

## Nomination for 12th Honorary Member of the EMILYO Implementation Group

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure (ESDC document 2017/184 of 5 September 2017), I wish to formally nominate **Rear Admiral Alecu Toma**, PhD, Commander of the Romanian Naval Academy "Mircea cel Batran," as the 12th Honorary Member of the Implementation Group.

My reasons for this nomination are as follows:

**Consistent Support and Engagement:** Rear Admiral Toma has been instrumental in initiating the Romanian Naval Academy's participation in the Implementation Group (IG) and has consistently championed the objectives and strategic goals of the EU military Bachelor Officers' Education and Training (BOEI) network. Specifically, within Naval Higher Education, he pioneered the implementation of the International Naval Semester at the Romanian Naval Academy and actively coordinated the successful acquisition of the Erasmus+ strategic partnership "NAVY-INS-Tech" project (KA2) alongside institutional partners from Bulgaria, Poland, and Italy.

**Pioneering Internationalization Efforts:** Under his leadership, the Romanian Naval Academy has become one of the most efficient institutions in leveraging Erasmus+ funds, demonstrating a high volume of both outgoing and incoming students. This significant synergy has substantially contributed to the collective efforts in implementing the EMILYO program and the International Naval Semester.

**Exceptional Reliability and Hospitality:** Rear Admiral Alecu Toma is an open-minded and highly effective military leader. He has consistently proven to be a strong promoter of EMILYO and IG objectives, actively involving himself in hosting events for the BOEI network and participating in key actions and meetings such as iMAF, IG meetings, and the European Union Military Academies Commandants' Seminar (EUMACS), always demonstrating strong commitment and valuable support.

**Dedicated Advocate for EMILYO:** Rear Admiral Toma's unwavering dedication and support over the past few years have solidified his role as a true "friend" of EMILYO. He consistently demonstrates a willingness to assist and actively promotes our shared European values.

I therefore propose that, at the 67th IG meeting, we discuss and, subject to your agreement, vote on the honorary membership of Rear Admiral Alecu Toma.

Yours faithfully,



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Military ERASMUS Coordinator

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