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for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus

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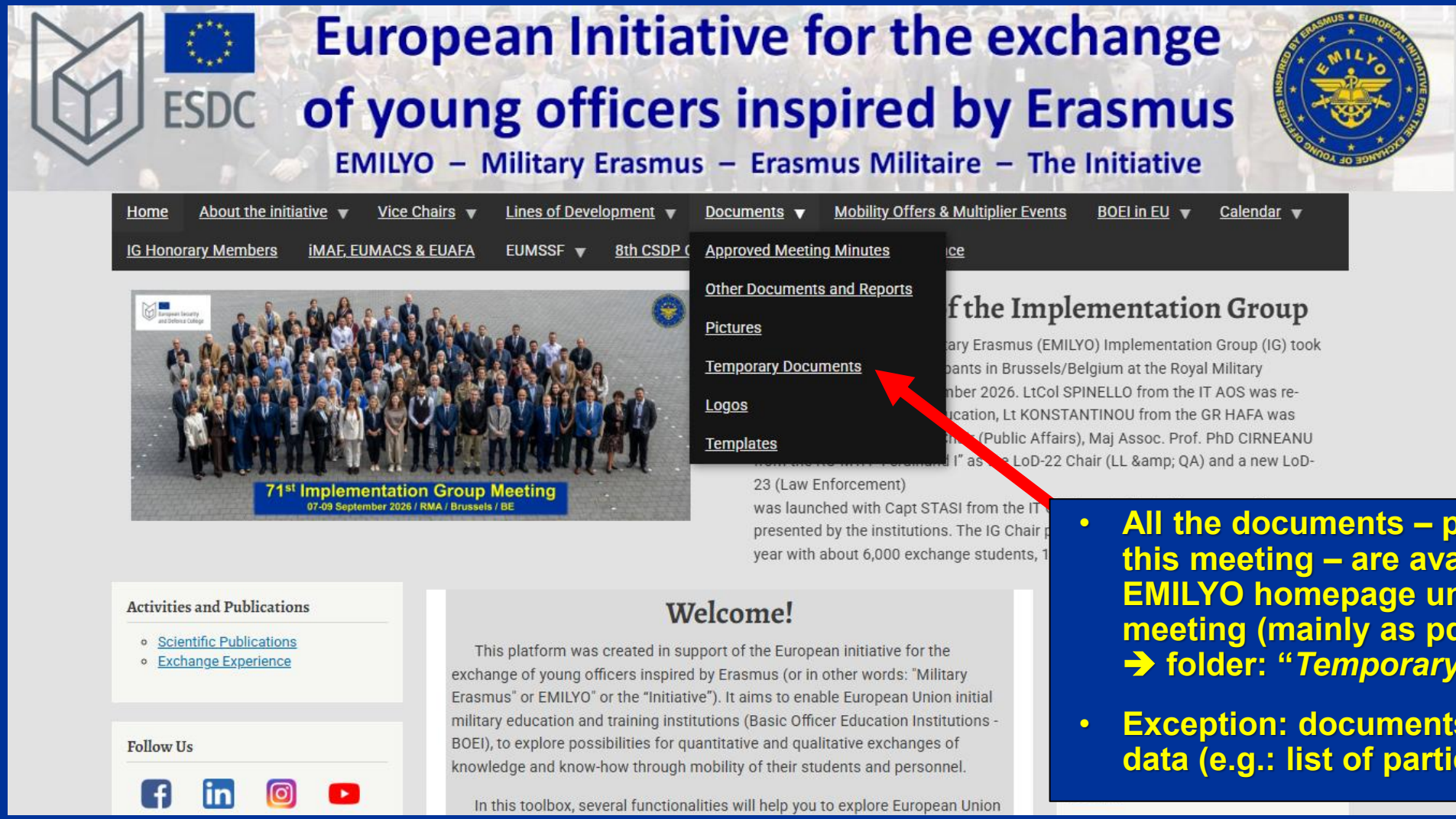
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(EMILYO at a Glance)

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FYI



- **All the documents – presented during this meeting – are available on the EMILYO homepage until the next meeting (mainly as pdf-documents) ➔ folder: "*Temporary Documents*"**
- **Exception: documents with personal data (e.g.: list of participants)**

Agenda

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How	.... and why the Initiative began?
Who	.... is involved in the Initiative?
What	.... are we doing?
Cui bono?	Who benefits what?
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of the Briefing

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- **Information** about the **work** and **achievements** of the Implementation Group (IG)
  "European Initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus"
- to **understand** better the next days (plenary and LoD sessions)
- in order to **reach the common goal** (issued by all EU Ministers of Defence)

What is
"Military Erasmus" / "EMILYO" ?

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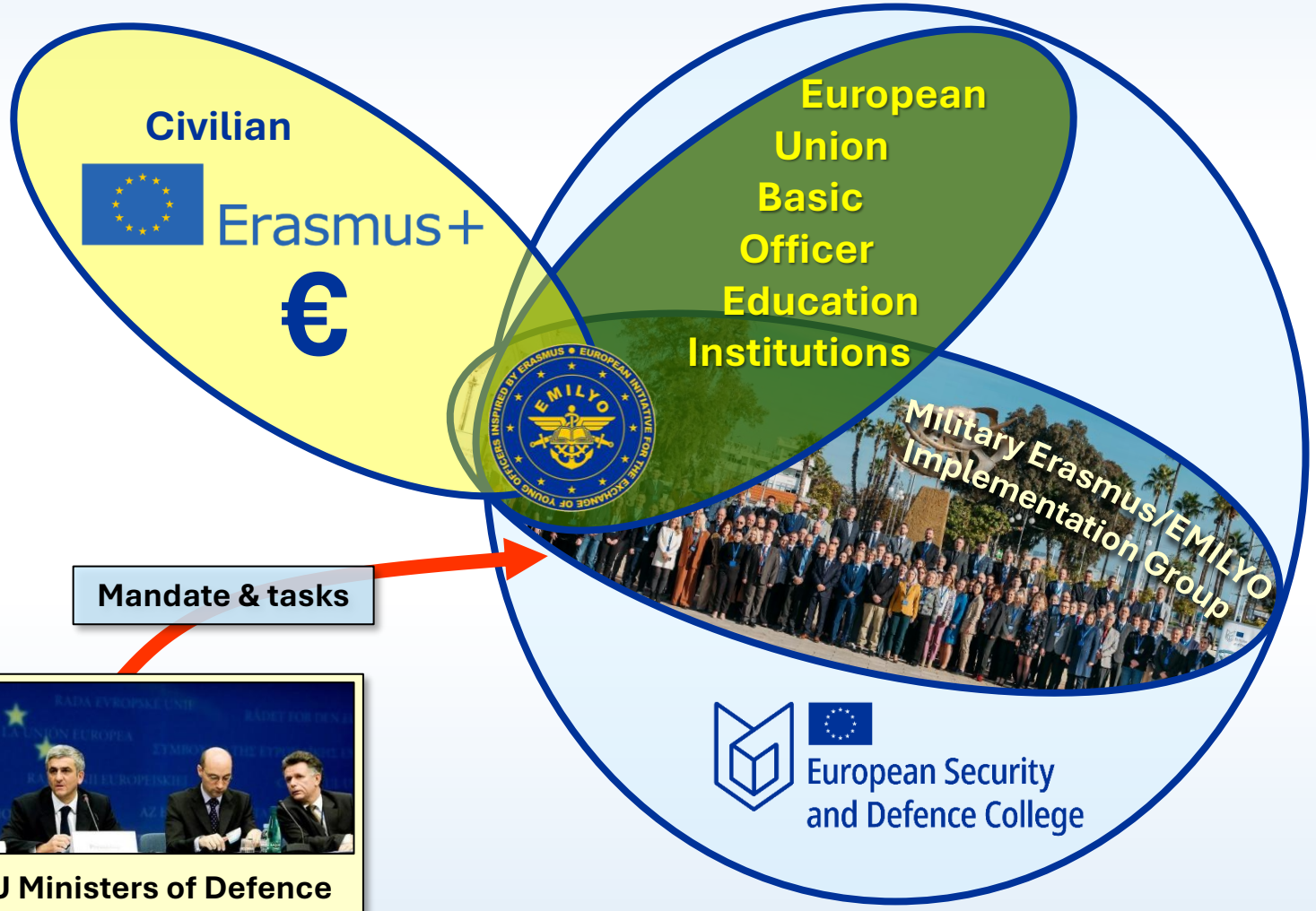
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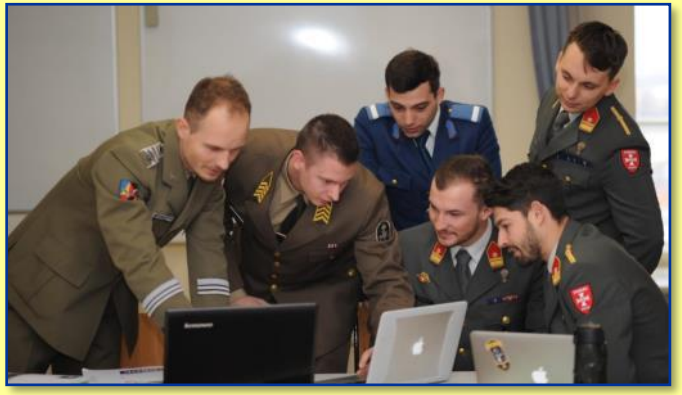
Mandate & tasks

2008: EU Ministers of Defence

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The EMILYO (Military Erasmus) Implementation Group covers **both**, the …

academic part		non-academic (vocational) part
	AND ↔	

… of the basic officer education of **all** services.

