European mobility of young officers and trainers

This newsletter, edited with the support of the European Security and Defence College Secretariat, intends to highlight information on mobility events, as provided by the European Member States and their military higher education institutes.

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What do we stand to lose?

It is indeed sad when you realise that your life in a European capital is not as safe as you thought. All of the sudden you realise that there are forces that threaten our way of life, people who are even willing to go so far as to murder to prove their point.

It is not unnatural to react to this by saying that they have put themselves outside of our community, even outside of the boundaries of our legal system. Some of us might feel it necessary to take away their nationality, their civil rights, to summarily lock them up and preferably throw away the key. So what if one or two innocents get hurt in the process? The needs of the many surely outweigh the rights of the few!

But this kind of reasoning is too easy, too shallow. The trap here is that in reacting this way, we throw away our own rights and trample our own values. Whatever we decide to do, we must protect the core values of our Western societies, like rule of law, right on privacy, freedom of speech,... or we will truly have lost our fight against terrorism.

The problem with terrorism is that the terrorist wants to make people scared to prove a point. In a reaction some politicians will make use of this scare to realize their own agenda and take away some liberties. This leads to new acts of violence and before long you are in a spiral of violence which ends either in anarchy or in a police state. Reacting too harshly against individual acts, makes us undermine our own way of life. This is what we stand to lose if we are not careful.

So if we do not want to throw away the achievements of the last 70-odd years in Europe – as described in the next article - we must continue works ever closer together for a more secure Europe! Learning and training together, like in the common modules, is an excellent way of achieving this.

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Time to bid a farewell by Hans- Bernhard Weisserth (head of ESDC) 1/2

Time to bid farewell by Hans-Bernhard Weisserth, Head of the ESDC

Dear friends, dear colleagues, after two decades of active engagement in the development of CSDP, including one decade during which I have been responsible for the development and running of the European Security and Defence College, it is time to bid farewell.

Recently, while I was watching the latest news on the terrorist attacks and on the war in Ukraine on television, it occurred to me that throughout most of this period Europe has never been so prosperous, so secure, nor so free. The violence of the first half of the 20th century had given way to a period of peace and stability unprecedented in European history. The creation of the European Union has been central to this development.

Many of you will feel as though you have heard or read this text before. You are right. It is what we said in the introduction to the European Security Strategy document in 2003. For me, the new security situation in Europe today was therefore rather unthinkable. In a way, it was also unthinkable for me that one day during my military career, which started in 1973, the Berlin Wall would fall. Finally it did.

These landmark events have demonstrated to me that nothing in the European security situation can be considered a given for ever. On the contrary, we must

constantly play our own active role for a prosperous, secure and free Europe, for "a secure Europe in a better world". I would hope that the title of the European Security Strategy of 2003 will also be used for a future strategy document, as it correctly describes the EU approach and today's security culture.

When it comes to the question of military defence, bearing in mind the numerous attempts made over the last two decades, it is also clear to me that – in order to overcome our deficiencies – the real solution can only lie in a strong European approach, embedded of course in an "effective and balanced partnership with the USA" (European Security Strategy), a goal which unfortunately we are still too far from reaching in my personal view.

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In particular against the backdrop of the current security situation, proper European defence also requires a discussion on the issue of collective defence among the 28 Member States. Developing a political Union cannot exclude the clarification of this important aspect. Ultimately we will need to discuss this at an appropriate time. Of course, we all understand the sensitivity of this issue, and the question of how to tackle it will require time and careful consideration at the highest political level.

However, at "working level" we should forge ahead in improving our defence cooperation, at least among those Member States who are ready to do so – and my impression is that the majority of the Member States do. Some meaningful pooling and sharing initiatives demonstrate this. However, the Europeanisation of our military must also start at the beginning of the military careers of our officers.

