

Meeting of the ESDC
European Union Military Secondary Schools Forum
(EUMSSF)
Draft MINUTES

14^h Meeting
10 May 2024 (09:00-16:30)

**Venue: this meeting took place exclusively in presence
In Lisbon (Portugal)**

Chair: Lt. Col. Symeon ZAMBAS, CY

1) Welcome and *tour de table*

The ESDC Secretariat welcomed the participants; all 20 participants from 9 Schools were invited to introduce themselves.

2) Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3) Introductory remarks

The Chairperson presented his opening remarks. The ESDC Secretariat presented the main objectives of the Forum and introduced Ms Maria PENEDOS, ESDC Training Manager who will be taking over the responsibility of the EUMSSF.

4) 3rd EUMSSF Essay Writing Olympiad presentation and way forward

The ESDC secretariat presented the 2024-2025 Edition of the Regulation “CSDP Writing Competition for EUMSS” including the titles and timelines for the competition.

5) Report on bilateral activities run by the Schools

The Chair invited the Schools representatives to report on past and present bilateral activities.

6) Rotation plan for delivering EUMSSF courses for 2024 and beyond

The ESDC secretariat proposed a table to be filled with the course offers for the Forum, so to have a rotation plan for the next academic years, as requested during the 11th Meeting in Lisbon.

Colégio Militar offered to host the Course dedicated to EU History and core values in spring 2025.

7) Way forward and agenda topics for the next meeting of the EUMSSF

The Chair presented the way forward and asked the Forum Members to provide agenda topics for the following EUMSSF meeting.

“Tudor Vladimirescu” Military High school Craiova offered to host the 15th Meeting of the Forum in September 2024 in Romania.

The Forum agreed to discuss the following topics during its next meeting:

- *3rd Essay writing Olympiad;*
- *Renewal of the EUMSSF configuration ahead of the ESDC EAB meeting;*
- *Review of the curriculum of the course dedicated to EU history and core values;*
- *Train the trainers’ course (need and possible timings);*
- *Future common projects under the Erasmus initiative.*

8) 1100 - Final presentations, Closing speech and Ceremony of the “EU History and core values” Course.

At the presence of H.E. the Ambassador of Cyprus to Portugal and the members of the EUMSSF, participants of the course presented the results of the group work conducted during the course.

At the end of the course H.E. the Ambassador delivered a speech followed by a closing speech by the Chairperson of the EUMSSF.

The Commandant of Colégio Militar presented the very successful results of the course dedicated to EU History and Core Values.

9) AOB

The National Military High School “Ștefan cel Mare”, Câmpulung Moldovenesc, Romania presented a summer school in Romania from 14 to 20 July, organized following the principle of reciprocity, requesting nomination to be made by 15 of May.

*The Forum decided to create a specific Line of Development (**LoD-2**) dedicated to common projects under the ERASMUS initiative. This LoD-2 will be chaired by the Military High School "Dimitrie Cantemir" (RO).*

10)Publicising the EUMSSF’s work

The minutes, agendas, Rules of Procedure and all other relevant documents will be uploaded onto the Military Erasmus webpage at: www.emilyo.eu, specifically <http://www.emilyo.eu/node/1389>.

To provide a better overview, **all requests are summarised in the table below:**

Request:	Send to:
All institutions are invited to provide information on whether they run a summer school that is open to participants from other schools no later than 31 May 2024.	
All institutions are invited to express their interest in being appointed as coordinators and/or participating as members in a project under Erasmus+ no later than 05 July 2024.	
All institutions are invited to express their interest in hosting the 16 th EUMSSF Meeting and suggest topics for the agenda of the 15 th EUMSSF Meeting no later than 05 July 2024.	