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2008: EU Ministers of Defence

- **Increase interoperability;**
- **Harmonise EU Basic Officer Education;**

➔ **thus ….**

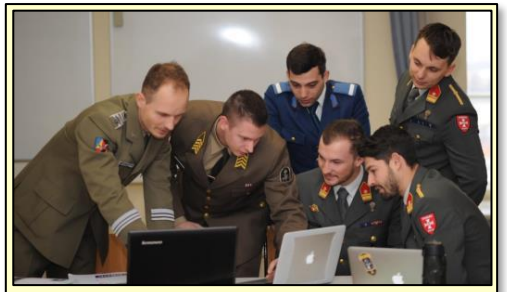
- **Promote a "European Security and Defence Culture".**

Share expertise & knowledge



- **Pool of lecturers / instructors is created (EMILYO website).**
- **Rotating principle.**
- **Full support by IG if a Common Module is organised for the first time.**

Huge benefits for Cadets & Midshipmen



Based on Habilitation Research:

- **Increase of Cadets' / Midshipmen's skills & competencies.**
- **Increase of interoperability & EU Security and Defence Culture.**

Source: Council of the European Union, Council Conclusions on the ESDP, 2903rd External Relations Council Meeting. Brussels. 10th and 11th November, 2008:

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European External Action Service (EEAS)
"EU Ministry of Foreign Affairs"

XY XY

ESDC

- Executive Academic Board — Quality Coherence
- ESDC Secretariat — Assistance
- Head of the ESDC — Management Support
- Steering Committee — Coordination Direction

SSR/DDR | EUMSSF
EAB Cyber | EU Climate SDTP
WG MOT | MIL Higher Education
European DocSch
SQF-MILOF EG

EMILYO Implementation Group
Basic Officer Education Institutions' Representatives

National Representatives
~ 27 EU Member States + 1 Assoc. Member
~ 70 EU Basic Officer Education Institutions

Military/Defence Universities | Army | Air Force | Navy | Technical | Medical | Military Force charged with Police Duties (e.g.: Carabinieri/Guarda Civil) | Militarised Force (e.g.: Guardia di Finanza)

How it began

First & latest Meetings of the Implementation Group

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February 2009:
1st IG meeting

Meanwhile (Sep 2026):
71st IG meeting (quarterly basis)



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IG Management

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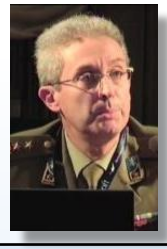
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ESDC Training Coordinator for EMILYO ("*Chief of Staff*")
ESDC (CY / CDSA)



Chair EMILYO Implementation Group
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PL / PNA	RO / HCAFA	IT / IAOS	RO / RNA	-	RO / MTA	BE / RMA
						
Vice Chair 1	Vice Chair 2	Vice Chair 3	Vice Chair 4	Vice Chair 5	Vice Chair 6	Vice Chair 7
Human Resources	Security	Education	Logistics & Finance	Strategic Communication	Technical Support	Legal Adviser

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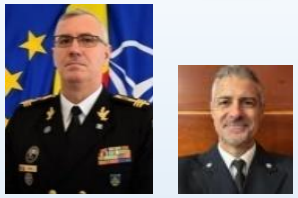
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System of Equivalences	Develop. of Competences	Development of e-learning	Create an IT-Platform	(Legal) Framework	Strategic Communication	Financing the Initiative
SIMOENS Tom BE / RMA	?	COELHO Vasco PT / PtAFA	HRISTOV Georgi BG / NDU	SIMONEAU-BYRNE Fiona FR / FNA	KONSTANTINOU Marina GR / HAFA	HERMAN Ramona-Elena RO / LFA
						

LoD-08	LoD-09	LoD-10	LoD-11	LoD-12	LoD-13	LoD-14
Common Modules	Future Projects	Gender Mainstreaming	Naval Education & Training	Air Force Edu. & Training	Science and Technology	Research & Development
KARADIMAS Nikolaos GR / HAA	JAGIELLO-TONDERA Agata PL / MUT	ATANASOVA-KRASTEVA Nevena BG / NDU	POPA Catalin RO / RNA	KARAMPELAS Panagiotis GR / HAFA	SAVA Alin-Constantin RO / MTA	LECOMPTE David BE / RMA
						

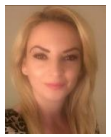
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Int'l Medical Semester	EU Military Academy-CJS	Int'l Air Defence Semester	Language Edu. & Training	Int'l Logistics Semester	Space	Hybrid Warfare
Frozen	**Frozen**	GHERMAN Laurian RO / HCAFA	HOLCNER Vladan CZ / UoD	GRZELAK Malgorzata PL / MUT	ANTONIOU Vyron GR / HAA	LESENCIUC Adrian RO / HCAFA
		 	 		 	

LoD-22	LoD-23	LoD-24	LoD-25	LoD-26	LoD-27	LoD-28
LL & Quality Assurance	Law Enforcement					
CIRNEANU Andrada-Livia RO / MTA	STÁSI Francesco IT / GDFA					
						

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1	System of Equivalences	LtCol Prof. SIMOENS Tom, PhD	BE-RMA
2	Development of Competences		
3	Development of e-learning	Lt COELHO Vasco	PT-PtAFA
4	Create an IT-Platform	LtCol Eng. HRISTOV Georgi	BG-NMU
5	(Legal) Framework	Assoc. Prof. SIMONEAU-BYRNE Fiona, PhD	FR-FNA
6	Strategic Communication	Lt KONSTANTINOU Marina	GR-HAFA
7	Financing the Initiative	Ms. HERMAN Ramona	RO-LFA
8	Common Modules	Assoc. Prof. KARADIMAS Nikolaos V., PhD	GR-HAA
9	Future Projects	Assist. Prof. JAGIELLO-TONDERA Agata, PhD	PL-MUT
10	Gender Mainstreaming	Col Assoc. Prof. ATANASOVA-KRASTEVA Nevena, PhD	BG-NDU
11	Naval Education & Training	Col Assoc. Prof. POPA Catalin, PhD	RO-RNA
12	Air Force Education & Training	Assist. Prof. KARAMPELAS Panagiotis, PhD	GR-HAFA
13	Science and Technology Education	Col SAVA Alin-Constantin, PhD	RO-MTA
14	Research & Development	LtCol Prof. LECOMPTE David, PhD	BE-RMA
15	International Medical Semester	Frozen	-
16	EU Military Academy (CJS)	Frozen (Col Assoc. Prof. GELL Harald, PhD [habil.])	AT-TMA
17	Int'l Air Defence Semester	Col Assoc. Prof. GHERMAN Laurian, PhD	RO-HCAFA
18	Language Education & Training	Col (GS) Doc. Ing. HOLCNER Vladan, PhD	CZ-UoD
19	International Logistics Semester	LtCol Eng. GRZELAK Malgorzata, PhD	PL-MUT
20	Space	LtCol (ret.) Assist. Prof. ANTONIOU Vyron, PhD	GR-HAA
21	Hybrid Warfare	Col Prof. LESENCIUC Adrian, PhD	RO-HCAFA
22	Lessons Learnt & Quality Assurance	Major Assoc. Prof. Eng. PhD CIRNEANU Andrada-Livia	RO-MTA
23	Law Enforcement	Captain STÁSI Francesco	IT-GDFA

