

**Approved Minutes
of the 18th EUMSSF Meeting
Brussels, 12 September 2025**

1. Opening of the meeting

The Chair, Colonel Symeon Zambas, opened the 18th meeting of the EUMSSF and warmly greeted all the participants (see Annex I – List of Participants).

The ESDC coordinator Ms Stanislava Kraynova briefed the attendees about the functions and roles of the ESDC.

Colonel Zambas highlighted the progress achieved by the Forum since its establishment in 2019, underlining the transparency, openness, and collaborative spirit that characterise its work. He also pointed out the importance of the **EU History and Core Values** course, which has been delivered three times so far by Colégio Militar, Lisbon. This institution will also hold the fourth edition of the course from 20 to 24 April 2026.

It was noted that the pilot edition of the **International Military Skills Camp** was held by the National Military High School Ștefan cel Mare, Romania, between 7 and 11 July 2025. The results achieved proved the success of the event, as was also confirmed by Mr Pieter Van Landeghem (a member of EUMSSF and representative of SiVi) who took part in the event.

2. Tour de table and adoption of the Agenda

Following a tour de table, the agenda was adopted with an additional item under AOB – a presentation on the International Cadet Competition ‘Youth Reserve’ by Taras Hrytsevych, representing **Kruty Heroes Lviv Lyceum, Lviv, Ukraine**.

3. Presentation of the results of the 3rd Essay Writing Olympiad.

The four winners of the 3rd Essay Writing Olympiad introduced the topics of their essays in 10-minute presentations, followed by questions and comments from members of the EUMSSF configuration.

The presentations were delivered in the following order:

- 1) Tamaș Sebastian-Ștefan, a student from Tudor Vladimirescu Military High School, Craiova, România, was awarded third place with an essay on the importance of EU-NATO relations.

- 2) Denisa Alexandra Ștefănescu, a student from Ștefan cel Mare, Romania, won second place with an essay on the importance of strengthening, empowering and including youth participation in the European Union.
- 3) Mariachiara Triaca, a student from Scuola Militare Teulié, Italy, came joint first with an essay on the importance of defending the principles of rule of law, democracy and human rights in the European Union.
- 4) Carolina Allegra Benedetta Galbiati De Feo, a student from Scuola Militare Teulié, Italy, was also awarded first place with an essay on what it means to be a European Union citizen.

After the students' presentations, the winners were ceremoniously handed ESDC trophies and certificates by the EUMSSF chair and coordinator.

4. **Discussion on the way to include the topic of misinformation/disinformation in the EUMSSF curricula and activities.**

The Chair presented the results of the first attempt made in the context of the EU History and Core Values course to include the topic of misinformation/disinformation in the curriculum. Professor Constantinos Adamides gave an online presentation about misinformation/disinformation using a SLIDO application which allows interaction with large audiences, with a view to integrating it into the Forum's future training activities.

5. **Presentation on the pilot EUMSSF Summer School Camp.**

Colonel C Lucian Cojocaru from the Romanian National Military High School Ștefan cel Mare presented the results of the pilot iteration of the International Military Skills Camp, which was held between 7 and 11 July 2025. Mr Pieter Van Landeghem (representative of SiVi) played a short video made during the activity. The video can be found at <https://youtu.be/8bCZnGhvqS8?feature=shared>

Members of the EUMSSF configuration agreed to present the summer camp curriculum for approval at the session of the Executive Academic Board during its meeting on 27 November 2025.

6. **Confirmation of upcoming meeting dates (2025)**

The Forum confirmed that the 19th EUMSSF meeting will take place in Venice, Italy on 2 and 3 December 2025, hosted by the Italian Naval Military School Francesco Morosini, represented by Commander Francesco Mercone.

7. **Call for offers to host EUMSSF meetings, activities and Erasmus project opportunities for the 2025- 2026 academic year**

- 1) It was confirmed that the **20th EUMSSF** meeting will be held back-to-back with the EU History and Core Values course which is confirmed to be held

within **20-24 April 2026** (suggested date for the meeting **24 April 2026**),
Lisbon, hosted by Colégio Militar.

- 2) Mr Pieter Van Landeghem (siVi) offered, on behalf of the Technisch Instituut Sint-Rembert (siVi), to host the **21st EUMSSF meeting** in Torhout/Bruges on 14 and 15 September 2026. This was later confirmed in the course of further correspondence with the EUMSSF coordinator Ms Kraynova.

8. **Any Other Business**

Under this item LTC Taras Hrytsevych presented the International Cadet Competition “Youth Reserve” which was organized within April-May 2025 by the **Kruty Heroes Lviv Lyceum, Lviv, Ukraine**. In 2025, the competition achieved an international status with the participation of Ukrainian military lyceums and General Povilas Plechavičius Cadet Lyceum (Lithuania).

9. In the afternoon session, there was a guided tour (14.00-15.30) in the House of European History for all the participants.