

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

MINUTES

11th Meeting
17 March 2023

**Venue: this meeting took place exclusively in presence
in the Colegio Militar in Lisbon**

Chair: Lt. Col. Symeon ZAMBAS, CY

17 March, 0900

1) Welcome and *tour de table*

A representative from Colegio Militar followed by the ESDC Secretariat welcomed the 16 participants from 5 EU member States; all participants introduced themselves.

2) Adoption of the agenda

Agenda was adopted.

3) Introductory remarks

The Chair presented the main objectives of the Forum and described in detail the specific objectives of the 11th EUMSSF meeting.

4) Chairmanship prolongation

The ESDC Secretariat requested an advice from the Forum relating to the prolongation of the mandate of Mr Symeon Zambas in view to present it to the next EAB meeting. The Forum unanimously agreed to propose to the EAB and request the SC approval for the prolongation of the mandate of Mr Zambas.

5) 2nd EUMSSF Essay Writing Olympiad update and way forwards

The ESDC secretariat provided an update on the 2nd CSDP Writing Competition including the timelines for the competition and the final ceremony taking place during the 12th EUMSSF meeting of September 2023. A poll will follow in order to identify the best suitable dates for the meeting.

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

*The Chair proposed that the **next (12th) meeting** of the Forum takes place in person on 06 or 11 September 2023 TBC. A poll will follow in order to determine the exact date. The **13th Meeting** will take place on 24 January 2024 (TBC). It was also agreed that during the 12th meeting the extension of the mandate of the configuration will be discussed in order to present the forum's recommendations to the EAB.*

7) 1100 - Closing speech and Ceremony of the "EU History and core values" Course

The Chair delivered a closing speech at the end of course dedicated to EU History and Core Values.

8) AoB

Following a request from the Technisch Instituut Sint-Vincentius, a Belgium civilian high school with a Defense and Security Department, a representative from the Institute was invited to present the candidacy of the School to join the EUMSSF. The forum agreed to accept the School as a new EUMSSF Member.

The Forum agreed to investigate on the possibility to request the creation of its own logo.

9) 1400 - Hot wash-up of the course dedicated to EU History and Core Values

A Representative from Colegio Militar, followed by the ESDC Secretariat presented the results of the course dedicated to EU History and Core Values. Teachers and instructors presented their initial comments which were extremely positive. The forum agreed to discuss during its next 12th meeting the possibility to identify in advance a rotation plan including two tentative time slots for delivering EUMSSF courses (February/march and October/November), so to allow a better planning.

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 express their interest in hosting future meetings no later than 30 June 2023 .	simone.coccia@eeas.europa.eu
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 2023 .	
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 30 June 2023 .	
All institutions are invited to express their interest in hosting the 12 th and 13 th EUMSSF Meeting and suggest topics for the agenda no later than 30 June 2023 .	