**55th meeting of the Implementation Group for the European initiative for the Exchange of Young Officers Inspired by Erasmus (EMILYO)**

**21 - 22 of September 2022, Portugal, Draft minute**

**Line of Development 11 – International Naval Semester (INS)**

1. During the 55th IG meeting, on Lod 11 workshop, 8 participants from 7 EU Member States and 6 Naval Academies had participated, as following: 1 representative from Romania (Romanian Naval Academy), 2 representatives from Poland (Polish Naval Academy), 1 representative from Bulgaria (“Nikola Vaptsarov” Naval Academy), 1 representative from Greece (Hellenic Naval Academy), 1 representative from Italy (Italian Naval Academy), 1 representative from Spain (Spanish Naval Academy) and 1 representative from France (French Naval Academy).

2. The meeting has started with an overview of the common curriculum design among the partners, as planned during 54th IG meeting. The following statements had been underlined:

- there is a delay with several syllabuses to be developed by some of the partners, to be catch up in the following few months, by the date of the next IG meeting in Poland;

- during 56th IG meeting the partners will check and approve the last version of the syllabuses, to be implemented in the academic year of 2023-2024 as planned;

- the partners are stick to the initial will of applying with 2 projects in the upcoming call of strategic partnerships in February 2023.

Then, considering the actual status of INS implementation, the next pillar have been reaffirmed: to conclude the joint curriculum as planned, to increase the curricular flexibility for incoming offer; to urge for better dissemination among the partners; to strive for the INS networking enlarging; and to initiate new joint projects among the partners, as strategic partnerships under Erasmus+ framework, focused on training/education and research development.

4. **Workplan for LoD11**. The partners have agreed to follow up the distribution of courses as agreed in the previous meeting. In order to respect the initial roadmap, the partners have agreed upon the **following deadlines for INS modules development and implementation**:

* by 30th of November 2022 – the syllabuses in INS format should be delivered by each responsible institutions;
* by 5th of December 2022 – syllabuses approval, during the 56th of IG meeting;
* by 28th of February 2023 – the INS project under Erasmus strategic partnerships call should be applied/submitted under Romanian Naval Academy coordination;
* by September 2023 – course content should be delivered and approved as in the next academic year to be planned and carried out among the partners.

5. In support of GAREA enhancement, the partners have also agreed to extend the exchange offers by implementing joint training modules starting from 2022-2023, based on the next partners’ proposal:

* “*Navy Tactics Module*” – Romanian Naval Academy (April 2023)
* “*Navigation Simulation Module*” – Romanian Naval Academy (March 2023)
* “*Engine Room Watchkeeping*” – Romanian Naval Academy (March 2023)
* “*Seamanship Training*” – Romanian Naval Academy, Bulgarian Naval Academy and Polish Naval Academy (June-July 2023)
* “*Maritime Security*” – Hellenic Naval Academy (April 2023);
* “*Leadership*” – Polish Naval Academy (May 2023).

Adhering to the EMILYO imperative, Romanian Naval Academy has committed by its representive team to submit a joint project for 2023 call for proposal on Erasmus+ strategic partnerships, namely: “*Common Curriculum Harmonization for Navy Education – the International Naval Semester curriculum framework development*”. For 2024 call of Erasmus+ strategic partnerships the next proposal shall be submitted: “Joint Naval Training Network to value the common curricular frame for Navy cadets”.

On behalf of attending representatives,

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