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BFUG SECRETARIAT UPDATE

BFUG BOARD MEETING LXXXVII

Vatican City

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Albanian **BFUG** Secretariat
2021-2024

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THE SECRETARIAT STAFF

Skills:

- Internationalisation of Higher Education
- Recognition of foreign academic qualifications
- Human capital development
- Internal Quality Assurance
- E-Learning and lifelong learning expertise
- Project design and management
- Web, Social Media and Event Management
- Communication, Consulting, Logistics, Strategic Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation
- Programming, operating systems knowledge

Academic background:

- PhDs in Management and Socio Culture And Didactic
- Fulbright, Soros, Erasmus Scholars
- Graduates of University of Tirana, Bocconi, Harvard School of Design, Georgia State University, Pablo de Olavide University, Cass Business School - City University London, Northeastern University, University of Parma, Bar Ilan University, University of Siena.

Fields of Study: Linguistics, Business - Management, International Economics and Consulting, Political Science and International Relations

Languages: Albanian, English, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Spanish,



MEETINGS UP-TO-DATE

- Coordination meetings with BFUG Chairs.
- Alignment meetings with Incoming BFUG Co-Chairs.
- Head of the BFUG Secretariat as a member of the Albanian Working Group for the Ministerial Conference in Tirana, established by a Prime Minister's Order nr. 127 on 13,12,2023.
- Support in the organization of BFUG, Board and Working Structures and subgroup meetings since the beginning of the working period:
 - Meetings held - 141;
 - Doodle polls - 64;
 - Google Forms - 33;
 - Minutes of Meetings finalized – 128 (in process: 5)

MEETINGS ORGANIZED

| BFUG WORKING STRUCTURES | WORKPLAN FORECAST IN DECEMBER 2020 | PLANNED WORKPLAN | ACTUAL WORKPLAN <small>(until January 2024)</small> |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|--|
| BOLOGNA FOLLOW UP GROUP | 8 | 8 | 7 |
| BOLOGNA FOLLOW UP GROUP BOARD | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| WORKING GROUP ON MONITORING | 6 (2 per year) | 6 (2 per year) | 7 |
| WORKING GROUP ON FUNDAMENTAL VALUES | 6 (2 per year) | 6 (2 per year) | 9 |
| WORKING GROUP ON SOCIAL DIMENSION | 6 (2 per year) | 6 (2 per year) | 13 |
| WORKING GROUP ON LEARNING AND TEACHING | 6 (2 per year) | 6 (2 per year) | 10 |
| COORDINATION GROUP ON GLOBAL POLICY DIALOGUE | - | 6 (2 per year) | 10 |
| WORKING GROUP ON SAN MARINO ROADMAP | - | 6 (2 per year) | 6 |
| BOLOGNA IMPLEMENTATION COORDINATION GROUP | 6 (2 per year) | 6 (2 per year) | 8 |
| THEMATIC PEER GROUP A | 6 (2 per year) | 6 (2 per year) | 6 |
| THEMATIC PEER GROUP B | 6 (2 per year) | 6 (2 per year) | 5 |
| THEMATIC PEER GROUP C | 6 (2 per year) | 6 (2 per year) | 5 |
| TASK FORCE ON ENHANCING KNOWLEDGE SHARING IN THE EHEA | - | 9 (3 per year) | 10 |
| AD HOC TASK FORCE TO INCREASE SYNERGIES BETWEEN THE EHEA-EEA-ERA | - | 3 | 2 |
| TASK FORCE ON THE REVIEW OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF THE EHEA | - | 4 (2 per year) | 12 |
| EHEA NETWORK OF NATIONAL QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORKS CORRESPONDENTS | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| DRAFTING COMMITTEE | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| TOTAL | 77 | 105 | 131 |

“Save the date” for the Tirana Ministerial Conference

- “Save the date” and practical information sent to the BFUG representatives on 18 January 2024.
- BFUG Member Delegations invitation sent to: 49
Confirmation received: 14
- Consultative Member Delegations invitation sent to: 9
Confirmation received: 4
- Partner Delegations invitation sent to: 7
Confirmation received: 3
- In February, the Secretariat will send a communication to BFUG representatives, seeking accurate details such as the correct names of Ministers, their addresses, and email contacts for the official invitation.



SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGY



Social media platforms:

- Social media platforms feature consistent updates and posts related to BFUG activities, including meetings organized by the BFUG, Board and BFUG working structures, and the dissemination of initiatives undertaken by these working structures.

Newsletter Support:

- Support in the development of a newsletter, in close coordination with the Task Force on Enhancing Knowledge Sharing in the EHEA Community, via facilitating outreach, gathering information, and support in the visual elements.
 - [First EHEA Newsletter](#) disseminated to the BFUG on 18 October 2023.
 - [Second EHEA Newsletter](#) disseminated to the BFUG on 26 December 2023.

INCOMING SEMESTER

Two BFUG Boards and three BFUG Meetings

- Eighty-seven BFUG Board meeting, hosted by Vatican City, **23 January 2024** (handover ceremony on 22 January 2024)
- Eighty-eight BFUG meeting, hosted by Belgium, **19 - 20 February 2024**
- Eighty-nine BFUG Board meeting, hosted by Vatican City, **12 March 2024**
- Ninety BFUG meeting, hosted by Belgium, **11 - 12 April 2024**
- Ninety-one BFUG meeting, the day prior to the Ministerial Conference in **29-30 May 2024**

15 December 2023



Deadline for presenting the candidatures (unless BFUG decides otherwise).

February 2024



Final reports from the BFUG Working Structures to be presented at the February BFUG meeting.

On 20-22 February, BFUG Secretariat circulates the candidatures to the BFUG members (min. two weeks prior to the next BFUG meeting). EHEA members not attending the next BFUG meeting submit their votes in a sealed envelope to the BFUG Secretariat.

April 2024



In the April BFUG meeting, BFUG Working Structures will present ToRs for the next period (2024-2027).

Finalisation of the selection procedure for the next host(s) of the next Ministerial Conference and BFUG Secretariat. The host(s) will be finally endorsed by the EHEA Ministers responsible for higher education at the 2024 Tirana Ministerial Conference.

Approval of final reports for the BFUG Working Structures.

Candidatures Received

- A letter of expression of interest was received on 13 December 2023 from the Ministry of Education of Moldova, expressing the interest in co-organizing with the Romania the next Ministerial Conference and the Global Policy Forum in Iași (RO) and Chișinău (MD), as well as hosting the Bologna Follow-up Group Secretariat for the period 2024-2027.

Deadline and future steps

- Deadline for the letter of interest to be circulated among the BFUG on February 22, 2024.
- Considering it is after the 1st BFUG, would the Board consider the change of the date and when?
- If prior will there be any item on the agenda for the presentation of the candidacy for the BFUG in February?
 - If so both RO and MD should be notified in time to have the presentation forwarded to the BFUG Secretariat two weeks before the BFUG meeting as the deadline for all the Working structures.



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THANK YOU!



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