



COMMON MODULE „3rd CSDP OLYMPIAD“

November 2015 – October 2016

Fact Sheet

Aim of the Module

The main goal of the “3rd CSDP OLYMPIAD” common module is to acquaint our cadets with a basic knowledge on CSDP, providing them with the incentive to study and gain the knowledge necessary to write a paper on a CSDP – related issue, which in turn is going to be published and circulated within the relevant EU Institutions and stakeholders.

In addition, this module enables cadets to discover and understand the European security and defence co-operation and the development of CSDP and at the same time it gives the cadets the opportunity to express their personal views by drafting a relevant paper and the chance to meet, cooperate and compete with cadets from other EU Member States in a “CSDP Knowledge Competition” during the residential phase.

Content of the Module

The “3rd CSDP OLYMPIAD” module consists of three parts:

- an Internet – based Distance Learning Course “IDL”,
 - IDL consisting of 4 Autonomous Knowledge Units (AKUs)
 - AKU1 “History and Context of ESDP/CSDP development”
 - AKU2 “European Security Strategy”
 - AKU3 “Role of EU Institutions in the field of CFSP / CSDP”
 - AKU7 “Lisbon Treaty and its implications for CFSP / CSDP”
- drafting and submitting a paper on a CSDP – related topic
 - Paper consisting of about 3,500 words with a relevant CSDP title
- and a residential CSDP Knowledge Competition (4th – 7th October 2016 in Slovakia).
 - Cadets are going to be divided into teams. Best effort will be made so as each team comprises of cadets coming from different States in order to promote the spirit of solidarity, cooperation and mutual understanding.
 - 25 multiple choice questions will be drawn up based on the context of the IDL, the European Initiative for the Exchange of Young Officers and the recent developments on CSDP.
 - The best team’s cadets will then compete again on an individual basis on a 15 multiple choice questions paper.

Relevant study material for 3rd CSDP Olympiad

- <http://www.emilyo.eu/>
- http://campus.milak.at/campus/iep/IDL_modul_j.php

Language

English - CEFR Level B2 is required for participants

Credits

2 Credits in accordance with the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)

Timetable for 2016

Period	Activity	Information
6 November-31 December 2015	Registration at http://www.olympiad-csdp.aos.sk	info@olympiad-csdp.aos.sk and lionesslatina@gmail.com
4 January - 29 April 2016	IDL	Successful completion of the IDL test is a prerequisite for the participation in the residential phase
NLT 22 January 2016	Choice of the topic of the Paper	Topics will be listed at the http://www.olympiad-csdp.aos.sk in due time
11 January – 11 April 2016	Cover Page Design Competition – guidelines are to be found at http://www.olympiad-csdp.aos.sk	Cover Sheet Design: Send proposals to info@olympiad-csdp.aos.sk Format JPEG or PNG and high quality PDF (for printing purposes)
1 February – 25 April 2016	Paper writing – guideline are to be found at http://www.olympiad-csdp.aos.sk	about 3,500 words
20 April – 20 June 2016	Cover Page Voting	Via internet at http://www.olympiad-csdp.aos.sk for the best cover page design of the “3 rd CSDP Olympiad Collection”
9 May – 20 June 2016	Paper Evaluation Phase	
8 July 2016	Paper Results	Announcement will be posted at http://www.olympiad-csdp.aos.sk and Invitations for Residential phase will be sent out
6 September–30 September 2016	Competition preparation and team networking	The participants will be informed about the members of their competition team
NLT 9 September 2016	Registration for the Residential Phase and IG Meeting	
4 – 7 October 2016	Paper Presentation; Knowledge Competition and IG Meeting	Residential phase will be hosted in Liptovský Mikuláš, Slovakia