



Memorandum of Understanding signed by the BIC and University of Maastricht

The Brussels International Center (BIC) and the University of Maastricht (UM) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on a series of activities on academic exchange. This agreement will allow prospect students to go further in improving their levels of expertise by gaining first-hand insights into the conflict and security research arena.

The UM offers practicum/fellowship courses in which students are given the opportunity to learn through external organization, while the BIC will seek to be provide a platform of learning, exchange and capacity-building for these fellow students. In this way, the BIC will constantly offer exclusive placements of UM students in every academic term and will guide each individual to develop their skills for their future career.

The two organizations expressed their intention to cooperate within the scope of their mandates and sphere of competences to work with students and young professionals. Though of an interim nature, this MoU signed between the BIC and UM will permit in-depth academic and research consultations, improving the level of analysis and investigation.

Mr. Fernando Aguiar, BIC's Manager of Research & Strategic Adviser on Conflict and Security, stated that "synergies with Maastricht University substantially expand the prospects of developing activities aimed at creating a common platform for dialogue, learning, exploring and mutual understanding."

The BIC is pleased that such an agreement could have taken place with such a renowned University as the UM and look forward to continuing to build on a constructive cooperation.