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Institution, which organised the event	<b>Naval Spanish School</b>
Country of the organiser	<b>Spain</b>
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We took part in the European Union's Common Security and Defense Policy Course (CSDP Course), as part of the EMILYO Program. During the mobility, we had an intensive schedule with various classes and group work, covering topics of common interest, such as the history and legal introduction of the CSDP, ongoing missions, the fight against terrorism and the problems faced by this policy.

We took part in official activities, such as the Ice Breaker in the student bar and dinner at the Hotel in Pontevedra, as well as informal activities organized by the students of the Spanish Naval School, including dinner in a typical restaurant, the School's Christmas Show, among other cultural exchanges and experiences.

We stayed in the Spanish Naval School's rooms and had access to meals provided by the school. During the course, we learned valuable lessons about cultural differences, new working methods and practical knowledge about the European Union and the CSDP. These experiences have enriched us professionally and personally.

For the future, we suggest that programs like this be maintained and, if possible, expanded in duration and content. This would allow the cadets to develop even more international experience, soft skills and competencies applicable to future initiatives.

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