
Nomination for the 15th Honorary Member of the EMILYO Implementation Group

Dear Members 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 Colonel Paulo Machado, Portuguese Military Academy, as an Honorary Member of the EMILYO Implementation Group.

My reasons for this nomination are as follows:

Sustained Commitment to Human Capital Development within EMILYO:

In his various roles within the EMILYO framework, Colonel Paulo Machado has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to the development of human capital, institutional cooperation, and the professionalisation of European military education. As Chair of the Finance Line of Development, his work directly contributed to ensuring the sustainability and long-term viability of EMILYO activities, supporting the effective engagement of personnel and institutions alike. Colonel Paulo Machado also created and coordinated the *“Handbook 2022 - Financing the Initiative”*, a reference document that clarified financial principles and reinforced the structured and sustainable implementation of EMILYO.

Leadership in Key EMILYO Educational Events:

In 2021, Colonel Machado played a decisive role in the organisation and successful delivery of major EMILYO flagship events, notably the International Military Academic Forum (iMAF) and the European Union Military Academies Commandants’ Seminar (EUMACS), hosted by the Portuguese Military Academy. These events provided important platforms for academic exchange, leadership dialogue, and networking among European military education professionals.

Strengthening Participation and Institutional Engagement:

Colonel Paulo Machado made a significant contribution to enhancing the participation of Portugal and the Portuguese Military Academy in EMILYO activities. Through his personal engagement and institutional leadership, he fostered a culture of participation, encouraged staff and cadet involvement, and reinforced the Academy’s commitment to the EMILYO network.

Trusted Partner and Advocate of EMILYO Values:

Throughout his engagement with the Implementation Group, Colonel Machado has proven to

be a reliable and constructive partner, promoting cooperation, mutual understanding, and shared European values. His professional integrity and collegial approach have left a lasting positive impact on the EMILYO community.

I therefore propose that, at a forthcoming IG meeting, we discuss and, subject to your agreement, vote on granting Honorary Membership of the EMILYO Implementation Group to Colonel Paulo Machado, in recognition of his outstanding contribution and long-standing support to EMILYO.

Yours faithfully,



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