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**EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE
COLLEGE**

THE STEERING COMMITTEE

DECISION SC/YYYY/No.
of **DD Month YYYY**

**adopting the rules of procedure
of the Implementation Group of the European initiative for the exchange of
young officers inspired by Erasmus**

of the European Security and Defence College

Having regard to Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1515/ of 19 October 2020 establishing a European Security and Defence College, and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2016/2382 in particular Article 10 (6, 7 and 9) thereof,

HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RULES OF PROCEDURE:

Sole Article 1

The Rules of Procedure of the European initiative for the exchange of young officers, inspired by Erasmus-Implementation Group of the ESDC (European Security and Defence College) shall be as laid down in the Annex.

Sole Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

For the Steering Committee
The Chair:

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First Name LAST NAME

Enclosure: 1

ANNEX

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION GROUP FOR THE EUROPEAN INITIATIVE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF YOUNG OFFICERS INSPIRED BY ERASMUS

References:

1. Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/1515/ of 19 October 2020 establishing a European Security and Defence College, and repealing Decision (CFSP) 2016/2382.
2. Document 15465/08 CSDP 1007 — dated 10 Nov 08 (Political declaration).

Article 1

Establishment

1. The IG (Implementation Group) for the European initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus, hereafter the 'Initiative', is established as a result of the mandate given to the ESDC with Ref. 1, Article 4, paragraph 3 (e), Ref 2.
2. It will be established as a project-oriented configuration of the EAB (Executive Academic Board), pursuant to Ref 1, Article 9, paragraph 6 and 7.
3. Unless otherwise stipulated below, the normal rules of procedure of the EAB will be applicable.

Article 2

Mission

1. The mission of the IG is to implement the measures agreed at European level and to contribute to the implementation of those recommended at national level (Ref 2 and more specifically its annex II). The Initiative will be implemented on a national and institutional level on a voluntary basis.
2. The IG will also serve as a forum to share best practices and experiences in the area of exchanges of young officers.
3. Whenever appropriate – and complementary to the measures in Ref 2 – the IG will submit European-level measures via the EAB to the SC (Steering Committee) for approval and will elaborate measures that could be taken forward by Member States at national level in order to facilitate further exchanges of officers during their initial training and education.

Article 3

Tasks

1. The primary task of the IG is to detail the conditions and modalities of the implementation of the measures adopted by the Council (Ref 2.). In this connexion, the IG will prepare a detailed road map and work programme for this initiative, assisted and supported by the ESDC Secretariat.
2. Whenever appropriate, the IG will coordinate with the EEAS, with the European Commission, and the Bologna Follow Up Group (BFUG) in order to make best use of existing programmes, more specifically those established within the Commission's 'ERASMUS+ Programme' and the Bologna Process.
3. The IG can complement the measures adopted by the Council (ref. 2) within their range of application, as appropriate.

Article 4

Membership of the Implementation Group

1. As the IG is to be considered as a project-oriented configuration of the EAB, the members should be representatives from structures of European Union Member States involved in the initial training of young officers.
2. The European Commission and other essential partners (for instance the BFUG [Bologna Follow Up Group], representatives from the EUMACS [European Union Military Academies Commandants' Seminar,¹ or appropriate experts on specific issues) might be invited as required.

Article 5

Chair, Deputy Chair(s) and ESDC Secretariat

1. The IG Chair and the three Deputy IG Chairs are elected by IG members with simple majority. Each institution represented in the IG has one vote.
2. The IG Chair and the three Deputy IG Chairs are appointed by the Steering Committee.
3. The ESDC Secretariat supports and assists the IG configuration with at least one Training Manager.
4. The IG may designate further Deputy IG Chairs according to the needs for assuring the quality, but they may not be supported and assisted by the ESDC Secretariat.

¹ All services, which educate young officers.

Article 6 Reporting

1. The IG submits reports to the ESDC SC on the implementation of the Initiative via the ESDC Annual Report.

Article 7 Meetings & Voting

1. The IG will convene a minimum of four times a year. At least once per year the IG meeting should be organised back-to-back with the EAB meeting.
2. At least once per year the Implementation Group will convene in Brussels. Other suitable locations in the context of IG-related activities are to be decided by the IG members on a case-by-case basis.
3. The details for voting are regulated by an IG internal document.
