JOINING EFFORTS FOR DESIGNING ONLINE MATERIALS FOR THE MILITARY (ERASMUS+ PROJECT FOR A HYBRID LANGUAGE COURSE)

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- Title:Hybridisation of specialised English learning for security professionals

- Partners:

- *Rakovski* National Defence College Sofia: Leading institution

- Academia Militar Lisboa

- Swedish Defence University

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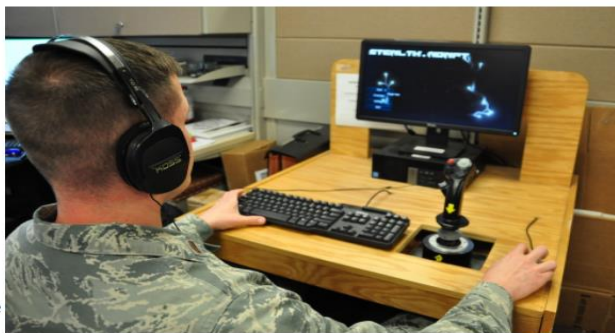## WWW.HELPSEC.EU

- **Project Total Duration**: 24 → 30 Months
  Project Start Date: 01-09-2020
  Project End Date: 28-02-2023
- **Budget**: 172 614 euro
- Application: 30-04-2020
- Approval: 22-08-2020
- Project **activities**:

✓ Transnational Project Meetings - 4

✓ Multiplier Events – 3 – in each institution – to present the benefits of the new hybrid specialised English language course

✓ Dissemination of the Project Results at conferences, seminars, workshops

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Our Story

The European Commission through the Bulgarian National Agency "Center for Human Resources Development" approved for funding a project under the program "Erasmus +" for Strategic Partnerships in Higher Education called "HYBRIDISATION OF SPECIALIZED ENGLISH LEARNING FOR SECURITY PROFESSIONALS" (Read Here).

Rakovski National Defence College is the leading organization – beneficiary and coordinator of the project, and the partners are the **Swedish Defence University** and the **Military Academy of Portugal**.

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Meet Our Project Leaders and Participants

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PROJECT SUMMARY AND ACTIVITIES

- an interdisciplinary project: implementation of new IT technologies and up-to-date approaches in the English Language training of security specialists at partner HEIs, COVID-19 global crisis.
- modernisation, digitalisation, hybridisation, and internationalisation
- need for excellent specialized English vocabulary and terminology, and communicative skills

The **OBJECTIVES** of the project:

- improving comprehensive specialized English language knowledge and communicative skills of the target group of security specialists through the suggested new form of hybrid English language learning;
- enhancing IT literacy and skills of students and academic staff (lecturers) from the project partner institutions;
- improving the international dimension of education at partner institutions by incorporating geo-educational aspect to the learning process, which encompasses English language learning and culture awareness;
- ensuring collaborative experience of the students and staff involved as well as of the wider audience of the end-users of the project's outcomes.

PROJECT INTELLECTUAL PRODUCTS

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- IO 1 Joint new curriculum "Hybrid English Language Course for Security Professionals";

- IO 2 Course Modules for the new Hybrid English Language Course – 2 Modules per Institution and an E-book "English Course for Security Professionals"

- IO 3 Collaborative Web-based Learning Platform (Word Press)

IO 1 JOINT CURRICULUM "HYBRID ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE FOR SECURITY PROFESSIONALS"

- The curriculum will incorporate the Course modules IO 2
- 30 academic classes per Module →180 classes x 45 min: at least 50 % on-line.
- The joint curriculum:

  meets the objectives of Erasmus+ Programme;

  supports the internationalisation of European higher education

  brings positive and long-lasting effects to all the participants involved

- The innovativeness of the curriculum is based on the hybrid character of the academic activities which it will include: in addition to face-to-face classes, at least 50 % of the content of the course materials will be delivered on-line.

IO 2 COURSE MODULES

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- RNDC:

Module 1: Peacekeeping;

Module 2: Counter-terrorism

- Academia Militar:

Module 3: Leadership in Military Enviroment;

Module 4: Gender integration in missions and operations

- Swedish Defence College:

Module 5: On Operations (Military writing: planning, reports & returns);

Module 6: Military briefings

IO 3 COLLABORATIVE WEB-BASED LEARNING PLATFORM

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PARTICIPANTS

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- Project Coordinating Body
- English language specialists
- IT experts
- security experts: advisors or lecturers
- financial advisors
- students:virtual (on-line) and on-site trial and training
- management

WORK DONE SO FAR

- Distribution of tasks, responsibilities; deadlines
- Work plan → updates
- Choice of the LMS platform: Word press
- Project website: **www.helpsec.eu**
- 5 virtual meetings (1 per months) + 1 financial meeting
- Assessment scale of the learning materials
- Design and trial of activities
- Draft curriculum

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Curriculum
- TMs in Lisbon in June?(curriculum) and Stockholm (materials design&trial)
- Interactive activities design

MODULE STRUCTURE

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CONTENT: 30 academic hours of work, innovative learning tools(e.g.LearningApps)

Types of activities: for developing the 4 skills:

-reading+ vocabulary practice (gap fill, matching, multiple choice, interactive activities)

- listening (video, dictaions, gap-fill, quizzes)

- speaking (integrated option for recording)

- writing

CERTIFICATE for completion of the Module/Course

THANK YOU!