

iMAF 2016 in Wroclaw, Poland

The international Military Academy Forum (iMAF) 2016 was held in Wroclaw, Poland. The goal of the event was to discuss and evaluate non-common-modules, which are foreseen to be conducted during the basic officer education within a common international semester and to provide to participants possibilities for external funding. The event was organised by the five iMAF-partners which are the:

- General Tadeusz Kosciuszko Military Academy of the Land Forces, Wroclaw, Poland.
- National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary.
- Nicolae Balcescu Land Forces Academy, Sibiu, Romania.
- Theresan Military Academy, Wiener Neustadt, Austria.
- University of Defence, Brno, Czech Republic.

137 persons from 42 institutions and 22 countries followed the invitation to come to Wroclaw and to contribute to the elaborations foreseen.



The Pawlowice Castle where iMAF 2016 took place.
(Photo: MALF Wroclaw)

The forum lasted five days and consisted of several presentations, intensive work in international syndicate groups and cultural as well as social activities. The main effort of the syndicate work was the revision of non-common modules which are foreseen to be integrated into the international semester developed within the frame of a Strategic Partnership Project and which should reach the status of common on a later

stage within the Implementation Group for the “European Initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus”.

The role as an Officer Cadet was to provide the point of view on revision of the above mentioned procedure – which can be seen on the picture hereinafter.



Syndicate work during iMAF 2016.
(Photo: MALF Wroclaw)

Between the presentations and syndicate works, partner institution hosted a topic break where they served country specific delicacies. The aim of those breaks was to broaden the culinary horizon of the guests and to give time for bilateral discussions. Every evening, the polish hosts conducted a social program. Activities included an icebreaker party, a barbecue, a paint-ball game and an official dinner.

On the last day, all outcomes of evaluation and the syndicate work were summarised and the conditions for the modules were presented.

The benefits of the iMAF 2016 for us Officer Cadets were the improvement of the English language skills, the increase of intercultural competence & interoperability and a deeper understanding of the internationalisation process of the European Armed Forces.

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