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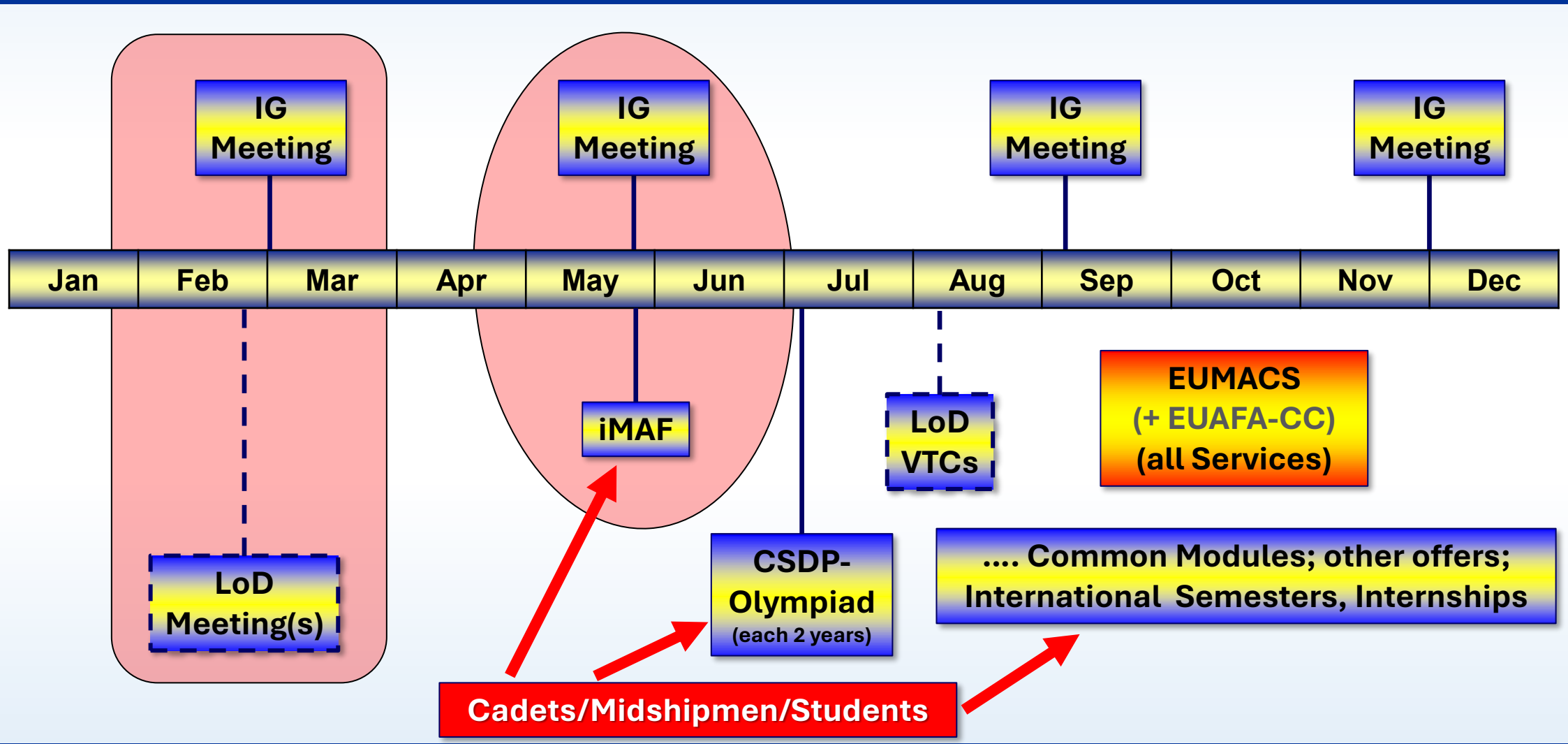
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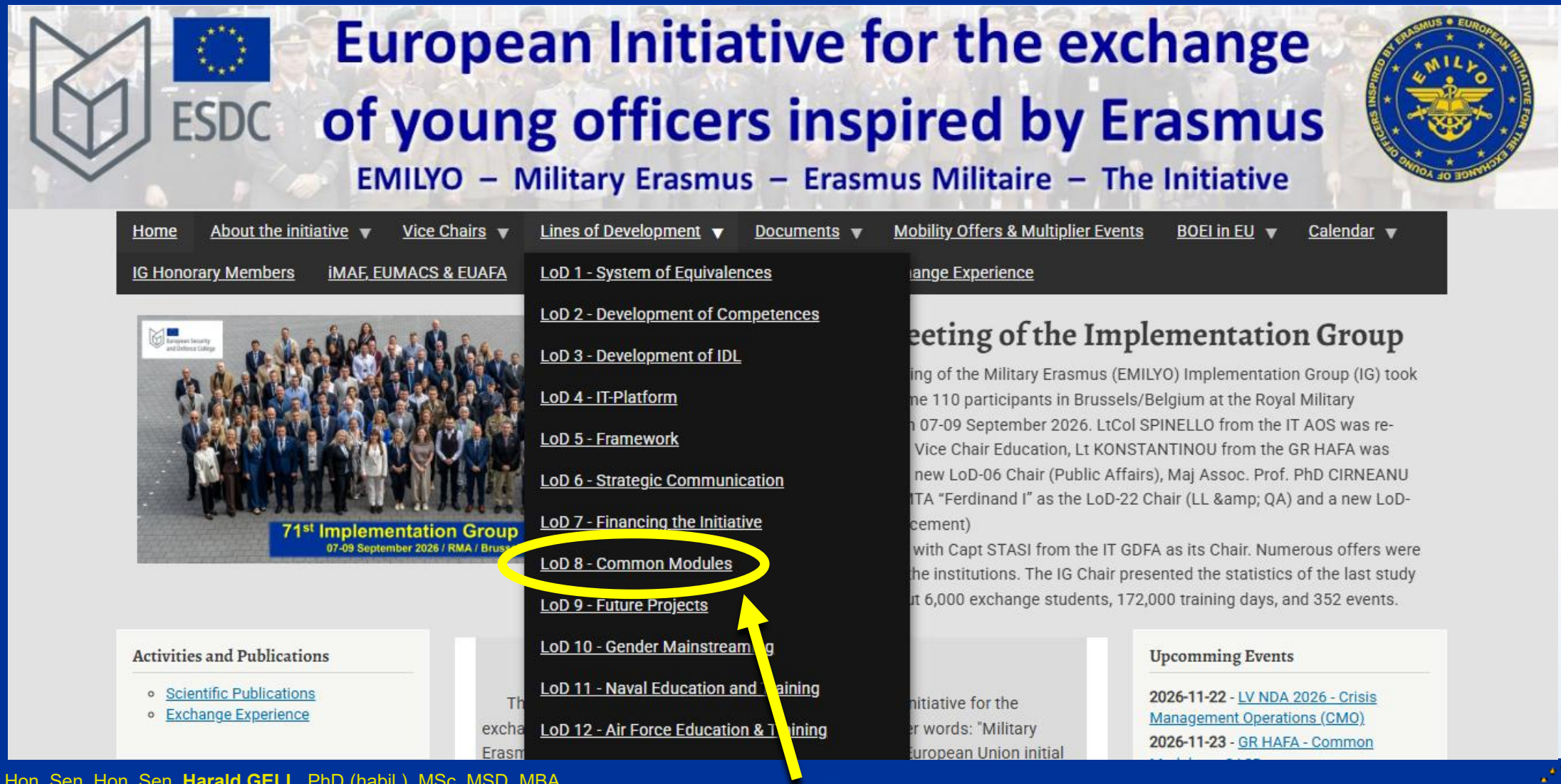
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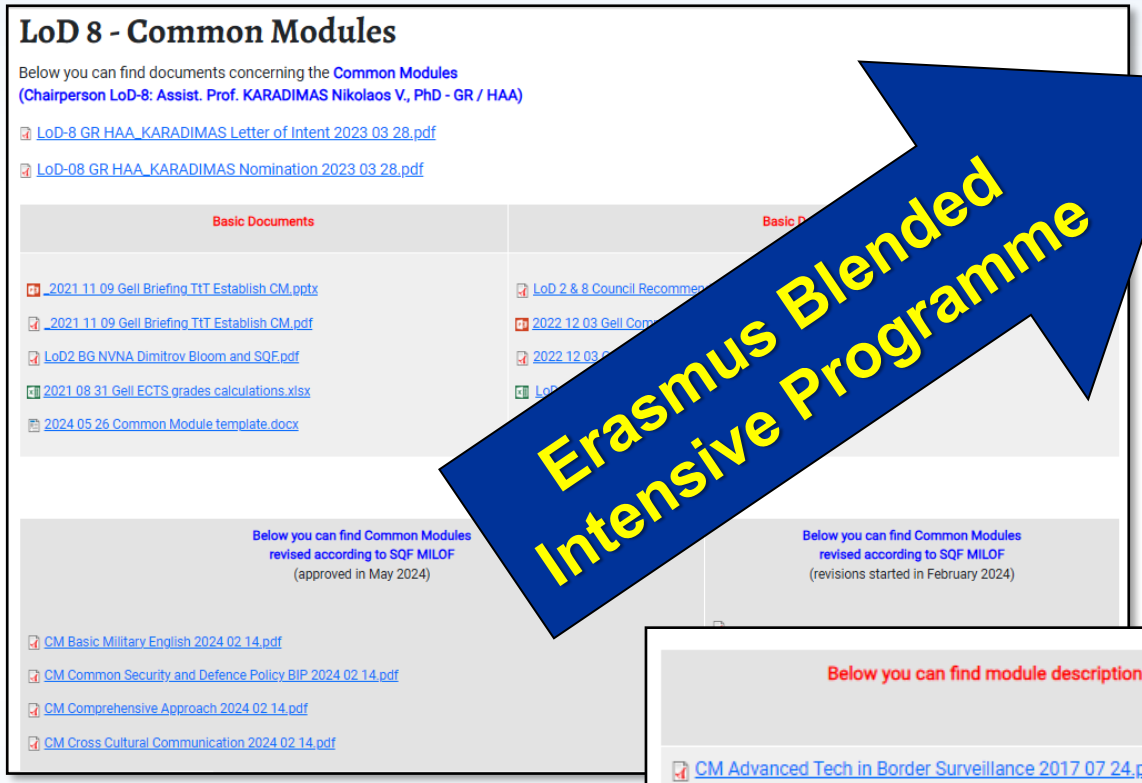
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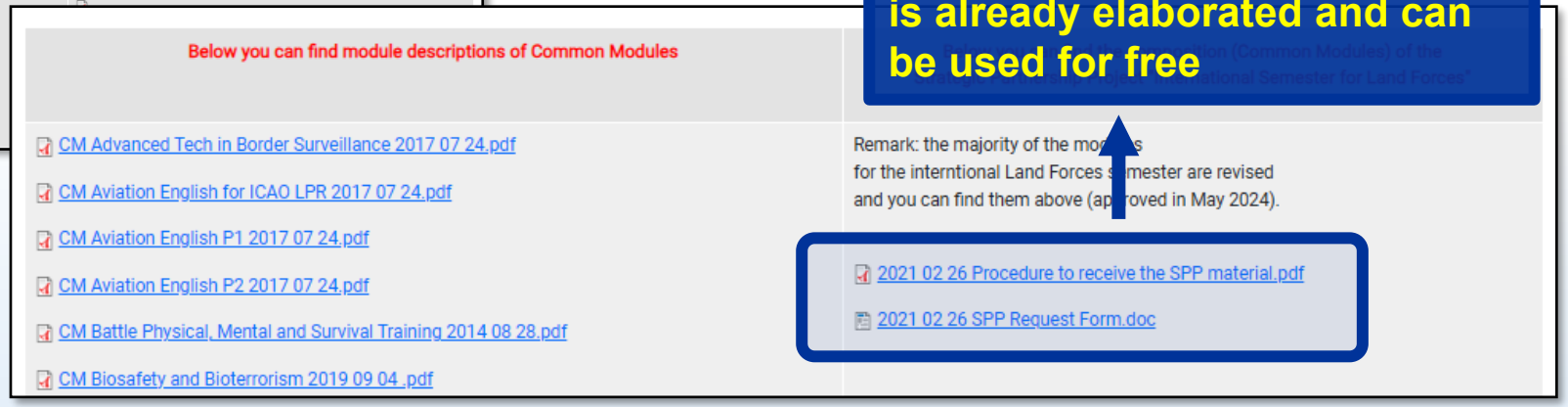


Erasmus Blended Intensive Programme

+ ESDC e-learning!

All the learning material
- **e-books**
- **e-learning**
- **ppt-slides**
- **tests**
- **etc.**

is already elaborated and can be used for free



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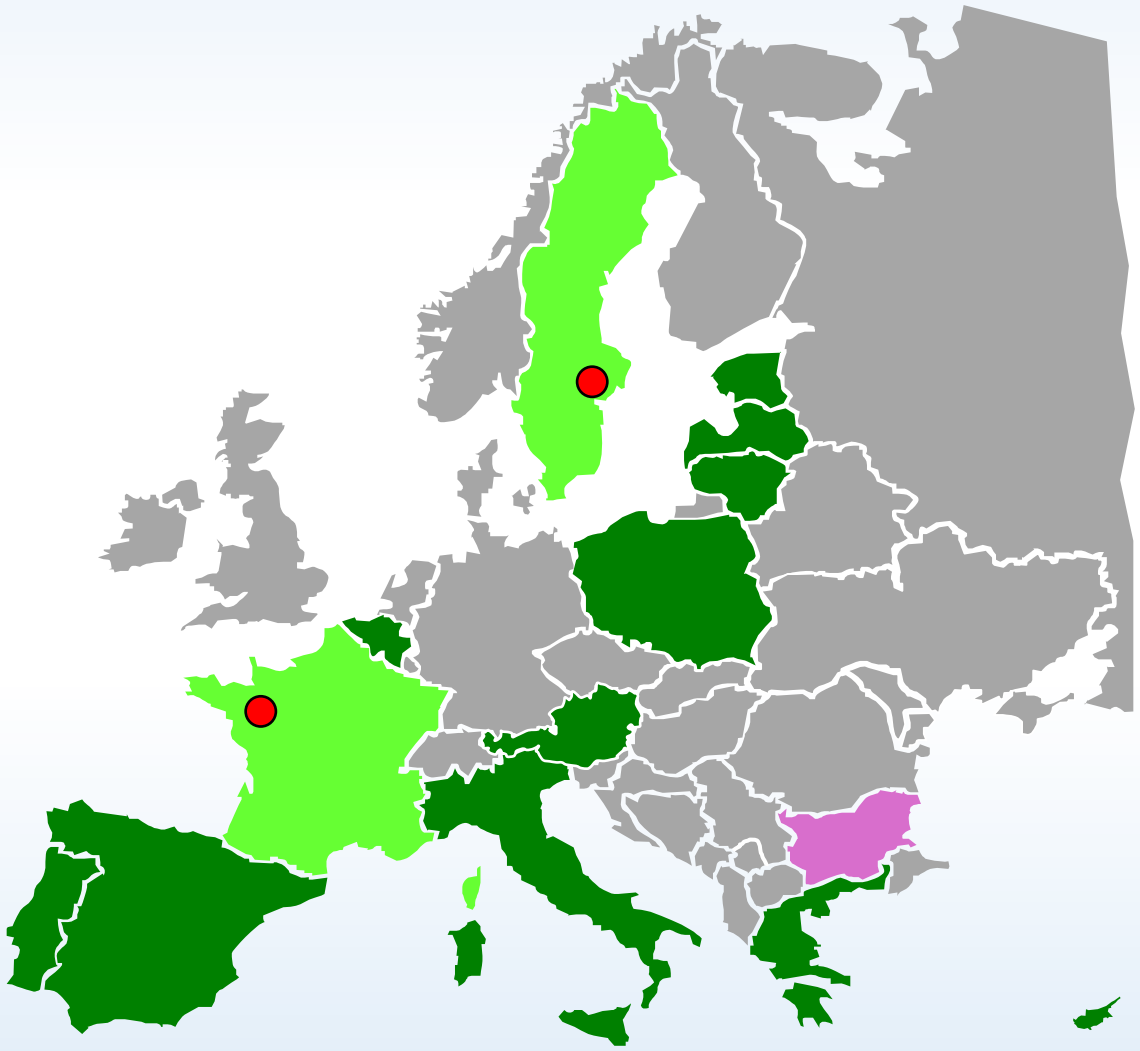
Kind request:

