



Language Education & Training Line of Development (LoD 18)

Athens, 58th IG Meeting, May 23rd, 2023



LoD 18 Background

Initiative resulting from conclusions of the 2022 EUMACS, held in Brno (CZ) in October 2022 (need for support to institutions in the area of foreign languages).

The proposal to establish a new line of development focused on supporting member institutions in developing their capabilities to educate in English language approved during the 57th IF meeting in Sofia (February 2023).

Institutions interested in LoD18 pooled together to form a plan of LoD18 activities.

LoD18 still in its emerging phase (open to stay flexible in terms of active participants and activities to be involved).



LoD 18 Meeting (May 23rd, 2023)

Very open and interactive discussions among:

- 18 participants, incl. 5 cadets;
- representatives of 7 countries (9 institutions).

LoD18 background and aims presented.

LoD18 scope of potential activities discussed in detail.



LoD 18 Agreed Plan Activities

Activities for immediate implementation (Academic Year 2023/2024)

Topic/module-oriented workshops for teaching staff	Short term workshop focused on development and practicing of teaching techniques in English etc. Bringing together subject-matter experts-teaching staffs and English language teachers	Pilot Activity: MDMP (October 2023, AT, BG, CZ, PL, RO....)	What are the further topics/modules requested/preferred by the institutions?
Joint English language courses for teaching staff	Short term courses focused on speaking/presentation skills	YES (AT, CZ, ESP, PL...)	Full time form first + on-line/hybrid form to follow
Joint language courses for administrative and technical staff	Short term courses focused on all skills	YES (AT, CZ, PL...)	Full time form first + on-line/hybrid form to follow



LoD 18 Agreed Plan Activities

Activities decided to be postponed for implementation

Train the trainers workshops	Short term courses focused on sharing experience and approached effective in teaching faculty and admin staff.	Postpone (app. one year, after pilot activities reopen the question of this activity). Include SW/applications supporting foreign language learning.
Sharing lessons learnt among the Institutions	Exchange of experience regarding projects of institutions in enhancing and/or maintaining their capability to provide education and training in English.	Two option: 1) Organize a workshop in best practices in given area (at best within one of the IG meetings. 2) Ask the EUMACS if and how the commandants want to do this. Include the issue of mutual assistance among cadets/students and lessons from training events 100% organized in English.
Sharing training materials in English	Sharing and/or joint development of materials used by teaching staff in selected areas/topics/modules.	Postpone – start based on findings of module-oriented workshops for teaching staff.

Activity decided not to be needed to be implemented

Reachback support to teachers/academicians	On-line consultation center	Not needed – consultations within individual institutions assessed to be sufficient .
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Pilot Activity

Workshop: Teaching & Training Decision-Making Process on Tactical Level in English

Active involvement of representatives from 6 institutions (5 countries - AT, BG, CZ, PL, RO....).

Intent to prepare a pilot activity, which brings added value to national/institutional efforts (resulting from international environment):

- Bridging the gap between English language teachers with limited military expertise and subject matter experts – teachers with limited English language competences;
- Bringing together several subject matter experts asked to teach their area of expertise in English.
- Focus on area/subject common within the basic military education (MDMP);
- Any other comments/proposals regarding the LoD18 concept.

Prepare and pilot the workshop within a team of 6 involved instruction, evaluate it, adapt and offer to others; follow with further activities e.g. following contents of approved common modules).



Way ahead

Prepare the pilot MDMP-in-ENG Workshop (contents, personnel, term, location).

Conduct the pilot MDMP-in-ENG Workshop (incl. evaluation):

Gather incentives/requests from the member institutions for further activities indicated for immediate implementation.

Broaden the spectrum of institutions with active involvement in LoD18

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Thank you for your
attention.