This is why I am very much in favour of the European initiative launched in 2008 by the then French presidency for the exchange of young officers during the initial phase of their training – an initiative inspired by Erasmus. It is an excellent platform for discussing related problems and organising practical exchange opportunities.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all those who have been involved in the work of the Implementation Group so far, as Chairpersons and as active national representatives and experts. Many thanks for your exemplary personal commitment. Of course, there is much room for further improvement of our work and initiatives, with the particular aim of intensifying our exchanges. Therefore, I would like to encourage you all not only to remain committed but to do your utmost to intensify your cooperation using "Erasmus militaire" as a platform. The development of an IT platform replacing this newsletter will definitely be a significant step forward and will help improve communication.

Together with you I remain committed to Europe – it is our future!

Common Module on CSDP 2015 at the Theresan Military Academy in Wiener Neustadt

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Common Module on CSDP 2015 at the Theresan Military Academy in Wiener Neustadt

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Between 12th and 16th of January, 2015 a Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Module took place at the Theresan Military Academy in Austria. The European initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus was again a fruitful cooperation of Military Academies from Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Austria as a host. Moreover the module was opportunity also for civilian students to gain experience and work in an international environment with Cadets in order to build up a better understanding for each other.

It is worth to mention that the Course Director, Col Dr. Harald Gell, invited instructors and lecturers from the international community. Representatives

from Czech Republic, Estonia, Poland, Romania and United Kingdom as well as high-level persons from Austria were invited to teach theory as well as practice.



Picture 1: Participants of the Austrian CSDP-Module 2015 (Photo by TMA)

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On Monday, 12th of January – among excitement and fears – the Module started. There were reasons to be optimistic like gaining new experience and discover new areas of knowledge and in some cases even future interest in further exploration. But there were also reasons to be aware if everyone can communicate and find connection and if multinational groups can cooperate effectively not even mentioning if civilian-military combination can give positive results. However, the very first day brought ice break and show the week will be productive and against any fear and stereotypes became great memory for all of us. We were not disappointed. First day started with history of institutions of the EU and guided tour of the Academy. The place has special meaning because it is the oldest Military Academy of the world and reminds us that we belong to a great tradition which we have to pass on.

The Evening was also very promising. A big sport competition was organized and unusual disciplines where prepared which created a lot of fun. A good idea was a key for success as well as team work which brought us together more closely. After that everyone went to the students' party where we celebrated the winners of the sport competition. Everyone had a chance to chat and to know each other better.



Picture 2: On the first day of the CSDP-Module a guided tour was conducted by Cadets. (Photo by Cdt Haas)

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The following days brought us new challenges. All were divided into syndicates and had special tasks which requested cooperation among the different nations. The results of a syndicate depended on each member's work. Despite complexity of issues this exercise developed soft skills and allowed better to understand subjects like human rights or capability development. Between the briefings prepared by the team-leaders some theoretical lectures took place, among them overviews on situations in Afghanistan and Chad and their connection to the European Union. It was a great opportunity to talk with people who had combat experience in missions and operations abroad. In doing so is for sure easier if we know whom or what we are fighting together with brothers form different countries of the European Union.

On Wednesday all the participants visited UNHQ in Vienna. The place was amazing – one city within another bigger one where you could see representatives from all over the world. The presence of Cadets in elegant uniforms in different colors draw attention also from some tourists. Two guides explained how UN works. Later on we had a lecture about EU-UN relations which was too short for such a huge topic but clear enough to give us an idea of EU cooperation with other organizations. This trip was a great chance to increase our intercultural competences.



Picture 3: For integration purposes a sports competition took place. (Photo by Cdt Haas)

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To sum up, the CSDP-Module was well organized and everything was planned with the highest manner. It might be that the Austrian experience in organizing Common Modules in such a way has an important impact in maximizing effectiveness of the learning process. No negative events happened and we could proceed without any disturbance. The CSDP-Module allowed participants to expand their knowledge about the EU and its security issues. Multinationality and cooperation between civilian and military counterparts was a great benefit. The understanding between civilian universities and military academies allowed also find people considered being so different but being able to cooperate. There is no doubt; the CSDP-Module was worth to participate.



