



European Initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus

Implementation Group

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Annual Letter of Information

to all Rectors, (Rector-) Commandants & Superintendents of
European Union Basic Officer Education Institutions (EU-BOEIs)

Dear Rector, dear (Rector-) Commandant, dear Superintendent, dear Dean!

As the Chairman of the European Union Military Erasmus (EMILYO) Implementation Group (IG) – a configuration of the European Security and Defence College's (ESDC) Executive Academic Board (EAB) – please allow me to pass this annual letter on behalf of all the IG members to you.

First of all I would like to express my best wishes for the year 2023 to you, to your family, and to your institution.

Based on the 2008-decision of all European Union Ministers of Defence (2903rd External Relations Council Meeting) an Implementation Group was to be established for the so-called "European Initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus", or with other names "Military Erasmus", "Erasmus Militaire", "EMILYO" (Exchange of MILitary Young Officers) or just in short "The Initiative".

The overall goal is to harmonise the European Union Basic Officer Education, to increase interoperability, and to promote a European Security and Defence Culture, thus to increase Europe's security.

In fulfilling the above mentioned mandate, during the year 2022 the Implementation Group continued with the quarterly meetings. Moreover, the IG-linked international Military Academic Forum 2022 (iMAF 2022) and the European Union Military Academies Commandants' Seminar 2022 (EUMACS 2022) were outstandingly organised by the "Nicolae Bălcescu" Land Forces Academy in Sibiu and the University of Defence in Brno.

Please find below the statistics concerning Cadets/Midshipmen/Students exchanges of the past study years based on data your institutions sent. **You can see that the study year 2021/2022 has been the most successful one since ever!**

Study year	2014 / 2015	2015 / 2016	2016 / 2017	2017 / 2018	2018 / 2019	2019 / 2020	2020 / 2021	2021 / 2022
Number of participants	787	973	1 505	1 303	1 704	2 199	1 143	3 058
Number of organised training days	n/a	n/a	7 214	17 008	61 640	24 360	23 483	75 152
Number of events (incl. international semesters)	14	17	25	67	104	89	55	140



Each year the ESDC creates the so-called GAREA (General Annual Report on ESDC Activities). The GAREA 2021/2022 should reach you via the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, the Ministries of Defence, and/or your (military) chain of command within the next months. You may have a direct view to this report, which I already up-loaded onto the EMILYO-website at: <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/874>.

This report comprises – among other recommendations – also the future goals for the Implementation Group based on the feed-backs of all EU-BOEIs and which are:

- Integrate at least one common module to the national curriculum of each BOEI.
- Align common modules qualification requirements with the SQF-MILOF.
- Implementation of the International Air Force Semester (IAFS) and European Common Technical Semester on Defence and Security (EuCTS-DS).
- Continue elaborating on an International Naval and Medical Semester.
- Launch a new project for an International Air Defence Semester.
- Examine R&D collaboration opportunities with the ESDC Doc School.

Of course, we will also work on the proposals, which you elaborated during EUMACS 2022 (new common module on information awareness, train the trainers, identification of and collaboration with potential NATO research projects).

European Universities: As announced last year, the responsible LoD-9 Chair developed an easy understandable paper about the project; please find it attached. There is also a questionnaire attached to identify, if you are willing to be part of the project and which areas you are interested in. My kind request: please return the questionnaire to the LoD-9 Chair **by 24 February 2023** (Prof. AWL, dr hab. Marta Wincewicz-Bosy e-mail: marta.wincewicz-bosy@awl.edu.pl). You may find these documents also on the EMILYO website at: <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1443>.

Plans for 2023: We will continue with our quarterly IG meetings. The Hellenic Air Force Academy will organise the annual iMAF 2023 from 22-25 May 2023 (co-organised by the Hellenic Army and Naval Academies). The Spanish Air Force Academy will organise the annual EUMACS **for all services** from 08-10 November 2023. We would very much appreciate if you could participate in this promising event.

For all events you may find detailed information on our EMILYO website at: <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/878>.

For our work it is essential that representatives from **your** EU-BOEI with their valuable knowledge participate in the IG meetings. **My kind request to you is that you continue – or initiate – sending your expert(s) to our meetings on a regular basis.** The next IG meeting will be in Sofia from 28 February - 02 March 2023.

Dear Madam or Sir, allow me to thank you and your representatives who have contributed to the IG's elaborations so far and who have contributed to our common goals. **Again, I wish a Happy New Year to you, to your family and to your institution,**

respectfully,

Colonel Assoc. Prof. Gell, PhD

