

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

**12^h Meeting
06 September 2023 (09:30-1530)**

Venue: European Commission Representation to Cyprus in Nicosia

Chair: Lt. Col. Symeon ZAMBAS, CY

1) Welcome and *tour de table*

The ESDC Secretariat welcomed the 18 participants; all participants were invited to introduce themselves.

2) Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3) Introductory remarks

A welcoming address to the forum members was made by the Head of the European Parliament office and the Spokesperson of the EU Commission Representation in Cyprus at the presence of the Ambassador of Portugal and representatives of the Embassies of Italy and Romania. The Chairperson presented the main objectives of the Forum and described in detail the specific objectives of the 12th EUMSSF meeting.

4) 2nd EUMSSF Essay Writing Olympiad awarding ceremony

The ESDC announced the names of the three winners of the competition. Each winner gave a ten-minute presentation of the ideas contained in their essay to the Forum members at the presence of the Ambassador of Portugal and representatives of the Embassies of Italy and Romania. During the meeting the three winners were presented with their awards from the Head of the European Parliament Office in Cyprus, the spokesperson of the EU Commission Representation in Cyprus and the Chairperson of the EUMSSF.

5) Discussion on the extension of the mandate for the EUMSSF Configuration

The Chair opened a discussion on the extension of the mandate of the EUMSSF Configuration, in view of presenting the outcome of the discussion at the ESDC Executive Academic Board of 12 September in Brussels. The board unanimously agreed on the importance of extending the mandate of the Forum for the next academic year.

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

The ESDC 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.

7) Update on summer schools

The ESDC invited Forum Members to share information on whether they run a summer school which is open to participants from other schools.

8) Way forwards and agenda topics for the next meeting of the EUMSSF

The Chair presented the way forwards and asked the Forum Members to provide agenda topics for the following EUMSSF meeting. The Forum agreed to host the next meeting on the 24th January (location TBD pending offers from the schools).

The agenda items for the next meeting will be:

- ERASMUS accreditation workshop;*
- Report on bilateral activities run by the schools*

The Forum also agreed that schools accredited or in the process of receiving the ERASMUS accreditation will notify this through an email by not later than 30 November, so to frame the workshop on 24 January.

9) AoB

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 November 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 April 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 30 November 2023.	
All institutions are invited to express their interest in hosting the 14 th EUMSSF Meeting and suggest topics for the agenda no later than 30 October 2023.	