Picture 4: The topic EU-UN relations was done at the UNHQ Vienna. (Photo by Cdt Haas)

Mobility opportunities in the form of Common Modules 1/3

Country	Institution	Event aims to following service(s)	Year	Month	Period	Latest date for registration	Event	Short description	Requirements/ profile of the participants	Number of EU students invited	Workflow in ECTS	Workflow in WH	POC
		Army	2015	Jul/Aug	27 Jul- 07 Aug	29 May 2015	Common Module: PSO-Sub-Module D	Course for CMO / PSO-Techniques on Platoon-level		20	-	119	
		All	2015	Sep/Oct	28 Sep- 02 Oct	31 Jul 2015	Common Module: Basic Military English Module O	Vocabulary, terms and definitions with focus on MDMP	The Modules will be provided in English,	20	2	-	Col Dr. GELL Harald harald.gell@bmlvs
Austria	Theresan Military Academy	All	2015	Nov	02-06 Nov	4 Sep 2015	Common Module: Media Training Module L	According to the Curriculum developed	therefore at least Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) Level B1 or NATO STANAG	20	2	-	.gv.at Detailed module descriptions on our homepage: http://www.miles.a c.at/campus/iep/m odule.php
		All	2015	Nov	09-13 Nov	11 Sep 2015	Common Module: Law of Armed Conflicts (LOAC) Module K	141.1 44	Level 2 is required!		2	-	+43-664-622-2161

Mobility opportunities in the form of Common Modules 2/3

Country	Institution	Event aims to following service(s)	Year	Month	Period	Latest date for registration	Event	Short description	Requirements/ profile of the participants	Number of EU students invited	Workflow in ECTS	Workflow in WH	POC
		All		Nov	16-27 Nov	18 Sep 2015	Common Module: PSO-Sub-Module A	Basics for Crisis Management Operations / Peace Support Operations	The Modules will	20	3	-	
			2015	Dec	09-17 Dec	9 Oct 2015	Common Module: PSO-Sub-Module B	Map exercise with topic CMO / PSO	be provided in English, therefore at least Common	20	2	-	
Austria	Theresan	Army		Nov/Dec	30 Nov- 04 Dec	2 Oct 2015	CommonModule: PSO-Sub-Module C	Tactical Exercise Without Troops in a CMO / PSO Scenario	European Framework of Reference for Languages				Col Dr. GELL Harald harald.gell@bmlvs.gv. at Detailed module
	Military Academy		2016	Jan	11-15 Jan	13 Nov 2015	Common Module: CSDP-Module J	The CSDP-Module includes an IDL-phase and a one- week residential phase, according to the Crurriculum developed within the IG	(CEFR) Level B1 or NATO STANAG Level 2 is required!	40	2	-	descriptions on our homepage: http://www.miles.ac.at/ campus/iep/module.ph p +43-664-622-2161
		All	2015 - 2016	Sep-Feb	28 Sep 2015 - 05 Feb 2016	10 Jul 2015	International Winter Semester Military Leadership	The entire semester will be provided in English. All Common Modules are included, additionally some other modules referring to Military topics.	Only for Cadets of at least 2nd year (not civilians). The English level will be tested at the beginning		31	-	

Mobility opportunities in the form of Common Modules 3/3

Country	Institution	following	ear ear	Month	Period	Latest date for registration	Event	Short description	Requirements / profile of the participants	Number of EU students invited	Workflow in ECTS	Workflow in WH	POC
Italy	EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND AND SCHOOL OF APPLIED MILITARY STUDIES - TURIN	All	2015	May	4-8 May	2 April 2015	LOAC Common Module	According to the Curriculum developed within the Implementation Group. Residential phase (1 week)	The Module will be provided in English	12	2	_	Lt. Col. Enrico SPINELLO <u>casezrapuni@scappli.esercito</u> .difesa .it 003901156032144 003901156032145
Greece	Hellenic Army Academy	All	201 5	Мау	4-8 May 2015	2 April 2015	Module: Law of armed conflicts	Internet Distance Learning + One week Long residential phase	, v 1	max 30 (first-in priority	2	30	CaptGeorgios Hasanakos ghasanakospao@yahoo.com +30 2108904198
	Hellenic Naval Academy	All 201 5 May 2015 27 Feb 2015 Module: CSDP		Internet Distance Learning + One week Long residential phase	on for freel)	2	30	Lt.Cdr Konstantinos Theodoropoulos gasted@otenet.gr +30 2104581627				

