



# **Hellenic Army Academy**

## **ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT**

The basic purpose of the Hellenic Army Academy is to promote and disseminate knowledge through the research and teaching of Military Science and Technology, as well as related theoretical, positive and applied sciences. It aims at the development of military ethos and military education, in the context of the development of high-level military-conscious officers as well as social, cultural, academic education and training, providing the means to become capable leaders with high professional and professional leadership. Additionally, a basic HAA's aim is to organize jointly with universities postgraduate programs as well as to carry out scientific research in the fields of interest of the armed forces.

The Academy has for decades been training foreign cadets who return to their countries upon graduation. This training is carried out in the framework of bilateral agreements concluded by the competent Ministries of Foreign Affairs and National Defense. Moreover, the Academy has been training officers from Albania, Armenia, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Zimbabwe, Jordan, Libya, Montenegro, Moldova, Nigeria, Syria and Senegal. Cooperation with the Republic of Cyprus, which is also a member state of the European Union, is a timely and particularly important issue. The purpose of the above cooperation in the framework of bilateral agreements is to assist States in the field of education when they do not have the appropriate infrastructure, to promote the Greek perception in military education and to promote the European attitude concerning the common security and defense policy.

Partnerships are selected on the basis of the opportunity to participate and offer in the context of education and are not characterized by specific geographical areas. It is crucial for the Academy to participate in international education programs, either within or outside the European Union, in order to integrate new best practices into the Academy's academic programs and to promote international cooperation. It is of particular importance for the Academy to be involved in European training programs to enable the Union's common security and defense policy to be implemented. For this reason, the Academy strives to be actively involved in the framework of Military Erasmus, which is the most important initiative for the cooperation of students, young officers and professors of European military academies.

The training of a young officer is the most important priority for the Academy, maintaining its long tradition in education as it is the oldest Greek educational institution. The involvement and expansion of inter-university partnerships and relationships is one that can play a key role in the development of new common scientific method of education and research. It is important for students of all levels of education to be able to participate, initially in exchange programs of one to two weeks as for their undergraduate education, in order to be able to participate in longer-term programs in the future, or even in corresponding postgraduate courses. But to achieve this, it is necessary to have a consistent involvement in European programs and its teaching staff (academic and military). The above process will bring great benefits to the training process, but most importantly it will substantially promote a new common framework for training concerning the European officers.

The expected outcomes are:

1. Improving the quality of education through the use of digital education and the use of information as for the communication technologies.
2. Strategic partnerships with military academies and universities in other countries in the field of education, research and at the level of initiatives to enhance innovation in training methods.
3. Achieving the highest quality and efficient education through these partnerships.
4. Gaining experience and broadening the mentality of the educational process through exchanges and collaborations within the European system.
5. contributing to the development of the European way of thinking of young people with a view to European integration.
6. Improving technological knowledge in the field of industry through the corresponding exchanges of students and teaching staff (military and academic).
7. The refinement of the training of the teaching staff through the systematic participation in the Erasmus + programs.

The increase in educational level can be achieved through student and teacher exchanges as this significantly broadens the participants' cognitive horizons. The two-way influence with the cultural elements of other countries can also contribute positively to this.

Improving the quality of training as well as its connection to military applications is a major objective as the subjects taught are the key to the professional development of a young officer. In the end, it is important to have the support of the teaching staff, who can develop their skills and experiences through the exchange process.

Through the mobility of students and teaching staff, which can strengthen the relationships with European officers and teachers, the development and improvement of the education provided can be achieved by making a significant contribution to the process of European integration by establishing a solid European interaction system.

The exchange of students and teaching staff within Erasmus + will significantly enhance the fields of education, research and innovation, as educational institutions will be able to exchange knowledge and experiences related to educational methods, research processes and new perspectives with improved practices.

By participating in European training programs, there will be a significant process as for the European integration. Additionally the financial support to educational institutions is significantly enhanced, so that these institutions are not only dependent on public benefits and their involvement in European programs in order to be able to draw conclusions on the performance of the financial support provided.

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