"*Non-green*" EU Member States:

Please opt-in

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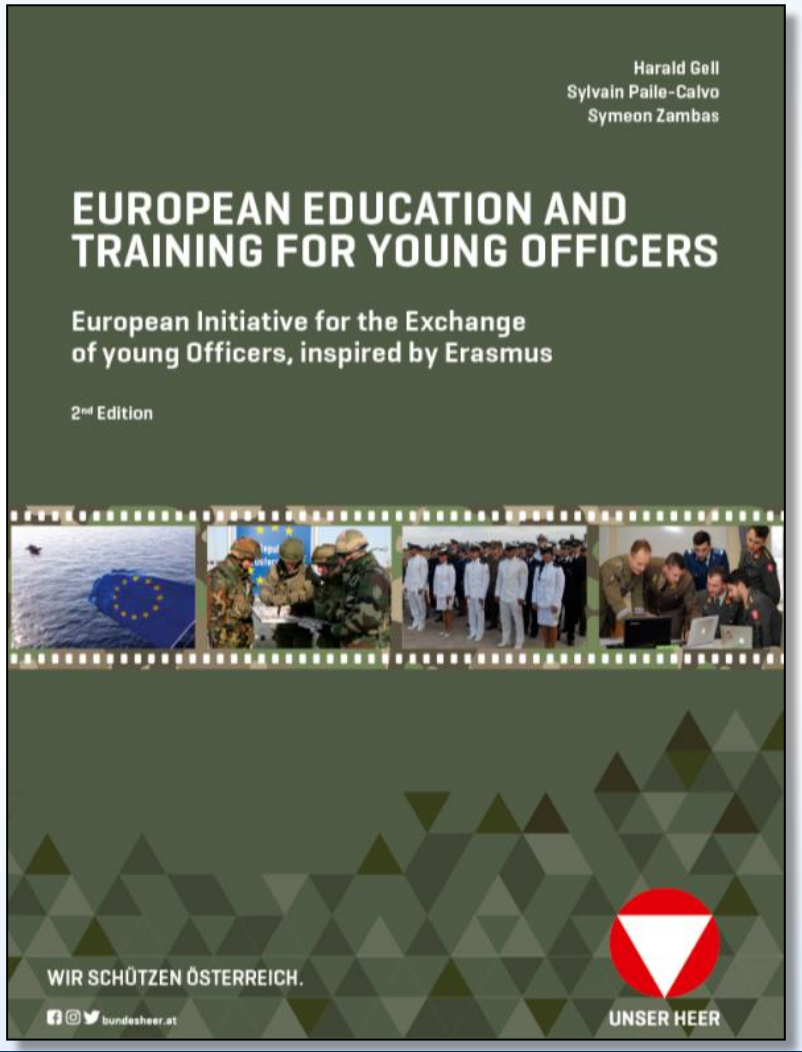
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Information to / during ….

- EUMC (your ChoDs) ⬅⬅
- Defence Policy Directors
- Annual letter to Commandants & Superintendents
- EUMACSs (all services)
- iMAFs (all services)
- CSDP Olympiads
- Other conferences (e.g.: EUAFA-CC)
- Bilateral basis on request
- European Parliament
- Strategic Communication Plan
- … publications ➔➔



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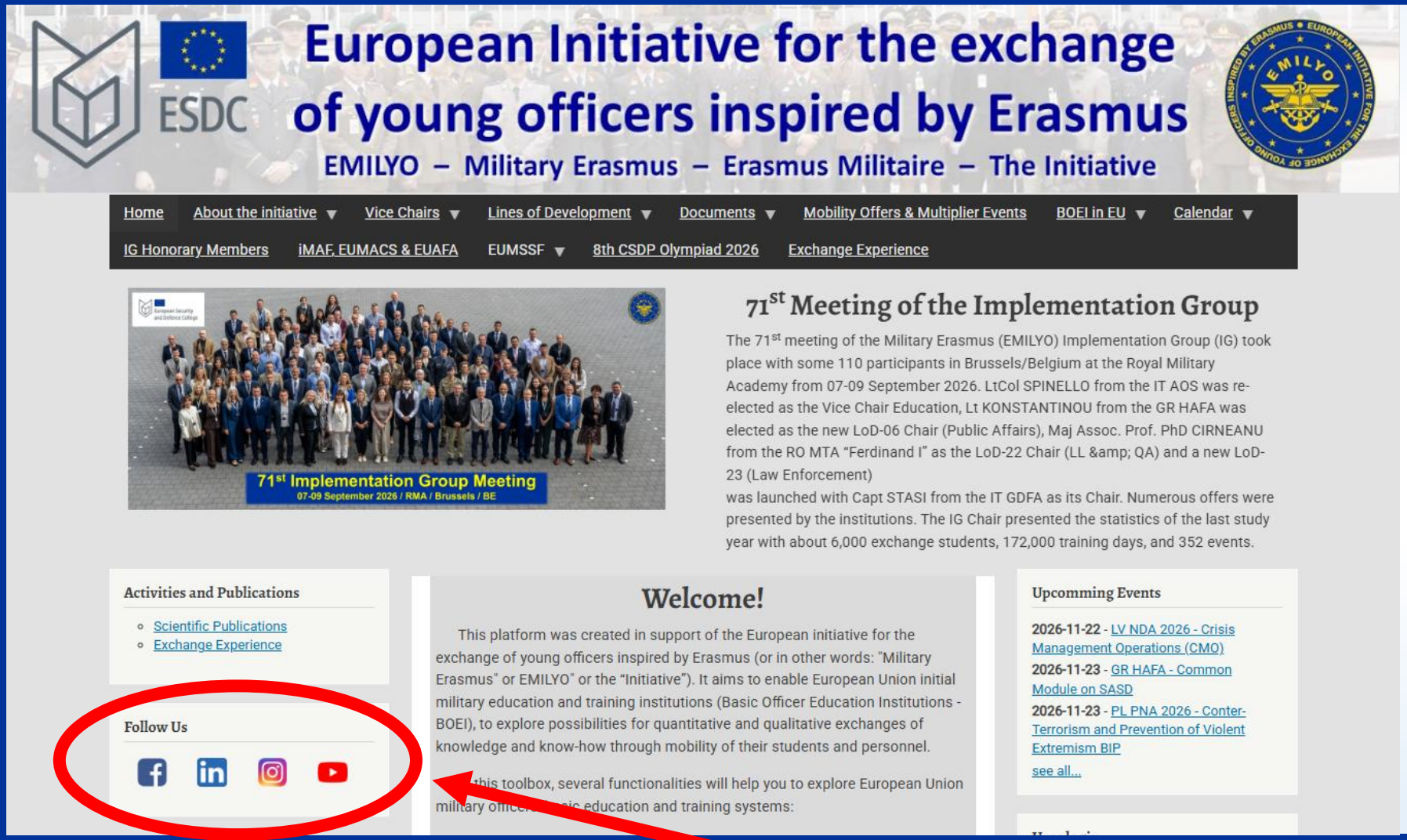
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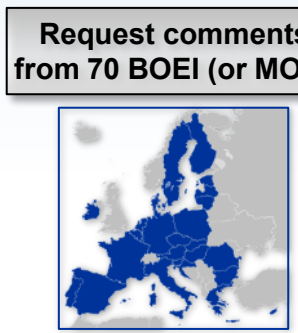
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Request comments from 70 BOEI (or MOD)

IG + LoD 1+2+8 Chairmen pre-check:
- Strategy
- Goal-correctness
- Learning Outcomes acc. to SQF MILOF
- ECTS correctness (law, regulations)

Proposed Module: Cultural Awareness (2 ECTS)

Proposed Module: Electronic Warfare (2 ECTS)

Proposed Module: Fighting in Build-Up Areas (3 ECTS)

iMAF international Military Academic Forum

Strategic Partnership Erasmus+

Implementation Group BOEI Representatives

~ 80 Education Experts

5 BOE Institutions

Experts from BOEI & MOD

Approved Common Module XXXX (X ECTS)

Implementation (national Curricula)

External Evaluation?