General mobility opportunities (1/5)

Country	Institution	Event aims to following	Year	Month	Period to	date for registratio	⊂ Event	Short description	Requirements/ profile of the participants	Number of EU students invited	Workflow in ECTS	Workflow in WH	POC		
	Hellenic Air Force Academy		2015	May	4-8 May 2015	6 Feb 2015	Basic for Crisis	Internet Distance Learning + One week Long residential phase	3d/4th year cadets B1 English [Food and accommodation for free]	max 30 (first-in priority)	2	30	Major (AF) Fokion Vakrakos <u>f.vakrakos@gmail.com</u>		
Greece	HAA (HELLENIC ARMY ACADEMY)	All	2015		05 JULY (ARRIVAL 04) - 10 JULY (DEPARTURE 11 JULY)	10 JUNE 15	URBAN WARFARE	TRAINING IN THE SUMMER CAMPUS OF THE HAA UNDER HARSH CONDITIONS(35° C) IN THE URBAN WARFARE OPS (SQUAD LEVEL)	2nd YEAR CADETS AND ABOVE,	2 PER ACADEMY.	2		Cpt George Hasanakos, Cpt Emmanouil Manolis <u>tsase@sse.gr</u> , <u>emanodi@gmail.com</u>		
	HAA (HELLENIC ARMY ACADEMY)		2015		12 JULY (ARRIVAL 11) - 17 JULY (DEPARTURE 18 JULY)	10 JUNE 15	APHIBIOUS OPERATIONS	TRAINING IN THE SUMMER CAMPUS OF THE HAA UNDER HARSH CONDITIONS(35° C) IN THE AMPHIBIOUS OPS (SQUAD LEVEL)	ENGLISH LEVEL B1	MAX 20 CADETS.	L		0030 2108904198, 0030 2108904132		

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General mobility opportunities (2/5)

Country	Institution	Event aims to following service(s)	Year	Month	Period	Latest date for registration	Event	Short description	Requirements/ profile of the participants	Number of EU students invited	Workflow in ECTS	Workflow in WH		POO	
			2015	May	week 22	Arpil 24th	Conflicts in Africa	Shed light on potential regions of instability in North Africa and Sahel area	Political Sciences M1 level	10	2	24	Thoma s Flichy	<u>dai@st-</u> <u>cyr.terre-</u> <u>net.defense.</u> gouv.fr	
France	St-Cyr military Schools	All	2015	Nov	week 48	October 23th		To give the cadets a first approach to issues relating to cyber security and cyber war	Bachelor level	10	2	24	Didier Danet	<u>dai@st-</u> <u>cyr.terre-</u> <u>net.defense. gouv.fr</u>	33 (0) 2 97 70 75 85 for administrative issues
			2015	Nov	week 48	October 23th	Robotics : practical views	After a presentation of the challenges in nowadays robotics and in military robotics, the students will learn robotics by a practical approach	Bachelor level	10	2	24	Yves Bergeo n	<u>dai@st-</u> <u>cyr.terre-</u> <u>net.defense.</u> gouv.fr	

General mobility opportunities (3/5)

