

3rd meeting of the European Military Secondary Schools Forum (EUMSSF)

European Security and Defence College
Rue Belliard 100, 1000 Brussels
3 June 2020 (13.00-15.00) as VTC

Draft minutes

1) Welcome and *tour de table*

The chair welcomed the 24 participants and invited them to introduce themselves.

2) Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was presented and adopted by the members of the Forum.

3) Introductory remarks

The chair presented the main objectives of the Forum and described in detail the specific tasks of the 3rd meeting.

4) Presentations by the newcomer institutions

The representatives of the following institutions from Serbia and Ukraine presented the structure, curriculum and activities of their institutions. In addition, they expressed their strong support for the EUMSSF initiative and indicated their intention to become members of the Forum:

Serbia

- Military Grammar School (from the Serbian University of Defence)
- Military Vocational Secondary School

Ukraine

- Naval Military High School from Odessa
- Military High School 'Ivan Bogun' from Kyiv

The chair thanked the representatives of the newcomer institutions and informed them that schools from third countries can become associated members of the Forum, provided they meet the criteria set out in paragraphs 1 and 4 of the Rules of Procedure (RoP). Therefore, he asked them to forward the presentations and any other relevant documents to the ESDC Secretariat in order to initiate the approval procedure.

5) 1st Olympiad (discussion on the topics to be selected)

The Forum discussed the topics proposed by the ESDC Secretariat and adopted them as follows:

- The future European Union – what would you like it to be (what are your own goals and dreams for the EU)?
- How can European citizens strengthen the democratic image of the EU? Do you believe that the European Parliament should take on more responsibilities in order to exercise the mandate given to it by the citizens of the EU?
- The future of the European Union and the role of the active citizen in shaping it.
- The Europe of today – what is not working and what is not being communicated well?
- What does a united Europe mean to you?
- What I wish to be taught about the EU and how.

6) Rules of procedure (discussion about the creation of a regulation on how to author & evaluate essays)

The Forum discussed, elaborated on and amended the rules of the essay competition as proposed by the chair and the ESDC Secretariat. The attached document will be used as a reference for evaluating the essays at the first stage (school level). At that point, Col Gell from TMA intervened and volunteered to draft a regulation on how to evaluate essays, to be applied at the second stage of evaluation (EU level). The Forum accepted the proposal.

7) Train the Trainer Course

The pilot course was postponed due to the confinement measures put in place by EU MS to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The event has been rescheduled to take place in Brussels from **16 to 20 November**. The main task of the pilot activity is to familiarise future teachers with the EU's core values. The group has already completed the development of the draft curriculum for the Train the Trainer course named 'The European Union for Secondary Schools'. The draft curriculum was approved by the EAB at the February meeting. Details are available at <http://emilyo.eu/node/1389>.

8) Pupils' Modules Curricula

The description of the pupils' modules will correspond to the Train the Trainer course. It will be developed during the 4th Forum meeting.

9) Roadmap and agenda topics for the next meeting

The Forum members were invited to express their interest in hosting future meetings and provide the ESDC Secretariat with information regarding the main calendar dates for their respective institutions (beginning/end of **autumn/winter and spring/summer academic semesters**).

The next meeting will be held on **20 November 2020** and will be hosted by the ESDC in Brussels. The agenda will include the pupils' modules description, the essay competition (discussion on the steps to be taken) and funding/cooperation opportunities.

10) Publicising the EUMSSF's work

The minutes, agendas, Rules of Procedure and any other relevant document 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 the institutions are invited to express their interest in hosting future meetings.	SECRETARIAT-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu & ilias.makris@eeas.europa.eu
Mark in blue and red the autumn/winter and spring/summer academic semesters of your institution. Create new lines if necessary. (http://www.emilyo.eu/node/185)	
All the 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 30 September 2020	
All the institutions are expected to send the 3 best essays and appoint 2 evaluators no later than 20 November 2020	
All the institutions are invited to suggest topics for the agenda of the 4 th EUMSSF meeting no later than 30 September 2020	