

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

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# ERASMUS+ KA2 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

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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



**Swedish  
Defence  
University**

# HELPSEC PROJECT

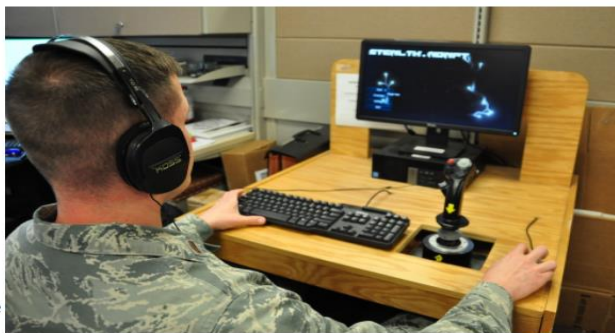
[WWW.HELPSEC.EU](http://WWW.HELPSEC.EU)

- **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**

## 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**.



## Meet Our Project Leaders and Participants



**Associate Professor Valentina Georgieva, PhD**

Head of the Department of Language Training from the Department of Distance Learning, Language Training



**Lecturer, MA Karolina Karlström**

**Head of Foreign Languages Section** at the Joint Warfare Division from the Department of Military Studies, Försvarshögskolan/ Swedish



**Assistant Professor Sofia Menezes, PhD**

Assistant Professor, Erasmus Coordinator and Coordinator of the English Curricular Units with the Department of Administration and

# WWW.HELPSEC.EU

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the HELPSEC website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://helpsec.eu/blog/>. The website features the Erasmus+ logo and a navigation menu with links for ABOUT PROJECT, PROJECT NEWS, E-BOOK FORUM, CONTACT US, and ACCOUNT. The main content area displays two articles:

- Meeting 5** (11 APR): On 08 April 2021, the 5th online HELPSEC project meeting was conducted via MS Teams. Five participants from Rakovski National Defence College, three from Academia Militar and three from Swedish Defence University took part in it. At the beginning of the meeting Mr Karolina Karlstrom raised the issue of the possibility
- HELPSEC Financial Meeting** (01 APR): On March 30, 2021, an online meeting of financial specialists from the partner institutions of HELPSEC project was held. The meeting was with the following participants: LtCol. D. Staykov and G. Zhelyazkova from the Department of Finance, Programming and Public Procurement of Rakovski National Defence College, OR 6 Diogo Silva

On the right side, there is a 'PROJECT NEWS' section with two entries: 'Meeting 5' and 'HELPSEC Financial Meeting', both categorized as 'Uncategorized'. Below this is a 'SEARCH' section with a search input field and a 'Show all' button. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows several open documents, system tray icons, and the date 7.5.2021 r.

# 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.



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# PROJECT INTELLECTUAL PRODUCTS

- ◉ 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 Environment;

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

[www.helpsec.eu](http://www.helpsec.eu)

The screenshot displays the HelpSec web-based learning platform interface. The browser address bar shows the URL <https://helpsec.eu/courses/module1/>. The page title is "Module 1 Peacekeeping - HelpSec". The interface includes a navigation menu with tabs for "Description", "Curriculum", "FAQ", and "Announcement". The "Curriculum" tab is active, showing a list of units for "Unit 1. Peacekeeping".

Unit	Topic	Questions
1	1.1. UN Peacekeeping	Preview
2	1.2. Reading comprehension	6 questions
3	1.3. Vocabulary practice	2 questions
4	1.4. Peace Enforcement and Peacekeeping	7 questions
5	1.5. Expert's Voice: Life as a peacekeeper in Congo (video)	3 questions
6	1.6. Integrating skills	

Additional information on the page includes:

- Teacher: Valgeorgieva
- Co-instructor: naidobra
- Category: English modules
- Rating: 4 stars (6 reviews)
- Enrolled: 16 students
- Lectures: 15

The "Popular" section on the right lists other modules:

- Module 6 - Briefings (Free, by orla.fehrling@fhs.se)
- Module 5 - On Operations (Planning...) (Free, 5 stars, by orla.fehrling@fhs.se)
- Module 4: Gender integration in mi... (Free, 5 stars, by Sofia Menezes)

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## PARTICIPANTS

- ◉ 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



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## WORK DONE SO FAR

- ◉ Distribution of tasks, responsibilities; deadlines
- ◉ Work plan → updates
- ◉ Choice of the LMS platform: Word press
- ◉ Project website: [www.helpsec.eu](http://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



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## WORK IN PROGRESS

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



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# MODULE STRUCTURE

**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, dictations, gap-fill, quizzes)
- speaking (integrated option for recording)
- writing

**CERTIFICATE** for completion of the Module/Course

THANK YOU!