		Aims to				Latest date	Profile of the	Number of	Criteria for	РОС		
Country	Instituti on	following service	Event	Short Description	Period	for registration	expected exchange	EU students invited	recognition (ECTS, etc)	Name, E-mail, Phone		
	AGM ARMY	Army	EXERCISE "TIERRA 2015"	Contra-insurgency planning exercise aim to put in practice capabilities adquired by Cadets during his/her Academy readiness. Classes will be taught in English	22JUN-10 JUL15	24 Apr 2015	5th year Cadets	TBD	0	MAJ. RISCO SALSO jrissal@et.mde.es 0034+976739576		
<u>\$</u>			Survival camp	Military Training with Spanish students	29 JUN -3 JUL 2015		2nd / 3rd / 4th year students B1 Spanish	4	0			
Spain	AGA Air Force	All		Seminar with the University about Defense Technologies. Classes will be taught in Spanish <u>http://www.cud.upct.es</u>					1.5	Maj Sergio Rodriguez Torres		
					Summer Seminar	Seminar with the University about International Military Missions. Classes will be taught in Spanish. http://www.upct.es/cursosverano	22-26 Jul 2015		B2 Spanish	4	1	srodtor@ea.mde.es 0034-968189172
				Seminar with the University about Military Missions and Challenges in Peace Time. Classes will be taught in Spanish.					1.5			
				http://www.umu.es/cursosverano								
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General mobility opportunities (4/5)

		Aims								POC	
Country	Instituti on	to followi ng service	Event	Short Description	Period	Latest date for registration	Profile of the expected exchange	Number of EU students invited	Criteria for recognition (ECTS, etc)	Name, E-mail, Phone	
	AGA Air Force		Introduction to Research works	Directed by the Defence University. Classes will be taught part in English and in Spanish	5 weeks TBD		B2 Spanish	4	6		
Spain		All	Fall semester term				B2 Spanish		30 max	Maj Sergio Rodriguez Torres srodtor@ea.mde.es 0034-968189172	
			Phase I Flight training	Phase I flight training course	Sep 2015- Jan 2016		B1 Spanish	Bilateral Agreement required		0034-968189172	
			Phase II Flight training	Phase II flight training course	Sep 2015- Jun 2016		B1 Spanish				

General mobility opportunities (5/5)

						Latest				POC
Country	Institut ion	Aims to following service	Event	Short Description	Period	date for registr ation	Profile of the expected exchange	Number of EU students invited	Criteria for recognition (ECTS, etc)	Name, E-mail, Phone
			Fall semester term	Studying and living in ENM with Academic validation. Classes will be taught in Spanish.	02 Sep- 21 Dec 2015		3rd / 4rth year students B2 Spanish	1 to 2	IAW subjects chosen of the ENM's syllabus	
		Navy / Marines	Fall training Week	A week of military and naval training with	15-22 Nov 2015		2nd / 3rd year students B2 Spanish	1 to 2	0	
<u>a</u>	ENM-		Spring training Week	Spanish students	08-15 March 2015					Maj Oscar Lage <u>olagcar@fn.mde.es</u> 0034-986804706
Spain	Navy		XVIII 'Almte. Rguez-Toubes' Trophy	ez-Toubes' 2 days of regatta at			2nd / 3 rd /4 th year students B1 Spanish	3-4	0	
		Navy	Year ending boarding summer training cruise	Boarding on Spanish Navy Warship/Schooner	09 Jun-09 July 2015		2nd / 3rd year students B1 Spanish	1-2	0	
		Marines	Field Training Exercise		11-26 June 2015		2nd / 3 rd /4 th year students B1 Spanish	1-2	0	

General mobility demands (1/1)

Country	Institution	Event aims to following service(s)	Event	Profile of the expected exchange	Number of participants	Criteria for recognition (ECTS, etc)	Expected (amount)	POC
Austria	Theresan Military Academy	All	Common Modules "CSDP", "LOAC", "Media Training", "Maritime Leadership	2 nd ,or 3rd Year Students	2-4 Students for each Module	Content according to the curricula developed within the IG	-	Col Dr. GELL Harald harald.gell@bmlvs.gv.at (00)43-664-622-2161

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- -European Air Force Academies (EUAFA): <u>http://www.euafa.eu/EUAFA/</u>
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Next meetings:

-26th Implementation Group: 07 May 2015, 10.00 am, Athens (GR) -27th Implementation Group: 10 September 2015, 10.00 am Brussels (BE) -28th Implementation Group: 25 November 2015, 10.00 am Brussels (BE)