

Meeting of the ESDC
European Union Military Secondary Schools Forum
(EUMSSF)
Final MINUTES

6th Meeting – 7 May 2021 (9.30 – 14.00)
(Virtual)

Venue: Webex virtual environment
Chair: Lt. Col. Symeon ZAMBAS, CY

1) Welcome and *tour de table*

The ESDC Secretariat welcomed the 23 participants; all participants were invited to introduce themselves.

2) Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted by the Members of the Forum.

3) Introductory remarks

The Chair presented the main objectives of the Forum and described in detail the specific tasks of the 6th Meeting.

4) 1st Olympiad: results and way forward including ceremony

The ESDC announced the three winners of the competition and informed participants that the other students' evaluations will be sent to each Military School after the meeting.

*The Chair reminded participants that the **special ceremony in which the three winners will receive their awards will take place in the margins of the 7th EUMSSF Meeting (7-8 September 2021).***

5) Info point on Forum on Peace, Security and Prosperity (PSP)

Mr Stephen Gregory (IFPSP) briefed the Forum on the Peace, Security and Prosperity Forum (PSP) initiative and invited the Military Secondary Schools of the Forum to participate.

6) Erasmus+ funding opportunities – workshop

A workshop took place in the margins of the Meeting. The aim of the workshop was to familiarise the other military secondary schools with the steps of the accreditation process.

*Mr Marc De Vlieger from Epos Flanders (Epos is the national agency for the Erasmus+ programme in Flanders), delivered a **presentation**.*

*Mr Pieter Van Landeghem (Technisch Instituut Sint-Vincentius) delivered a **presentation** on his school accreditation experience (i.e. procedural steps to follow in order to be accredited).*

7) The European Union for Secondary Schools pilot course 28 June – 1 July 2021

The Chair informed participants that following a poll, the majority of Members who replied opted to postpone the pilot course until June 2022, mainly on account of the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms Foteini Asderaki informed the Forum about the possibility of funding the course in 2022 under a Jean Monnet project.

8) Summer schools: state of play

The Chair informed the Forum about the offer received from the “Francesco Morosini” Naval Military School in Italy. After a presentation of the initiative, delivered by the School Commander, the Chair asked other Forum Members to provide information on other summer schools open to participants from other MSs.

All Schools were asked to inform the Morosini School no later than 31 May if they intend to send students to the summer school.

9) Way forward and agenda topics for the next meeting of the EUMSSF

*It was agreed that the **next (7th) Meeting** of the Forum will be held on 7 and 8 September 2021 in Brussels.*

10) AOB

11) Publicising the EUMSSF’s work

The minutes, agendas, Rules of Procedure and all other relevant documents will be uploaded to the Military Erasmus webpage at www.emilyo.eu, specifically <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1389>.

To provide a better overview, **all requests are summarised in the table below:**

Request:	Send to:
All institutions are invited to express their interest in hosting future meetings.	simone.coccia@eeas.europa.eu & SECRETARIAT-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu
All institutions are invited to provide information on whether they run a summer school that is open to participants from other schools no later than 31 May 2021.	
All institutions are invited to express their interest in being appointed as coordinators and/or participating as members in a project under Erasmus+ no later than 31 June 2021.	
All institutions are invited to suggest topics for the agenda of the 7 th EUMSSF meeting no later than 15 June 2021.	