External+Internal Quality Assurance System

Regular adjustment(s)

see: https://www.emilyo.eu/lod-8-common-modules

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Basic Military English	2
Battle Physical, Mental and Survival Training	3
Biosafety and Bioterrorism	2
Budget & Finance in EU Defence	2
Close Quarter Battle	3
Common Operating Environment	3
Common Security and Defence Policy	2
Comprehensive Approach	4
CMO/PSO (4 Sub-Modules [A, B, C, D])	12
Crisis Management (Military Leadership) – IMLA	2
Crises Management Operations (CMO)	3
Cross Cultural Communication	2
CSDP-Olympiad	2
Cultural Awareness	2
Cyber Security	2
Defence and Security Economics	4
Digital Leadership	3
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English for Aircraft Maintenance SET P1	3
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English for Aviation Security Personnel	3
European Values	2
Fighting In Built Up Area	3
Gender Perspectives in Security and Defence	2
How to meet the Media	2

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Hybrid Threats – Protection and Enhanced Resilience of Critical Infrastructure	2
IMINT-GEOINT Analysis Course	2
Individual Personal Development and Meta-Communication	2
Interoperability	6
Information Awareness	2
Irregular Warfare	3
Law of Armed Conflict	2
Leadership & Agility in Complex Environments	2
Leadership in Communication – IMLA	2
Leadership, Motivation and Influence – IMLA	2
Maritime Leadership	2
Maritime Security	2
Military Ethics	2
Military Instructor Training	3
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Problem Solving & Critical Thinking	2
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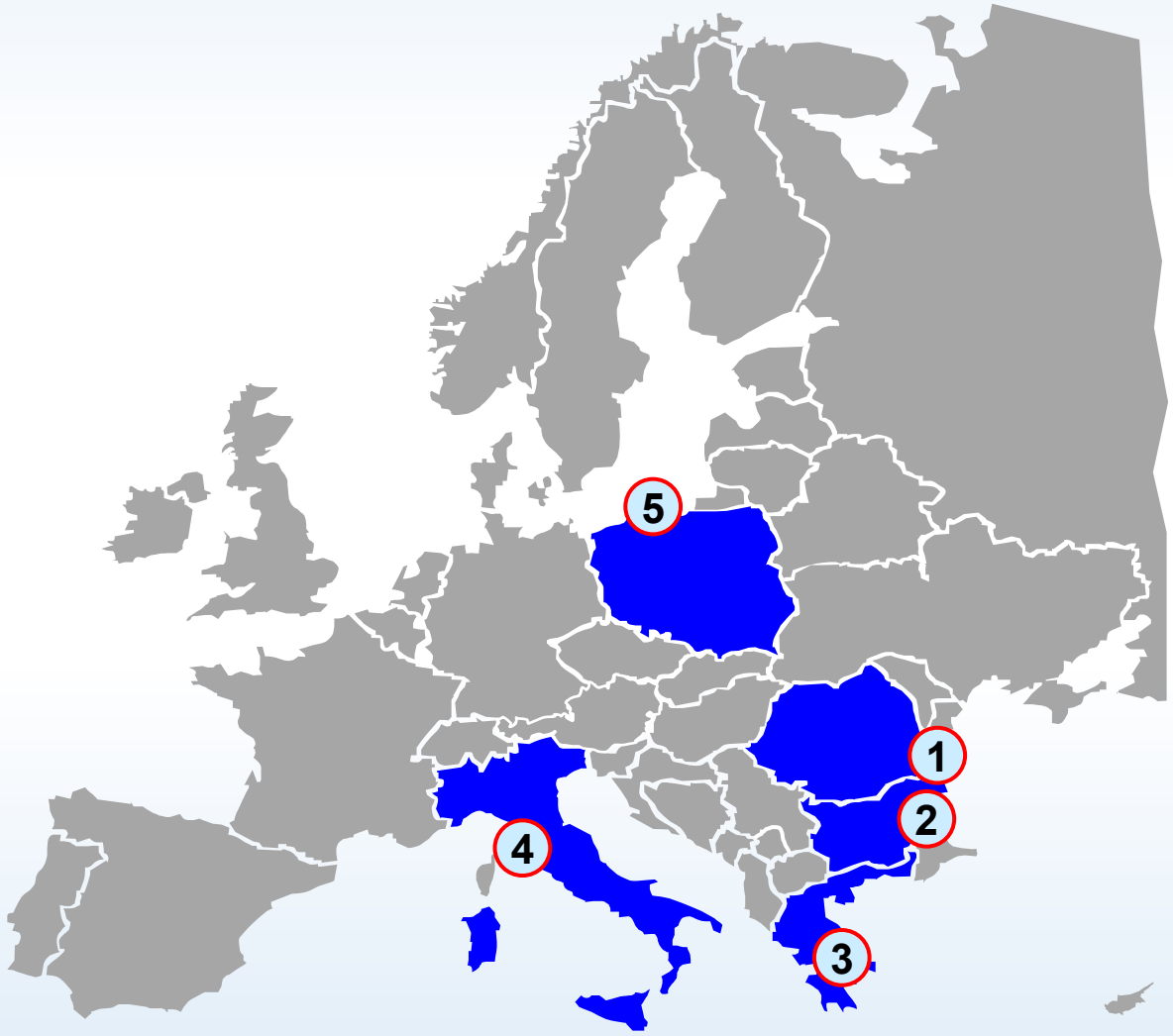
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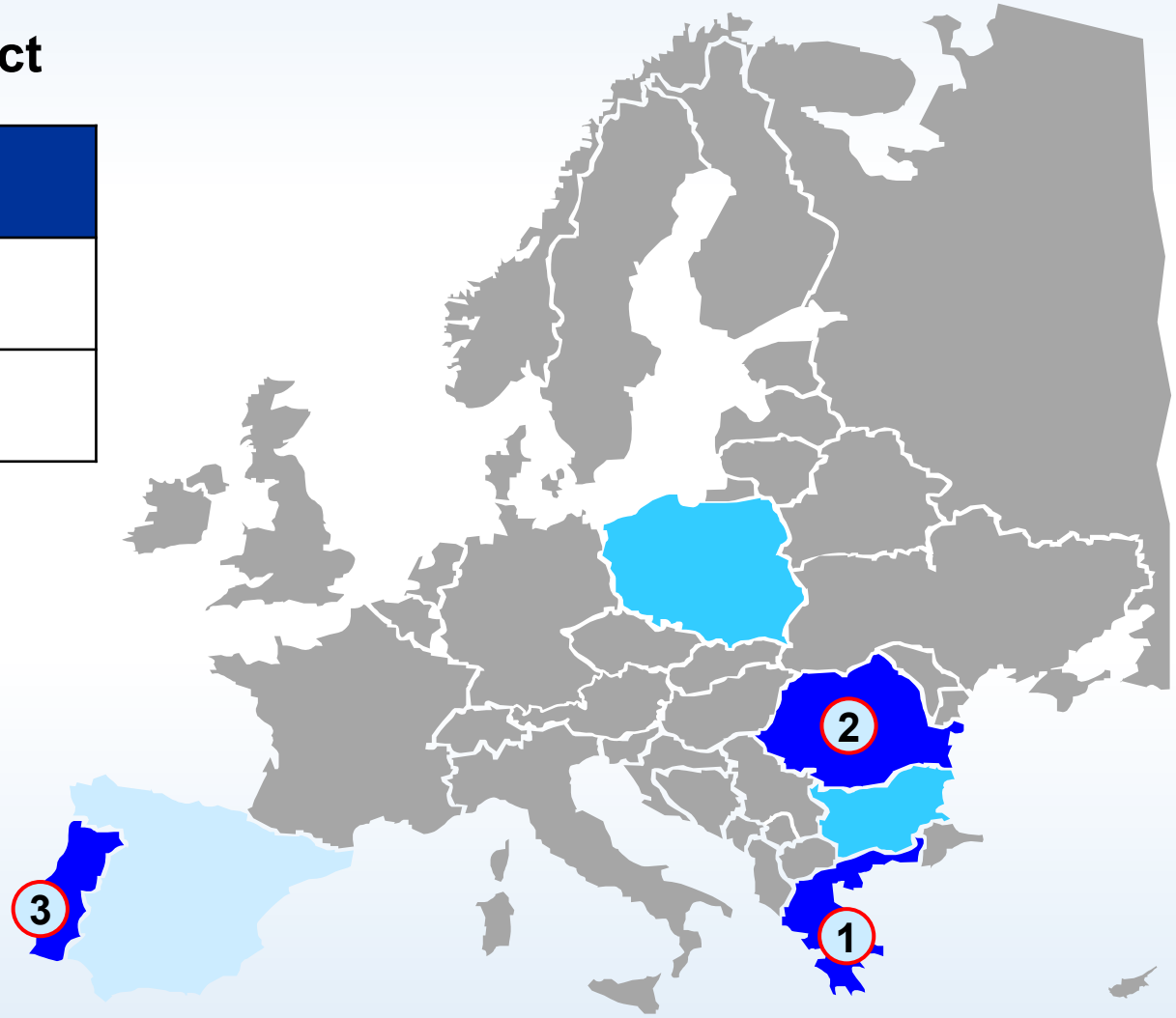
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Cyber Warfare	2	HAFA
Military Ethics	2	HAFA
Common Security & Defence Policy	2	HAFA
Space Applications for Security and Defence	2	HAFA
Aviation Meteorology	2	AFAHC
Flight & Ground Safety	2	PTAFA
Aviation English	4	AFAHC
Aerial Navigation	2	AFAHC
Avionics Systems	4	PTAFA
Propulsion Systems	2	PTAFA
Total	**24**	
National Requirements	6	
6 new common modules (process of "common" open)		

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Applied Informatics Applied Automation for Eng. Systems	3 3	MTA
Integrated Weapon Systems **Common Module on CSDP**	3 3	FASFA
Computer Networks Programming Languages Signal Processing Microcontrollers — **Electronic & IT option**	3 3 3 3	NMU
Propulsion Systems Dynamic of Flight Mechanics and Material Science CAD and Numerical Analysis — **Mec. & Aero. option**	3 3 3 3	MUT
Interdisciplinary Scientific Project	6	HAFA
Total	**42**	
13 new common modules		

