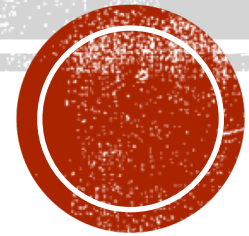


BIGG UPDATE

Meeting of the Bologna follow up group

Vienna, September 2018



OUTLINE

1. Bologna Implementation Coordination Group (BICG) Members
2. Report on the work done by the BICG since Paris
3. Composition of the Peer Groups
4. Proposed co-chairs
5. Draft Guidelines for BFUG peer support
6. Proposed timeline



STEPS OF SUPPORT FOR KEY BOLOGNA COMMITMENTS

by the Advisory Group „Dealing with non-implementation” (2015)



THE BICG

- *Members should be nominated before and confirmed by the BFUG immediately following the Ministerial Conference. (ToR for the BICG - BFUG, Sofia, 2018)*
- 7 members of the BICG nominated by the BFUG:
 - representatives of 4 Bologna countries – AT, BG, HR, IT
 - European Commission
 - EUA / EURASHE together representing the BFUG's consultative members
 - representative of the BFUG WG 1.
- ...will be joined by the co-chairs of the Peer Groups.



WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SINCE PARIS?

- May 25th 2018, Paris: informal meeting of the BICG
 - June 5th 2018, Bruxelles: first formal meeting
 - August 30th 2018, Bruxelles, second formal meeting
 - September 26th 2018, Vienna, third formal meeting (enlarged BICG)
- Conducted a survey on expression of interest to join the Peer Groups;
 - Annalised the survey results – overview of responses (Annex 01);
 - Proposed clustering of countries around thematic orientations (networking);
 - Drafted Guidelines for BFUG peer support.



PEER GROUPS

- Peer Groups aim to improve the implementation of the **three key commitments**;
- The Peer Groups create a platform for sharing knowledge, ideas and practices, for dialogue, mutual learning and understanding, discussing factors that are affecting implementation.
- The Peer Groups should agree on further actions such as peer support / peer counselling, exchange of experts, targeted seminars including national authorities and broader academic community, drafting legislative documents, etc.

	<i>Peer Group A (NQF)</i>	<i>Peer Group B (Recognition)</i>	<i>Peer Group C (QA)</i>
<i>Indicative number of participants</i>	28	37	40
<i>Proposed co-chairs:</i>	FI, KZ, CZ	FR, IT, AL	CY, BE-fl, GE
<i>Country with the main supporting project:</i>	CZ	IT	BE-fl
<i>Countries to propose projects on the three key commitments</i>	In progress		



PEER GROUP A – KEY COMMITMENT 1

THEMATIC ORIENTATIONS

- self-certification of the NQFs to the overarching QF EHEA,
- complete implementation of the ECTS User's Guide,
- short-cycle higher education,
- multiple purposes and use of the qualifications frameworks by the stakeholders,
- study programmes outside of the Bologna three-cycle structure,
- relationship between the qualifications frameworks and quality assurance.



PEER GROUP B – KEY COMMITMENT 2

THEMATIC ORIENTATIONS

- *establishing the legal framework to allow the implementation of the LRC,*
- *establishing the distribution of work and responsibilities among the competent institutions that have the right knowledge and capacity to carry out recognition procedures,*
- *achieving automatic recognition,*
- *recognition of alternative pathways,*
- *qualifications held by refugees,*
- *optimising the potential of digital technology for the recognition agenda and the DS.*



PEER GROUP C – KEY COMMITMENT 3

THEMATIC ORIENTATIONS

- legislative framework in line with the ESG (introducing changes),
- ensuring effectiveness of internal QA arrangements, including the use of QA results in the decision making process and quality culture as well as links to learning and teaching,
- the role and engagement of stakeholders in internal and external QA (students, teachers, employers),
- Cross-border QA and European Approach to accreditation of joint programmes.



TIMELINE

May 2018
Paris
ministerial
conference (BICG
established);

June 2018
The
invitation letter
and the
questionnaire sent
out to the BFUG
members;

August 2018
2nd
meeting of the
„small” BICG to
analyse the
responses of the
countries;

October 2018
The launch
of the work of the
Peer Groups;

June 2018
1st meeting
of the BICG held
in Bruxelles;

July 2018
Individual
contacts between
the „small” BICG
members and the
BFUG members;

September 2018
Peer
Groups
established and
the first BICG
meeting, back to
back to the BFUG;



TIMELINE (CONT.)

