



European Initiative

for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus

8th CSDP Olympiad

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as of: 30 Mar 2025



The Initiative

Erasmus
Militaire

8th CSDP Olympiad in Cyprus

EMILYO

Military
Erasmus

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65th IG meeting / Larnaca / Feb. 2025:

Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025
	65 IG meeting Larnaca		By 18 April: Names of Cdts/Midn (max. 4) +evaluators to TM+POC		iMAF+66 IG meeting Constanta			67 IG meeting Brussels		68 IG meeting Thessaloniki	
	Decision on 10 topics			Cover page competition (could be one of the four or an additional one) → Send to IG Chair + ESDC TC by 22 August 2025				Voting: Cover page		Essay evaluation	
Initiate names (Cadets/Midshipmen + evaluators)			ESDC e-learning (4 AKUs) Start writing essays is possible (report essay topics by 23 May 2025)			Paper (essay) writing. All essays to be sent to ESDC TC by 14 November 2025 – 24:00 hrs.					

- **Everything** is coordinated via the Implementation Group (IG)
- **All content issues** are prepared by the IG + ESDC
- **POC = ESDC TC**

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	69 IG meeting Oslo			iMAF+70 IG meeting Riga	Resi- dential phase: 15-19 June			71 IG meeting Brussels		72 IG meeting ?	
Essay evalua- tion	Essay re- sults by 30 Jan	Eventually 3 rd round of evaluation by LoD- chairpersons + Vice Chairs + plagiarism check (02 May)		Decision on essay points Final registration 16 May		Creating a CSDP Olympiad book by organising institution (forewords + 10 best essays) by 72 IG meeting					

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10 Essay Topics decided by IG



No.	Topic
1	The challenges for an EU “Commissioner for Defence and Space”.
2	The effect of climate change on future Common Security and Defence Policy missions and operations.
3	Challenges for cyber-defence in the context of Common Security and Defence Policy.
4	The danger of disinformation and misinformation for the Common Security and Defence Policy.
5	The European Union’s Strategic compass – a new strategic approach for CSDP?
6	The purpose and achievements of the “ <i>European initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus</i> ”.
7	Potential future tasks for RDC (Rapid Deployment Capacity).
8	Strategic interests of the European Union within CSDP boundaries.
9	Skills and competences achieved by Military Erasmus (EMILYO) exchanges.
10	The need for a European Union nuclear umbrella.

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- **Nominate by 18 April 2025:**
 - Names of up to 5 Cadets/Midshipmen/Students **per country** (+1 for cover page competition per institution possible)
 - If there are more than 5 Basic Officer Education institutions in your country – coordinate among the institutions
 - Nominate evaluators (**no participants will be accepted if no evaluator(s) are nominated**) – the more, the better!
- **Use the form (10 topics)**
 - will be available on the EMILYO website within the CSDP-Olympiad folder – now it is in the “*temporary documents*”
- **Send the form to IG Chair + ESDC TC**