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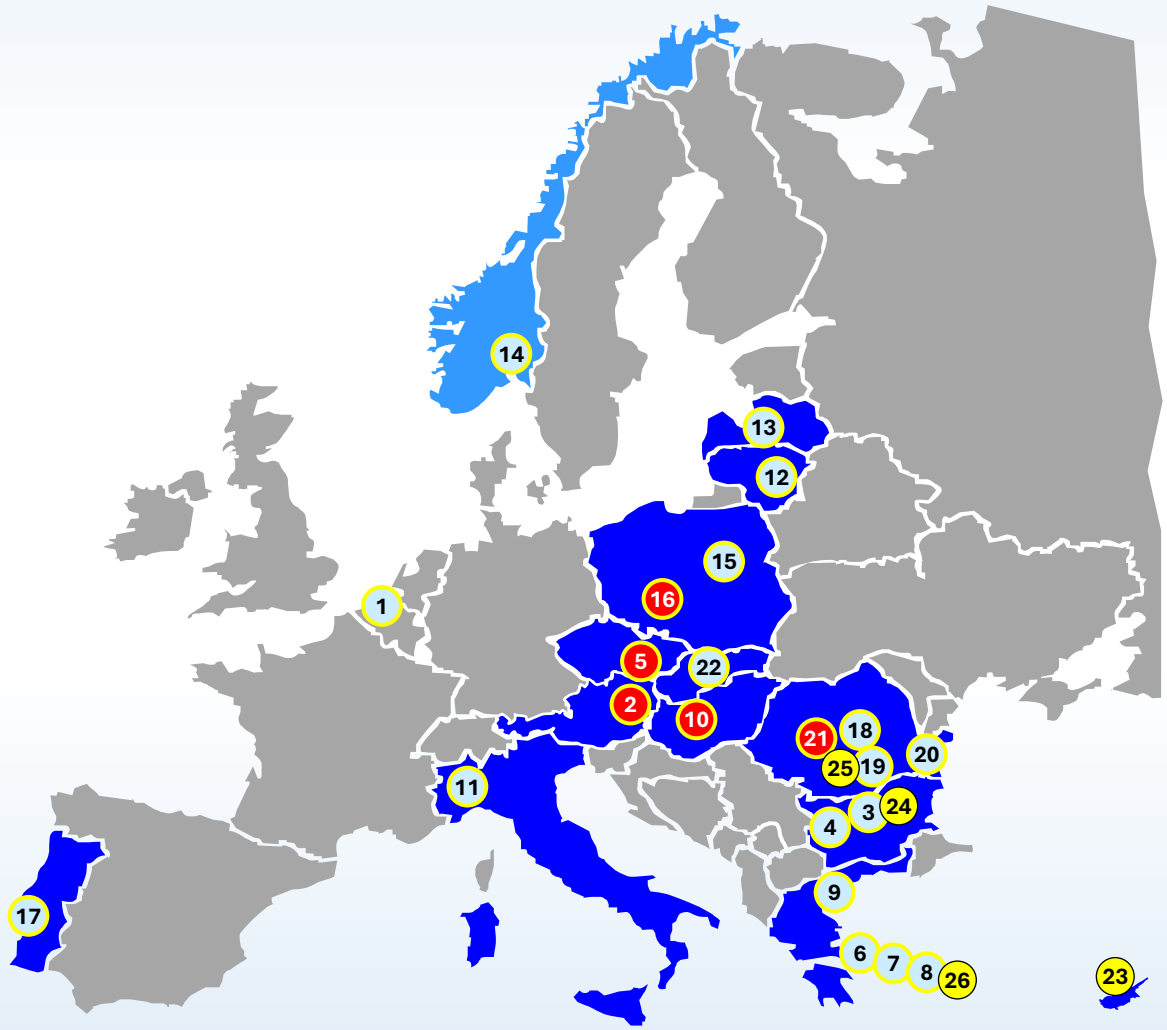
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All EU institutions + NO + partners WELCOME!



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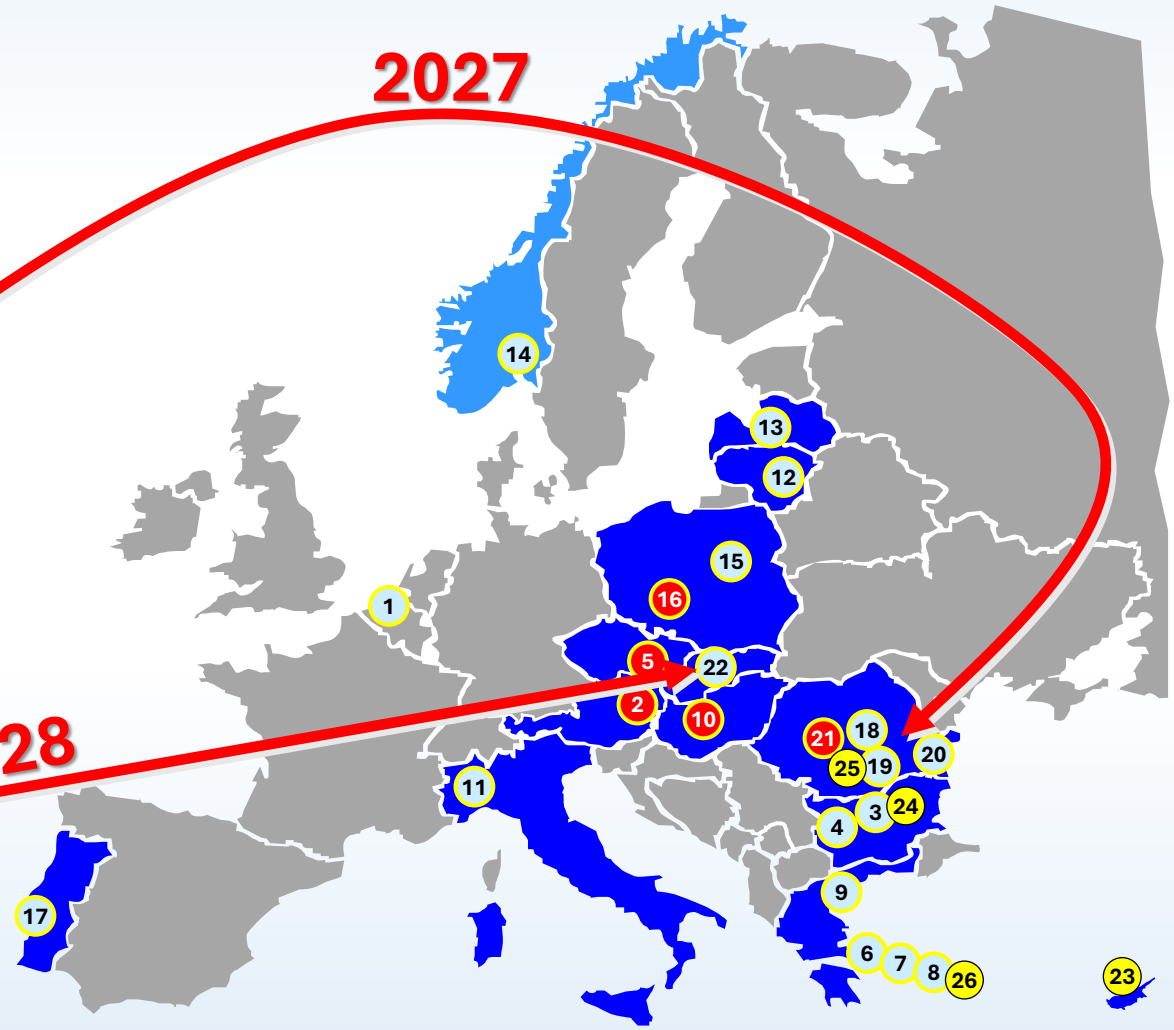
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Cypriot Defence and Security Academy
Paphos / Cyprus



