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§ 1 Scope of application

This agreement is valid for the higher education institutions, which are mentioned in § 2. Each institution has to be a member of the Military Erasmus (EMILYO) Implementation Group (IG) and is named “iMAF partner” in the present agreement.

§ 2 iMAF partners

According to a nomination procedure conducted by the IG in March 2021, the following (new) institutions declared their written intent to become an iMAF partner (in alphabetical order according to the country):

EU	Brussels	European Security and Defence College
AT	Wiener Neustadt	Institute for Basic Officer Education at the Theresan Military Academy
BG	Dolna Mitopolia	Bulgarian Air Force Academy “Georgi Benkovski”
BG	Sofia	Rakovski National Defence College
CZ	Brno	University of Defence
GR	Athens	Hellenic Air Force Academy
GR	Athens	Hellenic Army Academy
GR	Athens	Hellenic Naval Academy
GR	Thessaloniki	Hellenic Military Academy of Combat Support Officers
HU	Budapest	Faculty of Military Sciences and Officer Training at the University of Public Service
IT	Turin	Education & Training Command and School of Applied Military Studies
LT	Vilnius	General Jonas Zemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania
LV	Riga	National Defence Academy of Latvia
NO	Oslo	Norwegian Defence University College
PL	Warsaw	Military University of Technology
PL	Wroclaw	General Tadeusz Kosciuszko Military University of Land Forces
PT	Lisbon	Military Academy
RO	Brasov	“Henri Coandă” Air Force Academy
RO	Bucharest	Military Technical Academy “Ferdinand I”
RO	Constanta	Romanian Naval Academy “Mircea cel Batran”
RO	Sibiu	“Nicolae Balcescu” Land Forces Academy
SK	Liptovsky Mikulas	Armed Forces Academy of General Milan Rastislav Štefánik

§ 3 Future iMAF partners

- (1) Any institution represented in the Military Erasmus (EMILYO) IG may become a new iMAF partner. The intent has to be sent with written declaration – signed by the institution's representative – to the IG chairperson. The existing iMAF partners have to decide unanimously if the new institution will become an iMAF partner.
- (2) Decisions about new iMAF partners have to be made once a year during the IG meeting in September or during the iMAF preparation meeting (see § 6 (1)).

§ 4 Aim and purpose of iMAF

- (1) The iMAF is an annual international scientific military forum and working platform concerning the basic officer education.
- (2) Each European Union basic officer education institution (from all services) may participate in the annual iMAF. If any iMAF partner considers it as appropriate, the iMAF partner may invite any basic officer education institution from outside the European Union in compliance with the organising institution and the IG chairperson.
- (3) The annual iMAF topic has to be linked with the goals of the “European initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus”. The iMAF topic and its details have to be agreed among the iMAF partners either during the IG meeting in September or during the iMAF preparation meeting (see § 6 (1)) in compliance with the IG chairperson.
- (4) The iMAF shall promote and support a “European Security and Defence Culture”.
- (5) The iMAF shall act as a platform to establish new cooperation among the participating institutions and/or consolidate existing cooperation.

§ 5 Financing

- (1) The annual iMAF organising institution is fully responsible for the iMAF expenses. This includes just the organisational aspects for the residential phase. Other provided expenses (e.g.: accommodation and meals) are to be determined during the IG meeting in September or during the iMAF preparation meeting (see § 6 (1)) on a case-by-case basis.

- (2) Starting with the iMAF 2022, the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) co-finances the annual iMAF organising institution according to the provisions of the ESDC administrative instructions with the payment request.
- (3) The annual iMAF organising institution may include other institutions – preferably from the same region – in the organisation and/or financing of the event. Details of execution are to be negotiated by the annual iMAF organising institution.
- (4) If possible, the annual iMAF shall be organised by an iMAF partner of a country, which holds the presidency of the Council of the European Union during the iMAF residential phase in order to request additional financial support.
- (5) If any Line of Development (LoD) of the IG is integrated in an Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership Project, the annual iMAF could be used for the “dissemination of the project” up to one day by (co-)financing the event.
- (6) Whenever possible, Erasmus+ funding shall be used.

§ 6 Guidelines for organising iMAF

- (1) An iMAF preparation meeting of half a day shall be organised each year in September or October. This meeting should preferably be organised back-to-back with an LoD meeting. If such a meeting is unorganisable, the discussions take place during the IG meeting in September.
- (2) Each year during the IG meeting in September or during the iMAF preparation meeting the iMAF organising institution of the following year (+1 year) is to be confirmed and the iMAF organising institution in two years (+2 years) is to be determined to assure certainty.
- (3) Each year during the IG meeting in September or during the iMAF preparation meeting the topic of the upcoming iMAF is to be determined.
- (4) The annual iMAF shall take place during the 2nd quarter or end of 3rd quarter of the year if not agreed otherwise among the iMAF partners, hosted by one iMAF partner of § 2.
- (5) The iMAF organising institution may include other iMAF partners – preferably from the same region – in organising the event. If doing so, all iMAF partners and the IG chairperson shall be

informed 4 months in advance latest.

- (6) The name “international Military Academic Forum” with the abbreviation “iMAF” and the main slogan “towards a European Security and Defence Culture” shall remain as a meanwhile known “trademark”.
- (7) The annual iMAF shall last at least 4 days (travel days included). If an IG or LoD meeting is organised back-to-back with the iMAF, it may last up to 6 days.
- (8) At the end of the annual iMAF the hosting institution of the following iMAF as well as the period of time shall be announced.
- (9) At the end of the annual iMAF the hosting institution provides a certificate and all the necessary documents which may be used for Erasmus+ funding.
- (10) The number of invited participants depends on the general conditions of the location where iMAF takes place. The aim shall be about 80 participants at least. Terms of condition are to be announced by the iMAF organising institution 4 months in advance latest.
- (11) The iMAF agenda shall not be overloaded. It shall provide periods and space for bilateral negotiations and coordination.
- (12) The iMAF side events shall provide social aspects. Each of these events shall have a national or regional character.
- (13) Officer Cadets and/or students with mobility/exchange experiences shall be included into iMAF.
- (14) All terms of condition and a provisional agenda shall be sent by the iMAF organising institution to the IG chairperson and to all iMAF partners 4 months in advance latest.
- (15) The ESDC as well as the IG as such act as co-organising institutions for all iMAFs.

§ 7 Legal force

This agreement comes into force as soon as all iMAF partners’ representatives will have signed it.

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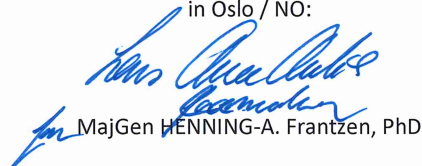
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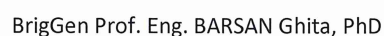
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