



DRAFT MINUTES OF THE EUAFA CC MEETING

28-30 May, 2019

BRAȘOV, ROMANIA

Subject: EUAFA CC MEETING

Between 28-30 May, 2019, „Henri Coandă” Air Force Academy (AFAHC) hosted the European Air Force Academies Commanders’ Conference (EUAFA CC).

The Commanders’ Conference Meeting was attended by ten countries Academies Commanders, members of EUAFA: Germany, Greece, Italy, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom, plus the Bulgarian AFA Commander, invited to join, as an observer.

Tuesday, 28-th of May

Arrival of EUAFA CC and (their teams) at Belvedere Hotel

The Commander (Rector) of „Henri Coandă” Air Force Academy, Brigadier general (AF), Associate Professor Gabriel RĂDUCANU, PhD, welcomed all members participating in the ice-breaker. The meeting allowed the mutual acquaintance of EUAFA participants.

Wednesday, 29-th of May

Official opening, debates, socializing

The official opening took place in AFAHC Hall. After the administrative remarks, the activity was carried out according to the established schedule.

09.00 – 09:50 hrs

EUAFA CC Meeting has been opened by Mr. Radu ȚIPIȘCĂ, State Counselor of the Romanian Prime Minister, who welcomed the conference participants and emphasized the Romanian military educational system achievements. The next speaker was Maj. Gen. Viorel PANĂ, Chief of the Romanian Air Force Staff, who congratulated the AFAHC personnel for organising of EUAFA CC and welcomed all the participants. The third speaker, Col. Harald GELL, representative of the European Security and Defense College, Brussels, offered a valuable presentation of the ERASMUS Program (www.emilyo.eu). The last speaker, the Commandant (Rector) of „Henri Coandă” Air Force Academy welcomed all participants to the conference and symbolic gifts were exchanged.

09.50-10.00 Group picture

10.00- 11:30 Coffee Break and free time

11.30- 13.00 AFA HC commander presented the conference agenda (proposed at the WG) and the points have been discussed and voted one by one.

Nederland AFA POC, Lt. Col. J. HARTOG announced, by an email message, the NL commander impossibility of attending the meeting, due to some medical issues. He sent a message to the conference board expressing the Defence Academy position regarding the EUAFA meeting agenda (1, 2 and 5 approved. 3 NL will not bid for the next EUAFA CC. For the point nr.4 *“Currently further internationalization is under discussion within NL Defence Academy, especially the possibility of establishing an Open Defense Academy with online parts of the curricula or even whole semester”*. Maj Cosmina ROMAN has the entire document, available on request)

1. Approval and launch of the EUAFA website (please see the details on www.euafa.org);

The new site has been presented by Lt Col Adrian LESENCIUC and approved by all participants.

2. Approval of the EUAFA extension by joining of new members and modifying the EUAFA Framework;

The proposal has been approved by all participants.

3. Establishing the next EUAFA Host Nation for 2020;

AFA UK will be the host nation for 2020 EUAFA, was the announced made by UK representative GpCapt Paul McCLURG.

4. Approval of the organization, under the aegis of EUAFA, of at least one common international activity of each of the EUAFA Member States;

This point will be discussed on 30 of May.

5. Discussing and approving to continue the dialogue between European Air Force Academies and other international bodies that include them at the level of national institutional engagement, without EUAFA involvement.

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In the afternoon, EUAFA CC participants visited, within a guided cultural tour, Brasov surroundings (Bran Castle + Râșnov Citadel).

At 20.00hrs the official dinner was organized at Belvedere Restaurant.

Thursday, 30-th of May

09.30- 10.00 Day opening, debates, socializing - AFAHC Senate Hall

The day started with establishing the last administrative details regarding the participants' departure.

The next point from the conference agenda consisted in ***EUAFA nations presentations***:

Romania - presentation realised by Maj. Cosmina ROMAN. Additional information regarding the recruitment process has been asked by Cpt. Grzegorz BUSKO. Col. GELL emphasised the ERASMUS support for cadets and teachers exchange international modules.

Germany – presentation realised by Brigadier General Michael TRAUT. Germany has a special type of AIR FORCE officers training (Luftwaffe Officers Training), a Lifelong Training (details will be included on EUAFA site, Germany page).

Norway – presentation realised by Col. Rune GAUSTAD. There is a new military educational model with all the military fields under the Defence University College umbrella. In this educational model is also included **the AIR POWER Theory and Practice** module, where the cadets can participate in an international training program (in the second year of studies).

Col. Harald GELL had the last presentation on this agendas point. He presented additional proposals regarding the students and teachers exchange between military institutions:

- Possibilities for financing of different programs: ERASMUS Programme for certified institutions or help from ERASMUS Programme board to find other external sources of financing (for example Defence Agencies) for non certified military institutions
- AIR FORCE Semester Program – official application will be released soon and the deadline is March 2020
- Institutional rules regarding the cadets and teachers exchange for ERASMUS programme are very flexible in order to facilitate de military education and international exchange process (details on www.emilyo.eu).

Coffee Break and AFAHC visit

12.00 - 13.00 hrs

The next point on the conference agenda: *Approval of the organization, under the aegis of EUAFA, of at least one common international activity of each of the EUAFA Member States.*

Spain, Col. Miguel IVORRA RUIZ – offered one week for students and teachers, second week of March 2020.

Germany, Brigadier General Michael TRAUT proposal - all academic offers to be uploaded on EUAFA site.

Romania – Brigadier General Gabriel RADUCANU proposed to have all academic offers until middle of July 2019.

- Using the advantages of having an official site, to make more effort to increase the knowledge of the ERASMUS + Programme rules and steps and, also to be able to accommodate this rules with the national ones. A good knowledge will increase the chances of better planning of the academies budget.

- Suggestion to try more active to find also other financial sources beside ERASMUS + in order to support the exchange programme.

Col GELL – agreed with Brigadier General Gabriel RADUCANU proposals, for better budgetary planning also on ERASMUS + Program.

Poland, Brigadier General Piotr KRAWCZYK offer - Sport and cultural common activity.

Greece, Maj. General Petros CHATZIRIS – will try to host academic exchange program on 2022- 2023 academic year.

The next point on the conference agenda:

A) Approval to change Framework for the cooperation of European Air Force Academies (EUAFA)

Old version: Secretariat

- The Secretariat shall be run by the Chairman of the EUAFA Commandants Conference. The secretariat gathers updates and disseminates.
- A contact List of all member academies
- A cadet exchange catalogue of the various Exchange Activity Proposal
- The community homepage www.euafa.eu

New version: Chapter II, art. 5 Secretariat

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Approved by all participants.

B) Approval to change : all commandants voted pro

Chapter II, art. 2 Composition

The (EUAFA) Commandants' Conference will comprise of the Commandants of the Air Force Academies of the following European countries:

AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, BULGARIA, CZECH REPUBLIK, DENMARK, FINLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY, GREECE , HUNGARY, IRELAND, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, POLAND, PORTUGAL, ROMANIA, SPAIN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, TURKEY, UNITED KINGDOM.

AFA HC Conference closing speech of BrigGen Gabriel RADUCANU, rector of AFA HC.

20.00hrs Dinner at Săcele, Transilvania University facility

The participants departure will be according to their flights schedule.

Commandant (rector) of 'Henri Coanda' Air Force Academy

BrigGen (AF) Assoc Prof

Gabriel RĂDUCANU, PhD