

19th European Union Military Secondary Schools Forum Meeting 2-3 December 2025

Italian Naval Military School "Francesco Morosini"
Viale Piave 30/A – Sant' Elena – 30132
Venice, Italy

Chair: Colonel Symeon ZAMBAS

Approved Minutes

Decision points

1. Adoption of the Agenda of the 19th EUMSSF meeting

The agenda of the meeting was **adopted** (ESDC/2025/313), uploaded on EMILYO website.

2. Adoption of the minutes of the 18th EUMSSF meeting

The 18th EUMSSF meeting minutes were **approved** (ESDC/2025/289), uploaded on EMILYO website.

Information points

3. Information by the Chair of the EUMSSF

The Chair **informed** the Members of recent and upcoming events and activities and give an update on the *Membership status*.

4. Information by the Coordinator of the EUMSSF

The new ESDC EUMSSF Coordinator **informed** the Members on the Training opportunities for the Staff of the EU Military Secondary Schools. The chair proposed to the Members to consider participating in one of the ESDC Orientation Courses (introductory course of EU), as a starting point. Below are the planned ESDC Orientation courses until the end of August 2025. If there is interest for participation, please contact the EUMSSF Coordinator for more information.

List with the ESDC Orientation Courses from 1 January – 31 August 2026:

nr	Start	Finish	City	Country	Institution
1	23/02/2026	27/02/2026	Zagreb	Croatia	University of Defence and Security
2	09/03/2026	13/03/2026	Thessaloniki	Greece	Hellenic Supreme Joint War College
3	23/03/2026	27/03/2026	Brussels	Belgium	European Union Military Staff (EUMS)
4	18/05/2026	22/05/2026	Paris	France	Institute for Higher National Defence Studies
5	01/06/2026	05/06/2026	Sarajevo	Bosnia and Herzegovina	National Defence Academy; Serbian Peacekeeping Operations Centre
6	01/06/2026	05/06/2026	Madrid	Spain	Centro Superior de Estudios de la Defensa Nacional
7	15/06/2026	19/06/2026	Brussels	Belgium	National College of Home Affairs of Romania

(Presentation uploaded on EMILYO website)

5. Information/Presentations by the EUMSSF Institutions

The EUMSSF representatives presented the past and future EUMSSF activities, as follow:

- a) 3rd iteration of the Course EU History and Values organised by Collegio Militar from 24-28 March 2025 in Lisbon Portugal.
- b) 4th iteration of the Course EU History and Values, that will be organised by Collegio Militar from 21-24 April 2026 in Lisbon Portugal.
- c) 1st iteration (Pilot) of the Course on International Military Skills Camp, organised by The National Military High School Ștefan cel Mare from 7-11 July 2025 in Diham, Romania.
- d) 2nd iteration of the Course on International Military Skills Camp, that will be organised by The National Military High School Ștefan cel Mare from 26-31 July 2026 in Diham, Romania.

Moreover, the Károly Kratochvil Military Secondary School delivered a presentation “From Safe Handling to Live Fire: Structured Marksmanship Training in Hungarian Military Secondary Schools” and the Teulie Military School a presentation “From Tradition to Innovation”.

All presentations are uploaded on EMILYO website.

Decision points

6. **Update/Revision of the EUMSSF Courses**

The members completed the revision of the EUMSSF curriculum, 300_Course on EU History and Core Values. The final draft will be subject to a silence procedure alongside the meeting minutes. (ESDC/2026/037, uploaded on EMILYO website).

The chair proposed that the revision of the 302_Course on International Military Skills Camp be postponed for one of the future EUMSSF meetings in 2026. The members concurred with the decision.

7. **Update/Revision of the pilot course “301_EU Institutions”**

The Head of the International Office of the Hellenic Military Academy, Major Evangelos ZARKOS, **presented** a similar approach of reaching the learning outcomes on EU institutions Course through a 5-day training field trip. This Erasmus-funded trip is enabling students to visit all EU institutions for hands-on experience.

Considering the best practices and outcomes of this training field trip, the members **completed** the revision of the EUMSSF curriculum, specifically the 301_Course on EU Institutions. The final draft will be subject to a silence procedure alongside the meeting minutes. The Chair **requested** that an institution take the lead on the first pilot iteration of this course.

8. **EUMSSF Terms of Reference**

The members **discussed** the draft new Terms of Reference and authorized the Chair and the Coordinator of the EUMSSF to submit the Final Proposal to the ESDC Executive Academic Board for **approval** and to the Steering Committee for **adoption**. (ESDC/2026/038, is uploaded on the EMILYO website.)

9. **EUMSSF Olympiad: Proposal for Rule Change and Way Forward.**

The Chair **informed** the members about the new proposal for organizing the EUMSSF Olympiad, aligning it with the structure of the Military Erasmus (EMILYO) Olympiad. The new format will consist of an essay competition, cover page competition, and knowledge competition in a residential phase. The members welcomed the new proposal and **decided** to align the EUMSSF Olympiad with the structure of the EMILYO Olympiad, starting from the next iteration (4th CSDP EUMSSF Olympiad in 2027). The EUMSSF coordinator will proceed with drafting the new EUMSSF Olympiad rules and present them at the next EUMSSF meeting for approval.

10. EUMSSF Network

The representatives of the “Military-Sports Lyceum after Monte Melkonyan Foundation” presented their school. The EUMSSF Members unanimously decided **to advice the Steering Committee via the Executive Academic Board to grant** the “Military-Sports Lyceum after Monte Melkonyan Foundation” the status of Associate Network Member. (Presentation is uploaded on the EMILYO website.)

Information Points

11. Points for the agenda for the next EUMSSF meeting on 23 April 2026.

Revised Rules of EUMSSF Olympiad

12. Any Other Business

Planned EUMSSF Meetings Academic Year 2025-2026

23 April 2026

Planned EUMSSF Meetings Academic Year 2027-2028

11 September 2026, Bruges, Belgium

XX December 2026- January 2027, (TBD)

XX April-May 2027, (TBD)