**57th meeting of the Implementation Group for the European initiative for the Exchange of Young Officers Inspired by Erasmus (EMILYO)**

**28 – 02 of March 2023, Bulgaria, 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), 2 representatives from Greece (Hellenic Naval Academy), 2 representatives from Italy (Italian Naval Academy), 1 representative from Spain (Spanish Naval Academy).

**2. Meeting debating topics and agreed decisions**

The meeting has started with an overview of the common curriculum design among the partners, as planned during 56th IG meeting. The following actions had been jointly agreed:

a. The LoD members had agreed upon the INS curriculum including the CSDP common module (Doc: 2021/284 version), in order to contribute for European culture enhancement among the European cadets – the curriculum outlines have been updated and posted on EMILYO webpage;

b. The following partners have expressed their strong commitment to apply with the INS projects in the upcoming call of strategic partnerships in March 2023, under RNA coordination: Romanian Naval Academy, Polish Naval Academy, “Nikola Vaptsarov” Naval and the Italian Naval Academy. The Hellenic Naval Academy and the Spanish Naval Academy will keep the observers’ position and will be further considered beneficiaries of the project results. The approved project title is: “*International Naval Semester Development Applying the Intelligent Technologies and the Innovative Tools in the European Navy Defence System – NAVY-INS-Tech*”. The partners had also agreed on the work packages assignment and to the events distribution.

c. In support of GAREA flows enhancement, the partners have also agreed to extend the exchange offers by implementing regular joint training modules, based on the next partners’ proposal, as updated during the 57th IG meeting:

* Maritime Security – HNA (Greece, 27-31 of March 2023)
* Navy Warfare Tactics Module – NVNA (Bulgaria, 24-28 of April 2023);
* Navy Warfare Tactics Module – RNA (Romania, 8-12 of May 2023);
* Ship Handling Module – NVNA (Bulgaria, June 2023)
* Navigation/ Engine Room Simulation Module – RNA (Romania, 23-27 of October 2023) – it will be organized as Blended Intensive Program;
* Seamanship Training Stages – RNA (Romania 26 of June - 02 of July 2023)
* Onboard Navy Cadetship Practice – RNA (Romania, onboard Mircea Tall Ship, 03-30 of July 2023)
* International Training Week – SNA (Spain, 6-12 of March and November 2023)

d. The Romanian Naval Academy had presented as project coordinator, the major achievements and results for 2 ongoing projects under implementation in partnership with Polish Naval Academy and Bulgarian Naval Academy, namely:

- **MARS-NET** - *Maritime Simulators and Training Facilities Network for Enhancing the Exchange of Good Practices and Digital Learning* (01.02.2022-01.02.2024) (<https://www.anmb.ro/marsnet>) - 10 course curriculum have been harmonized, 5 courses using the simulators are developed (Ship Handling and Manoeuvring, Navigational Watchkeeping, Radar Navigation, Engine Room Watchkeeping, Cargo handling), 3 courses for teachers using the simulating facilities had been conducted (45 teachers instructed) and 2 courses (short modules) for students had been conducted (40 students instructed);

- **SEA MENTORS** – *SEAfarers Experiential Knowledge Based MENTORS* – the partners are seeking to build an online joint platform for students counselling and mentoring in carrier path ([www.seamentors.com](http://www.seamentors.com/)) containing**:** the carrier joint councelling center, the sharing point of cadetship experiences, mentors interviews and mentorship materials for both mentors and trainees.

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

* by 23rd of March 2023 – the INS project under Erasmus strategic partnerships call will be applied/submitted under Romanian Naval Academy coordination;
* by October 2023 – the partners will seek to organize the INS modules as joint courses.

Concluding the actual status of INS implementation, the next priorities have been reaffirmed: to implement the joint curriculum as planned in final version durign the next academic year 2023-2024; 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.

On behalf of attending representatives,

Chairperson of LoD 11 INS,

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