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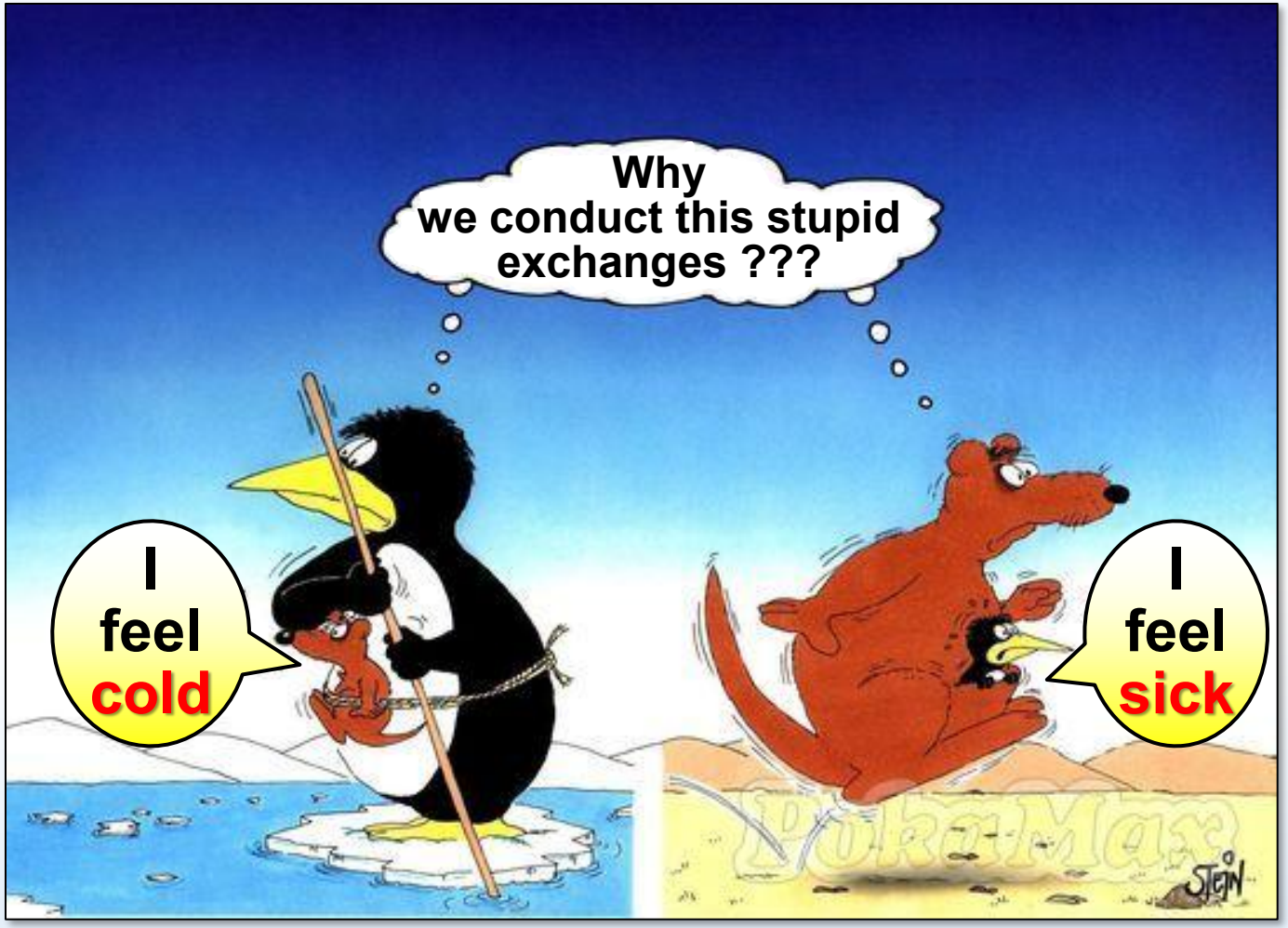
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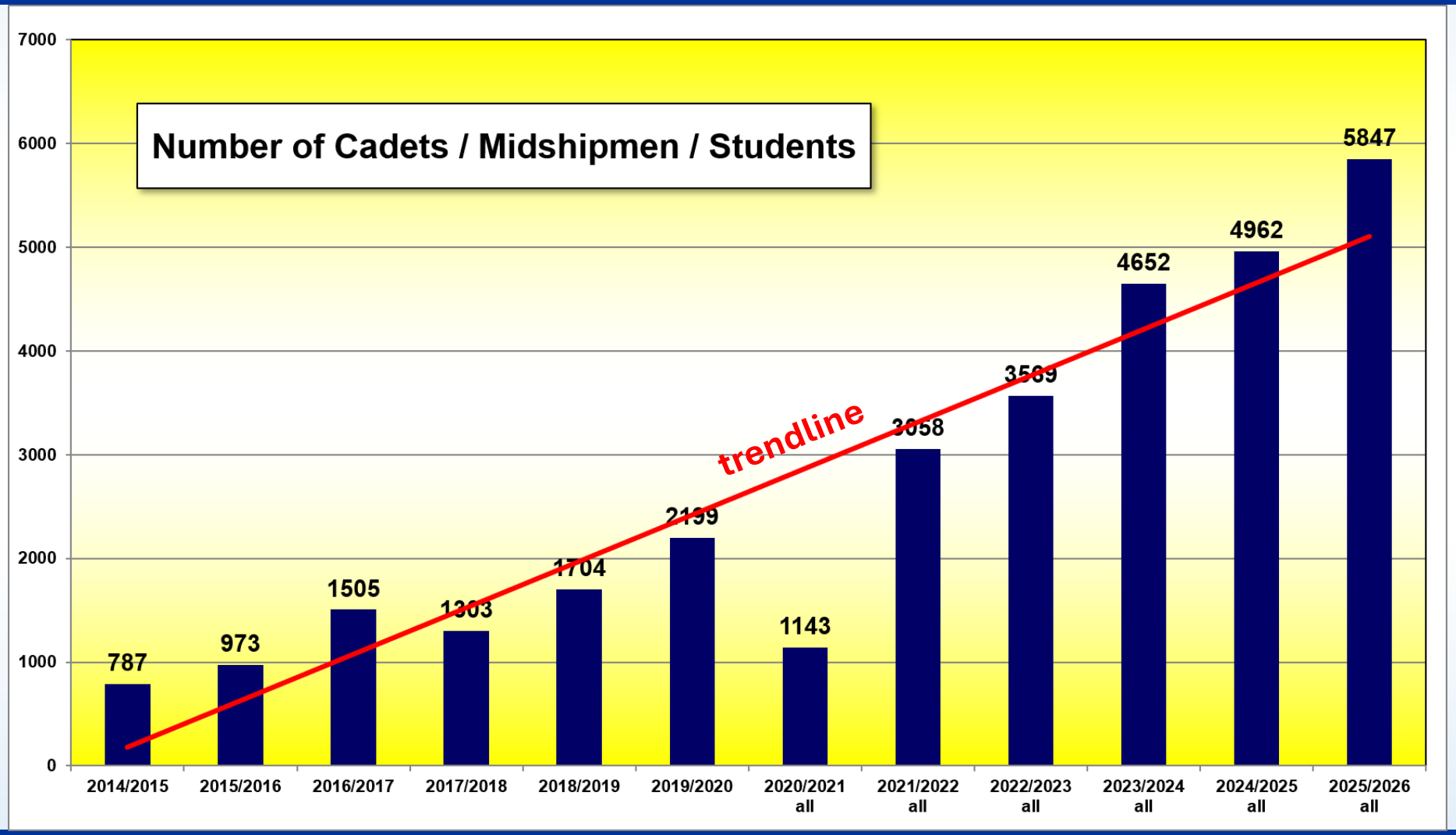
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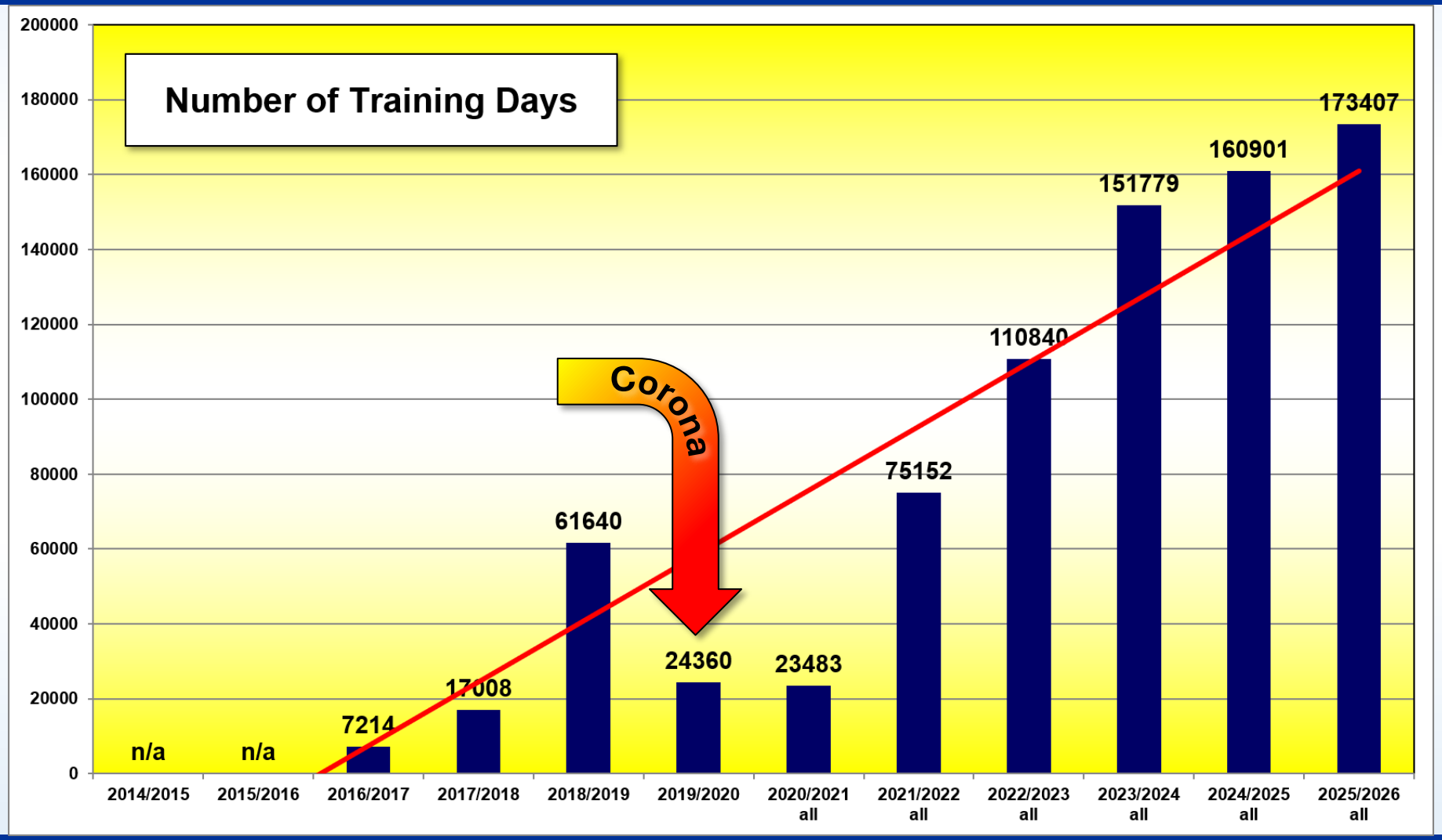


