

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

7th Meeting
7 and 8 September 2021 (Brussels and WebEx)

Chair: Lt. Col. Symeon ZAMBAS, CY

Day 1 - Tuesday 7 September 2021 15:00 CET

1) Welcome and *tour de table*

The ESDC secretariat welcomed the 23 participants (18 in person and 5 online); all participants were invited to introduce themselves.

2) Adoption of the agenda

The agenda submitted by the Chair was 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 7th meeting.

4) 1st Olympiad: awards ceremony

The ESDC announced the three winners of the competition.

Each winner gave a ten-minute presentation of the ideas contained in their essays.

The EUMSSF Chair and Mr Dirk Dubois (Head of the ESDC) presented the three winners with their awards:

Ms Daria Balahura from Military High School Ștefan cel Mare;

Ms Irina Puiu from Military High School Ștefan cel Mare;

Ms. Bianca Shanab from Military High-School Alexandru Ioan Cuza.

Day 2 - Wednesday 8 September 2021 9:30 CET

5) Introductory remarks by the EUMSSF Chair

The ESDC secretariat welcomed the 23 participants (19 in person and 4 online) to the second day of the Forum.

6) Preliminary discussion of the creation of a common roadmap for the creation of three curricula for the schools

The Forum discussed the three proposed titles of the curricula to be created and implemented by the schools:

- 1. EU History and Core Values*
- 2. EU Institutions*
- 3. EU Common Security and Defence Policy*

At the end of the discussion, the Forum agreed to include the above topics under two titles namely:

- 1. EU History*
- 2. EU Institutions*

The Forum agreed to postpone the decision of where it would be most appropriate to insert EU core values and EU CSDP topics when developing the curricula.

*The Forum also decided to create a specific Line of Development (**LoD-1**) dedicated to the creation of the curricula.*

This LoD-1 will be chaired by the National Military High School Ștefan cel Mare (RO) and composed of representatives of the National Military School Mihai Viteazul Airf-Hq (RO), the Colégio Militar (PT) and the Instituto dos Pupilos do Exército (PT).

The Forum members agreed to discuss the two curricula during the 8th Meeting (25 January 2022) and the 9th Meeting (May/June 2022) of the EUMSSF in order to finalise them during the 10th Meeting (September 2022). A first draft will be circulated to all the members before the end of 2021.

The Group decided to create an additional **LoD-2** dedicated to *Founding Opportunities* as soon as the Forum institutions had nominated candidates for chairing it.

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

The Chair proposed holding the **next (8th) Meeting** of the Forum on 25 January 2022 in person.

The Forum agreed to run the “EU for Secondary Schools” pilot course in the month of June 2022.

8) AoB

9) 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: All Institutions are invited to:	Send to:
Offer to host the next Meeting (8 th) in person no later than 31 October 2021	simone.coccia@eeas.europa.eu & SECRETARIAT-ESDC@eeas.europa.eu
Express their interest in hosting future meetings no later than 31 October 2021	
Suggest topics for the agenda of the 8 th EUMSSF meeting no later than 31 October 2021	
Express their interest in being appointed as coordinators and/or participating as members in a project under Erasmus+ no later than 31 November 2021	
Provide information on whether they run a summer school that is open to participants from other schools no later than 31 December 2021	
Provide candidates for the LoD-2 (funding opportunities) Chair no later than 31 January 2022	