



# European Initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus

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European Perspective



## LoD 21: Hybrid Threats

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# Main purpose



Countering hybrid threats is one of the most complex and constantly evolving challenges the European Union and the Member States are facing. (The European Commission)

To maintain a proactive orientation within the military education in relation to the battlefield dynamics and that of the military thinking

**LoD Hybrid Threats  
main purpose**

## What?

- a common module
- a train-the-trainers (TTT) module
- a debate forum

## To whom?

- to make **military cadets** aware of hybrid threats
- to train military instructors and security studies/ military science **academics**
- to raise awareness and train **military institutions**

Hybrid threats refer to when, state or non-state, actors seek to exploit the vulnerabilities of the EU to their own advantage by using in a coordinated way a mixture of measures (i.e. diplomatic, military, economic, technological) while remaining below the threshold of formal warfare. (The European Commission)

# Preamble

In chapter 10.4 of vol.1 of the *Sectoral Qualifications Framework for the Military Officer Profession SQF-MILOF* developed by the European Security and Defence College (2021), the first two competencies of a military officer should be: to be „**able to analyse trends in different fields and provide advice based on that analysis**” and to be „**able to plan the action to be taken by armed forces to deal with the anticipated events and to prevent or limit their negative consequences**” (CSDP, 2021:29), which means that the prospective dimension is the most important one for the adequate training of the young military officers.



*This dimension implies knowing how the current battlefield is changing and how military thinking is adapting to these changes. Ten years ago, following the emergence of the well-known Gerasimov Doctrine (2013), later following the annexation of Crimea and the start of the conflict in Donbas, the military thinking changed radically and admitted taking into account the **hybrid threats**.*



# Proposal of the *Hybrid Threats* Modules



## Short description

in order to maintain a proactive orientation within the military education in relation to the battlefield dynamics and that of the military thinking, „Henri Coandă” Air Force Academy proposed a LoD entitled *Hybrid Threats*.

This LoD is a common module and a train-the-trainers (TTT) module designed to train cadets and military instructors and security studies/ military science academics to adapt their knowledge, tools and teaching methods to the pace of change in relation to the new paradigm, the information-based one, in which the war studies have been included.



## Classes

Information operation (INFO OPS)

Social networks

Military ethics in hybrid warfare

Emerging technologies and AI

## EU response:

- enhancing situational awareness, boosting resilience in all critical sectors,
- providing an adequate response and recovery in case of crisis
- cooperating with like-minded countries and organisations, such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

contents?

methods?

# Module details



The module will be organized **annually**, by any European military university, established in IG meetings



Module lengths: **2 weeks**, online + offline, both for cadets and instructors



An **annual meeting** (conference or workshop) to share best practices in teaching cadets/ students



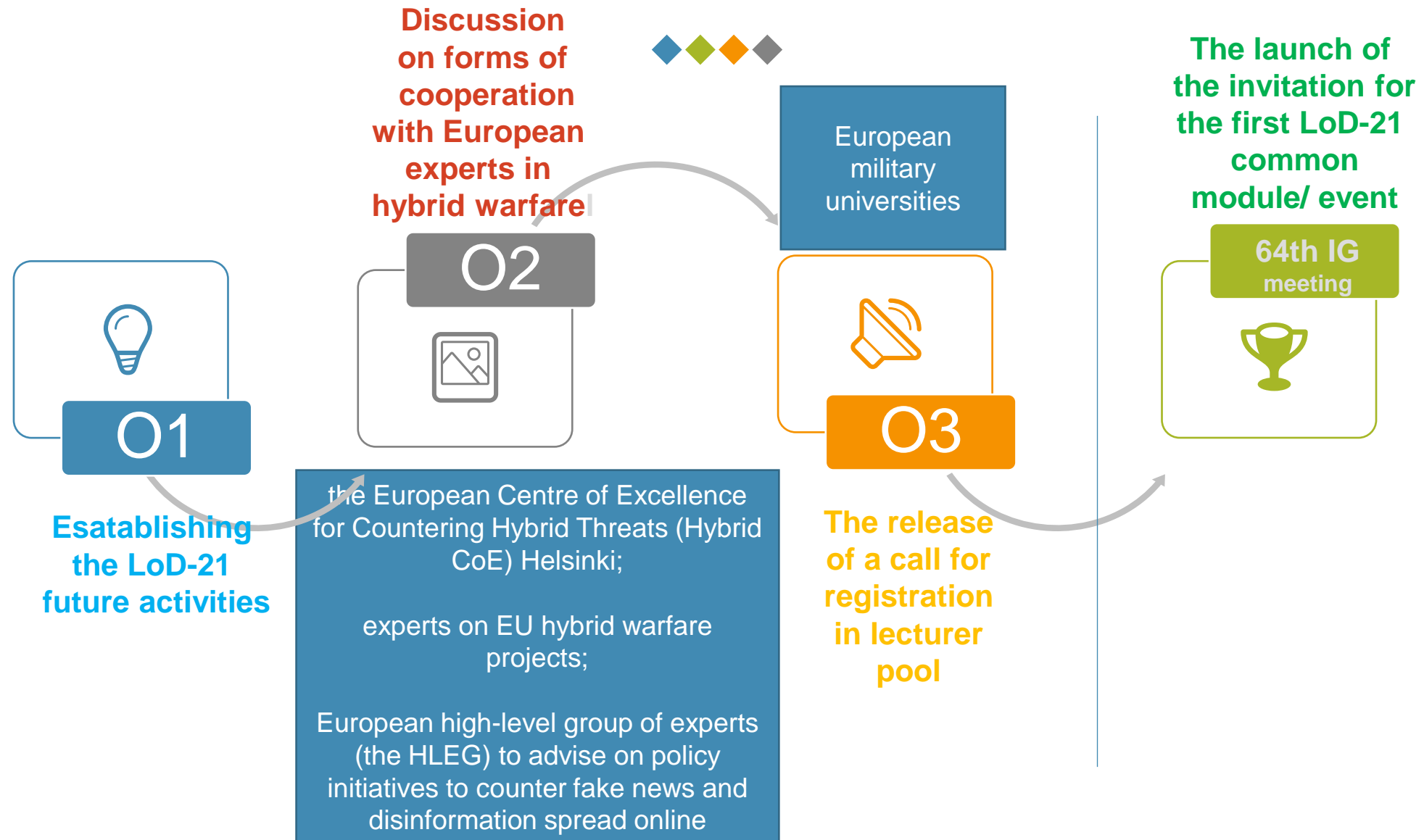
Strengthening **connections** between the universities involved in HTh project



European Projects expertise:

HYBRID PROJECT: Interdisciplinary Education and Training on Hybrid Warfare, Project ID: 2021-1-UK01-KA220-HED-000032179, 2021-2024, Ludovika University of Public Service Budapest, Hungary; University of Torino, Italy; Armed Forces Academy Liptovsky Mikulas, Slovakia; Bar-Ilan University, Israel; Land Forces Academy, Romania & The Centre for the Study of New Security Challenges, UK

# 63rd IG Meeting - LoD Hybrid Threats





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