

**Military Training Manager  
EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE COLLEGE**

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**Honorary Member of the Implementation Group**

**Nomination for the 8<sup>th</sup> Honorary Member**

Dear Members of the Implementation Group,

According to the RoP (ESDC document 2017/184 of 5 September 2017), I would like to nominate Major-General João Vieira Borges, PhD, of the Portuguese Armed Forces as the 8<sup>th</sup> Honorary Member of the Implementation Group.

**Reasons:**

(1) In his capacity as Commandant of the Portuguese Military Academy (PMA) from 2016 to 2020 and Deputy Commandant/Director of Studies from 2014 to 2016, Major-General Vieira Borges managed to transform his institution's role from fledgling involvement to being a strong supporter of the Initiative. He immediately realised the importance of the internationalisation of a Basic Officer Education Institution (BOEI) and appointed two members of his staff as PMA representatives to the meetings of the IG. As a result, the PMA gradually started getting involved in the activities of the Initiative. During the Major-General's tenure, the PMA took part in several projects ranging from small-scale projects to KA2 Strategic Partnership Projects, such as the International Military Leadership Academy (IMLA) in 2017.

(2) Major-General Vieira Borges, PhD, fully supported the 'Military Gender Studies Project' (MGS), a strategic partnership under the framework of the Erasmus+ programme, which is currently being developed by five BOEIs. The PMA is leading this project, which is expected to be finalised in 2023.

(3) Major-General Vieira Borges, PhD, has been President of the Portuguese Commission of Military History and member of the National Defence Strategic Concept Working-Group since 2020. He continues to support the efforts of the PMA by participating in the Military Higher Education Reform in Portugal, as well as in different Higher Education Councils.

During the 53<sup>rd</sup> IG meeting, I propose that we discuss and – subject to your agreement – vote on the Honorary Membership of Major-General Vieira Borges, PhD.

Yours sincerely,

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