

Information from the BFUG Secretariat

BFUG Board meeting
Zagreb, 7 February 2020

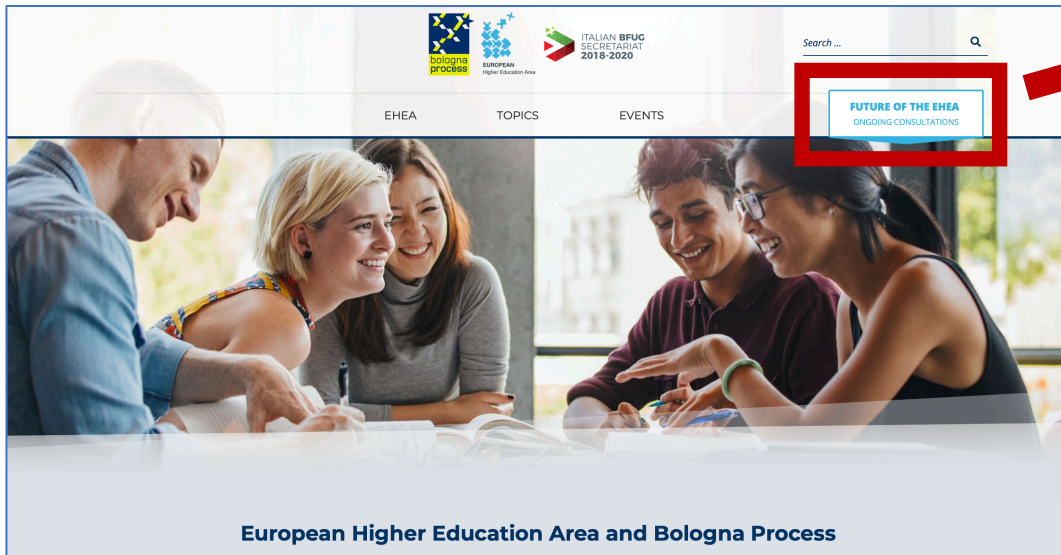
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Update from the BFUG Secretariat

- Website updates:
 - Future of the EHEA - Consultations
 - Roadmap of the Draft Communiqué
- Next working period:
 - Incoming Co-chairs (Germany and United Kingdom)
 - 2020-2023 BFUG Co-chairs approved by the BFUG
 - Call to host the Ministerial Conference 2023 and BFUG Secretariat 2020-2023
- BFUG membership information: requests from Iraqi Kurdistan and Faroe Islands

Future of the EHEA consultations

- Taken off from the homepage
- New topic created



Governance and thematic priorities after 2020

At the Ministerial Conference in Paris in 2018, the Ministers agreed that the EHEA should become more important, not less so, in the future, and specifically invited the BFUG to prepare proposals for 2020 which can facilitate the EHEA's commitment to pursue the UN's Sustainable Development Goals which are set for 2030 and to fully play its role in meeting the challenges faced by our societies.

An [online survey on the governance and thematic priorities of the EHEA after 2020](#) was carried out in October 2018 under the aegis of the BFUG Co-chairs Austria and Switzerland. 32 BFUG members and 8 Consultative members have answered the survey and the results were presented at the [BFUG meeting in Bucharest in April 2019](#):
[Outcomes of the online survey](#)
[Outcomes of the online survey presentation](#)

At this meeting - building on the results of the survey - the BFUG Co-chairs Romania and North Macedonia and the Italian Vice-chair presented a "concept note" that was distributed to all the 4 breakout groups to make discussion more fruitful. Within the BFUG it was agreed to conduct a [follow-up consultation at national level and among member organisations](#). Guidance on how to organise this phase of the discussion can be found in [the Future of the EHEA - Follow-up Consultation](#) document and in the [summary of the current state of affairs \(June 2019\)](#).

The consultation is open until **15 October 2019** and is being done through the BFUG members, Consultative members and partners. The involvement of all members of the academic community, national and local authorities, and of all stakeholders interested in higher education, as well as society at large, is crucial for planning the future of the European Higher Education Area.

When the consultation is finished, the BFUG members and Consultative members are kindly asked to report back to the BFUG Secretariat [using this form](#).

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Roadmap of the Draft Communiqué

- **Drafting Committee Roadmap** uploaded on [Drafting Committee webpage](#) and [BFUG meeting Helsinki webpage](#)
- Draft 1 sent to whole BFUG on 20 December 2019
- Deadline for comments 10 January 2020
 - 14 BFUG Members, 4 Consultative members, 2 Partners
- Comments circulated among Drafting Committee (DC)
- DC elaborated a Draft 1xxx that was forwarded to the Board on 3 February
- DC elaborated and sent Draft 1xxxx to Board on 6 February

Incoming Co-chairs

- Germany proposed at the November 2019 BFUG meeting in Helsinki to co-chair with the United Kingdom (Scotland)
- Written proposal was sent by the Secretariat on 4 December 2019 on behalf of the BFUG Co-chairs
- Deadline for comments 18 December 2019
 - No objections
 - Approval of Germany and UK to be BFUG Co-chairs in the autumn 2020 semester
- UK and Germany are part of this Board as Incoming Co-chairs

2020-2023 Co-chairs

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Semester	Co-chair from EU-Presidency	Co-chair from non-EU country
1 July – 31 December 2020	Germany	United Kingdom
1 January – 30 June 2021	Portugal	Albania
1 July – 31 December 2021	Slovenia	Andorra
1 January – 30 June 2022	France	Armenia
1 July – 31 December 2022	Czech Republic	Azerbaijan
1 January – 30 June 2023	Sweden	Belarus
1 July – 31 December 2023	Spain	Bosnia and Herzegovina

Call to host the 2023 Ministerial Conference and the 2020-2023 BFUG Secretariat

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- Call is online
- No official proposals received yet

The screenshot shows the website's navigation bar with links for HOME, HOW DOES THE BOLOGNA PROCESS WORK?, EHEA, TOPICS, and EVENTS. A search bar is located on the right. The main content area is titled "HOW DOES THE BOLOGNA PROCESS WORK?" and contains four sections:

- The European Higher Education Area**: Includes a world map and a "READ MORE" button.
- The Ministerial Conferences**: Includes a map of Europe with yellow dots and a "READ MORE" button. A red box highlights the text: "Procedure for the selection of the 2023 Ministerial Conference and 2020-2023 BFUG Secretariat host".
- The Bologna Follow-Up Group**: Includes a diagram of the work plan and a "READ MORE" button.
- The Bologna Follow-Up Group Secretariat**: Includes a cityscape image and a "READ MORE" button. A red box highlights the text: "Procedure for the selection of the 2023 Ministerial Conference and 2020-2023 BFUG Secretariat host".



BFUG membership information: requests from Iraqi Kurdistan and Faroe Islands

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- Iraqi Kurdistan asked **again** information on how to join the EHEA > will get the same answer again
- Faroe Islands asked for the first time information on how to join the EHEA > e-mail was forwarded to the Danish BFUG representatives

THANK YOU

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