**56th meeting of the Implementation Group for the European initiative for the Exchange of Young Officers Inspired by Erasmus (EMILYO)**

**06 - 07 of December 2022, Poland, Draft minute**

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

**1.** During the 56th IG meeting, on Lod 11 workshop, 11 participants from 6 EU Member States representing 6 European Naval Academies had attended, as following: 2 representatives from Romania (Romanian Naval Academy), 2 representatives from Poland (Polish Naval Academy), 2 representatives from Bulgaria (“Nikola Vaptsarov” Naval Academy), 3 representatives from Greece (Hellenic Naval Academy), 1 representative from Italy (Italian Naval Academy), 1 representative from Spain (Spanish Naval Academy). Beside the EU BEOIs 1 observer had attended, with 2 representatives from the United States Naval Academy.

**2.** The meeting has started with an overview of the common curriculum design among the partners, as planned during 55th IG meeting. The following actions have jointly agreed:

- the LoD members have agreed to complete the INS curriculum with the CSDP common module (Doc: 2021/284 version), in order to contribute for European culture enhancement among the European cadets, especially due to the new security context – the new curriculum outlines will be updated and posted on the EMILYO website;

- the partners have agreed and approved the draft versions of the INS courses as proposed by the responsible institutions – for the last version, the partners agreed to contribute in references completion – then, during 57th 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 committed to apply with the INS projects in the upcoming call of strategic partnerships in March 2023, under RNA coordination. The project title is set up, namely: “*International Naval Semester curriculum framework development, valuing the intelligent technologies and the innovative tools in European Defense System - Joint Curriculum Harmonization for Military Navy Education*”. The following institution have expressed their intention to be part of the consortium as project partners: Romanian Naval Academy (coordinator), Polish Naval Academy, Italian Naval Academy, Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy and Hellenic Naval Academy. Spanish Naval Academy will follow up the project results as observer and project beneficiary.

- the Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy has proposed to take over the coordination of the second application form to be submitted on the call of 2023 on Erasmus+ strategic partnerships, preparing the application of the following project: “*Joint Naval Training Network to Value the Common Curricular Frame for European Navy cadets*”.

Concluding the actual status of INS implementation, the next priorities have been reaffirmed: to conclude the joint curriculum as planned in final version; to increase the curricular flexibility for incoming offer; to initiate new joint projects among the partners, as strategic partnerships under Erasmus+ framework, focused on training/education and research development.

**3.** **Workplan for LoD11**. The partners have agreed to follow up the following deadlines for INS further actions and measures:

* by 20th of January 2023 – the partners will decide their official involvement as partners in INS strategic partnership;
* by 1st of March 2023 – the RNA team will present the INS strategic partnership project in draft, to be validated by the involved partners (during 58th IG meeting);
* by 24th of March 2023 – the INS project under Erasmus strategic partnerships call will be applied/submitted under Romanian Naval Academy coordination;
* by September 2023 – the partners should organize the INS modules as joint courses.

5. In support of GAREA flows enhancement, the partners have also agreed to extend the exchange offers by implementing regular joint training modules starting from 2023-2024, based on the next partners’ proposal:

* “*Navy Warfare Tactics Module*” – Romanian Naval Academy (April 2023)
* “*Navigation Simulation Module*” – Romanian Naval Academy (May 2023)
* “*Engine Room Watchkeeping*” – Romanian Naval Academy (May 2023)
* “*Seamanship Training*” – Romanian Naval Academy, Bulgarian Naval Academy and Polish Naval Academy (June-July 2023)
* “*Maritime Security*” – Hellenic Naval Academy (27th of March 2023);
* “*International Training Week*” – Spanish Naval Academy (March, November 2023);
* “*Leadership*” – Polish Naval Academy (May 2023).

On behalf of attending representatives,

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