention to organise EUMACS 2022. Consequently, it would be good if the 6<sup>th</sup> CSDP Olympiad could be held by one or more French basic officer education institutions during the French Presidency of the Council of the EU. The initial work in this regard needs to be done at the 47<sup>th</sup> IG meeting.

6) **Discussion about a new LoD 9 chair**

The MULF communicated its intention to continue leading LoD by nominating Assoc. Prof. Marta WINCENWICZ-BOSY as the successor of Lt Col BIELEWICZ. The IG chair informed LoD chairs that an official nomination is required from AWL's Commandant, requesting the IG to accept Assoc. Prof. Marta WINCENWICZ-BOSY's candidacy. The nomination letter will be received

in due course, with a view to approving the new LoD chair at the September IG meeting.

**7) Nomination of a new LoD 11 chair**

The representatives of the BOEIs unanimously accepted the candidacy of LtCdr Samuele MONDINO.

**8) Nomination of a LoD 14 chair**

The IG accepted the candidacy of Associated Professor Ioannis TEMPLALEXIS from the HAFA. As a result, the Research and Development LoD launched during the follow up meeting.

**9) iMAF 2020**

The event was postponed due to the confinement measures put in place by EU MS to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The event has been rescheduled to take place on the premises of the “Nicolae Balcescu” Land Forces Academy in Sibiu, Romania, back-to-back with the 48<sup>th</sup> IG meeting (30 November-4 December). If it were cancelled owing to a second wave of COVID-19, the next event would take place in Wroclaw in June 2021.

**10) Work plan**

- a) The 47<sup>th</sup> IG meeting will be held **residentially** in Brussels from 1-2 September 2020. On Monday, 31 August, from 16.00 to 18.00, a workshop will be held for new IG members; all of the necessary administrative details and documents are available at <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878>. For those who are not able to attend in person, we provide the opportunity to participate via Webex.
- b) The 48<sup>th</sup> IG meeting would be hosted by the “Nicolae Balcescu” Land Forces Academy in Sibiu Romania from 3 to 4 December 2020.
- c) The 49<sup>th</sup> IG meeting will be held in Brussels from 23 to 24 February 2021 (workshop for IG newcomers on 22 February from 16.00-18.00).

## 11) AOB

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

Request:	Send to:
<p><b>IMPORTANT!</b></p> <p>Fill in the <b>GAREA forms</b> available on the EMILYO website (<a href="http://emilyo.eu/node/182">http://emilyo.eu/node/182</a>), <b>no later than 17<sup>th</sup> of July 2020</b>.</p> <p><b>Please ensure you indicate briefly on the form which priority your institution has as regards the fulfilment of the EMILYO goals in the academic year 2020/2021.</b></p>	<p><a href="mailto:harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at">harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at</a></p>
<p><b>Comment on the LoD-5 paper (framework).</b> The goal for your institution or country is to provide the ESDC with an official statement. If this has not yet been done or initiated, try to get an answer from those responsible.</p> <p>(See <a href="http://www.emilyo.eu/node/982">http://www.emilyo.eu/node/982</a> – LoD 5)</p>	<p><a href="mailto:ilias.makris@eeas.europa.eu">ilias.makris@eeas.europa.eu</a></p> <p>or announce in the Steering Committee</p>
<p>Mark in blue and red the <b>autumn/winter and spring/summer academic semesters</b> of your institution. Create new lines if necessary.</p> <p>(<a href="http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191">http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191</a>)</p>	<p><a href="mailto:harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at">harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at</a></p>
<p>Draw up a <b>'pool of lecturers'</b> list for your institution, indicating the names of lecturers who are willing to teach abroad, preferably under Erasmus+.</p> <p>(<a href="http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191">http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1191</a>)</p>	<p><a href="mailto:harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at">harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at</a></p>
<p>If you wish to post a <b>mobility offer</b> on the Emilyo homepage, send the dates and a short description (in PDF format) – or a link if you post it on your homepage.</p> <p>(See <a href="http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878">http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878</a>)</p>	<p><a href="mailto:harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at">harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at</a></p>
<p>If you wish to post <b>any documents</b> on the Emilyo homepage, send them <b>in a single PDF document</b>.</p>	<p><a href="mailto:harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at">harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at</a></p>
<p>Encourage <b>cadets or students to write a report</b> on an event with international participants. Please include pictures.</p> <p>(<a href="http://www.emilyo.eu/exchange_experience">http://www.emilyo.eu/exchange_experience</a>)</p>	<p><a href="mailto:harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at">harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at</a></p>
<p>Nominate a chair for a line of development, which has not yet been assigned one.</p>	<p><a href="mailto:harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at">harald.gell@bmlv.gv.at</a> &amp; <a href="mailto:ilias.makris@eeas.europa.eu">ilias.makris@eeas.europa.eu</a></p>