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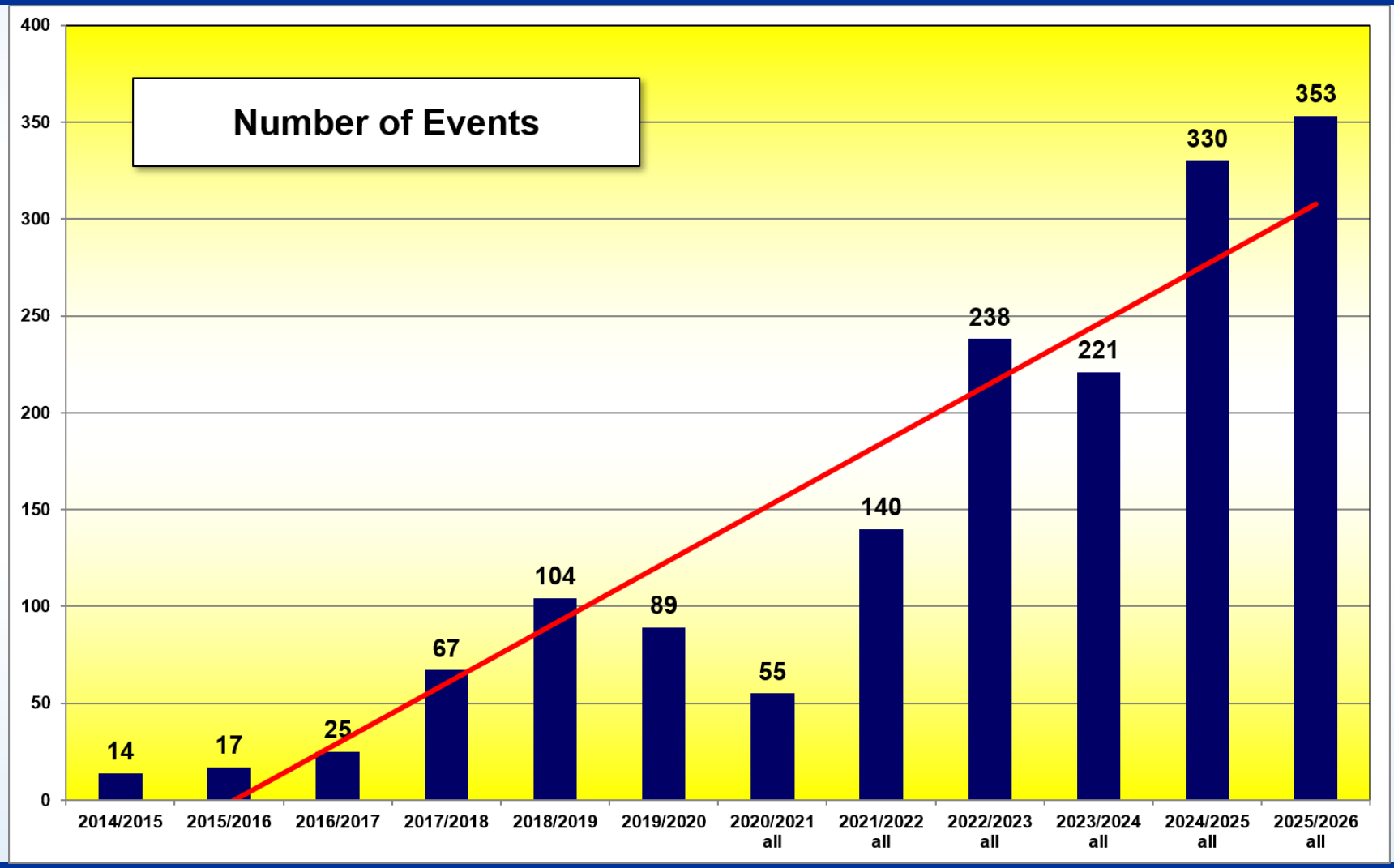
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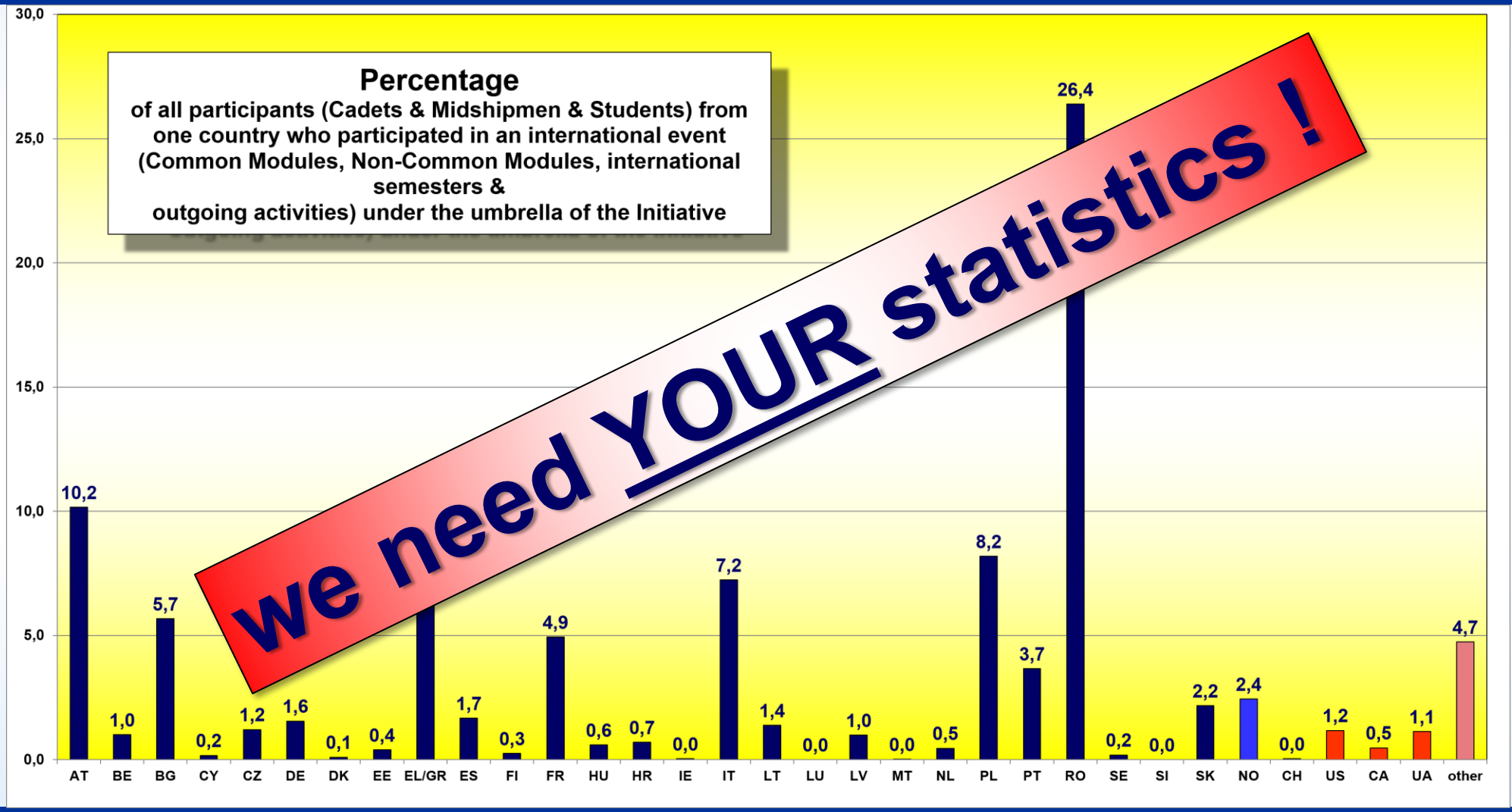
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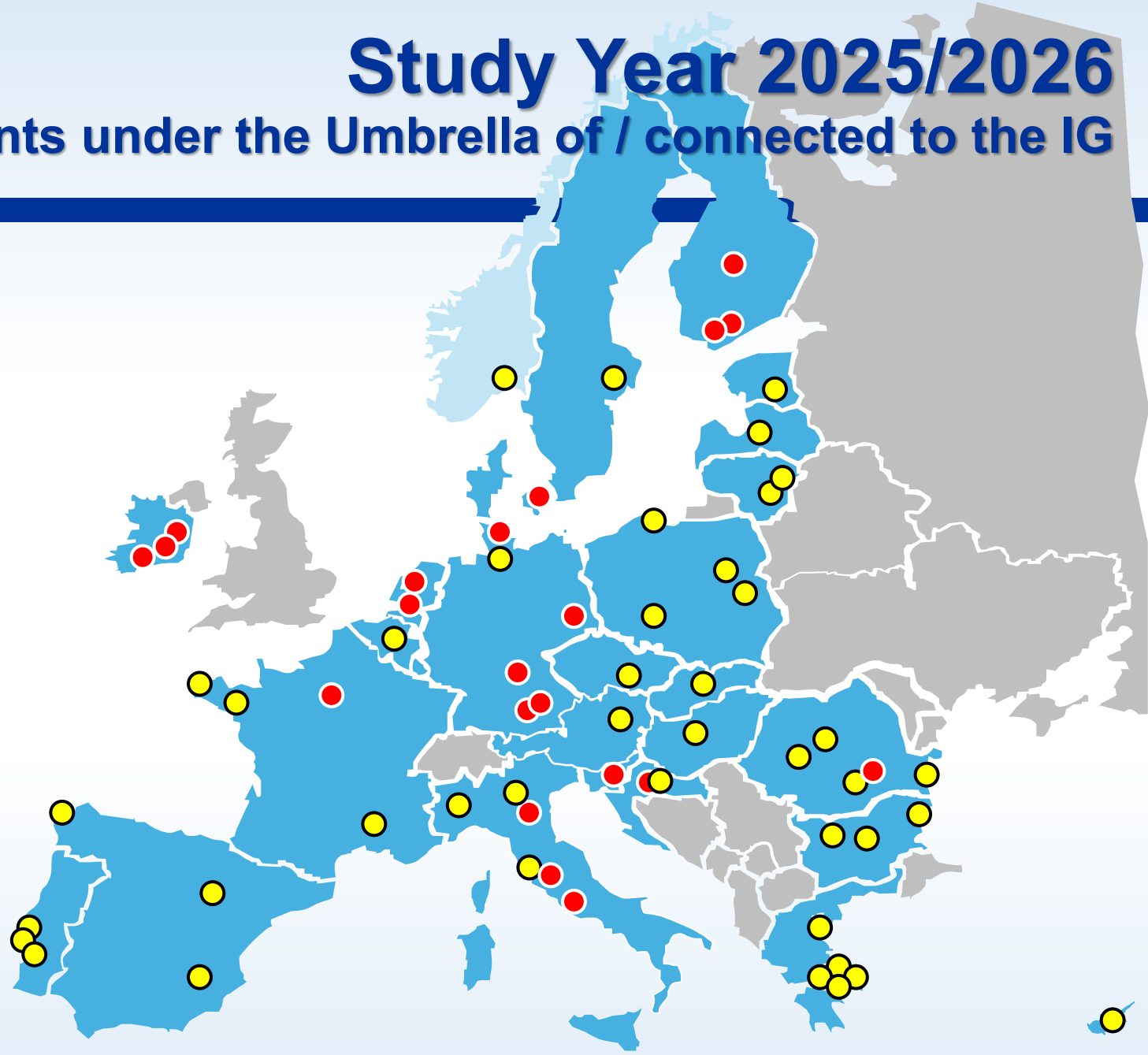
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share experiences
pass knowledge to other EU BOEIs

Available in PW-protected area on www.emilyo.eu

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Based on a huge scientific Research (Habilitation)

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The European Initiative

with its international activities

increases students'

(Officer Cadets' / future leaders')

skills & competencies

(special knowledge, personal development, metabolism, self-confidence …)

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- Ensure that **all Basic Officer Education Institutions** of all Member States are **involved** in the European Initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus.
- Review and update the existing Common Modules according to the **SQF-MILOF** guidelines and to priorities, as well as create new modules based on the most current requirements.
- Implementation of the **European Common Technical Semester on Defence and Security** (E_UCTS_{DS}) and launch of new projects for international semesters in the fields of **air defence, logistics, and navy**.
- Encourage all EU institutions in **organising EMILYO activities and/or sending Cadets/Midshipmen/Students**.
- Ensure all EU MS to **opt-in the EMILYO Framework Agreement** for facilitating exchanges of military students and lecturers.

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- Implementation duties of **Vice IG Chairs**.
- Implement a 2nd ESDC Training Coordinator.
- **Reorganisation** of the IG to assure high-quality outcomes.
- Creation of new **LoD(s)** – when necessary.

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IG MEETINGS Fall/Winter Semester 2026							
(30 Nov) 01 Dec - 02 Dec 2026	LT	General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania	*72nd Meeting of the Implementation Group* *(2 full days)* *Meeting for IG Newcomers (evening before)* Link to Registration Agenda (v 2026.09.24) Invitation 72nd EMILYO IG Meeting Final Template Mobility Agreement (MA) - 72nd EMILYO IG meeting (word)	**02 Nov 2026**	E	-	Evelina Miseliené evelina.miseliene@lka.lt

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Commander CUCU Marius

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- **How to finance?**
  - **ERASMUS+ exchange rules (cadets, lecturers, staff)**
  - **ERASMUS+ Strategic Partnership Projects**
  - **LoD 5 Framework**
    - **developed by lawyers**
    - **just 11+2 countries opted in**



  - **iMAF 2016**
    - **book (how to use external funds) ➔ ➔**
  - **ESDC co-financing**
  - **Institutions' (military) budget**



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- **We act according to the decision of all (your) Ministers of Defence.**
- **The benefit for Cadets, Midshipmen, and students is based on scientific researches.**
- **We use – whenever possible – external funds.**
- **We promote a European Security and Defence Culture.**
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