

BFUG Advisory Group 1 on Social Dimension

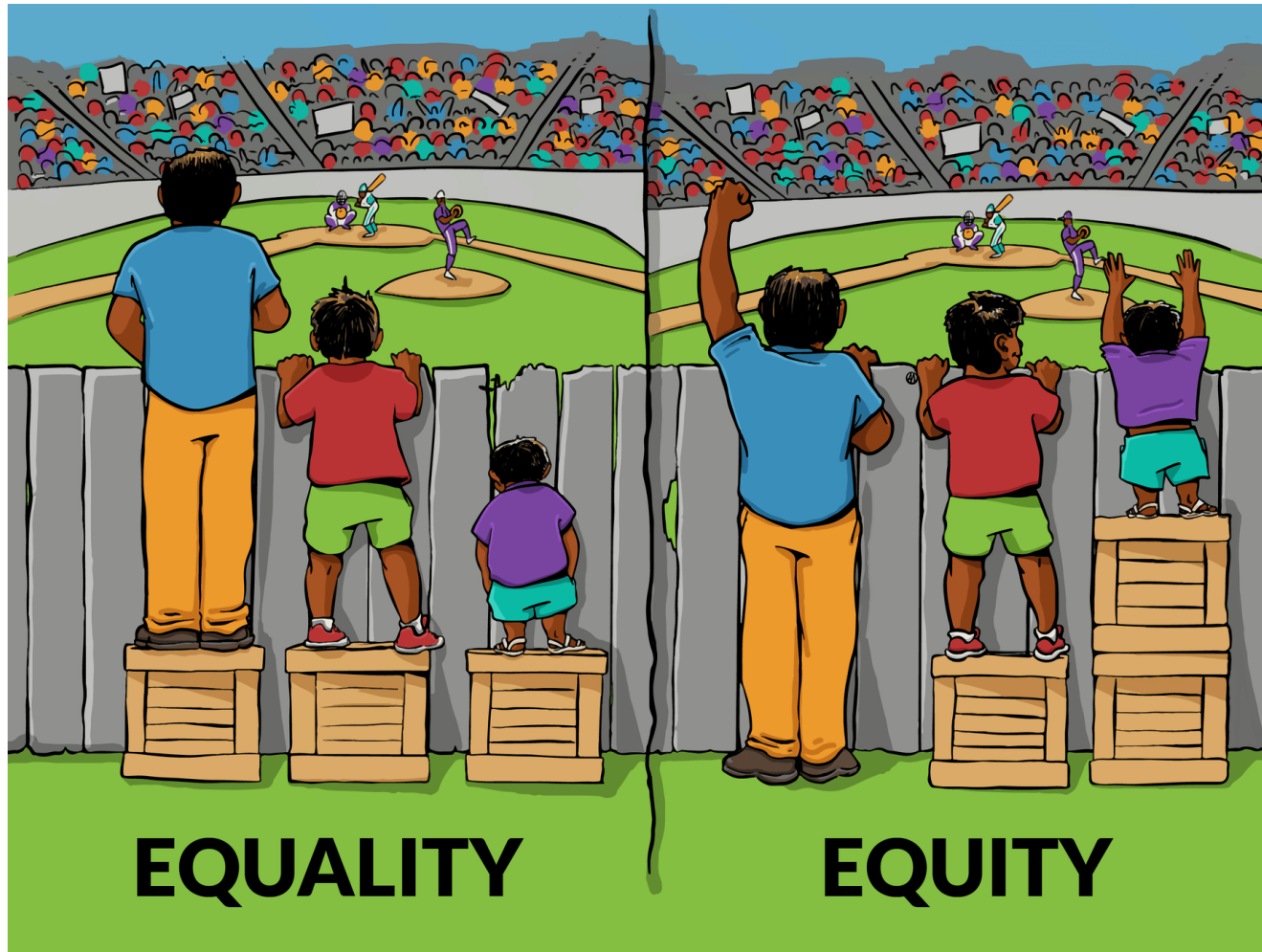
Update for the BFUG Board Meeting in Zagreb

7 February 2020

BFUG meeting in Helsinki: conclusions

- **Starting point:** accepted definition for social dimension – “[...] the student body entering, participating in and completing higher education at all levels should reflect the diversity of our populations.”
2007 London + 2015 Yerevan + 2018 Paris Communique
 - **Social justice agenda:** identifying vulnerable, disadvantaged and underrepresented groups of students
 - **Equality** agenda
- **New elements:** social dimension encompasses creation of inclusive environment in higher education that fosters equity, diversity, and is responsive to the needs of local communities.
 - **Public good agenda:** social dimension principles should be integrated into the core higher education mission and governance
 - **Equity** agenda

Equality \neq Equity



2020 Roma Communique =
Equality + Equity

AG1 Principles and Guidelines

- ✓ Forward-looking strategic document
- ✓ It will make our higher education systems and universities closer to the real needs of our citizens and communities.

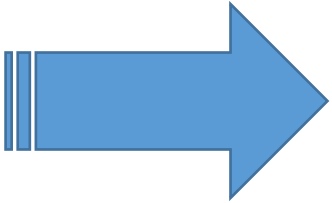
BFUG meeting in Helsinki: conclusions

„Principles and Guidelines to Strengthen the Social Dimension of Higher Education in the EHEA”

- Social dimension principles should be integrated into the core higher education mission:
 - Learning and teaching
 - Research
 - Knowledge exchange and outreach
 - Institutional governance and management
 - Policies for empowering students and staff
- Social dimension >>> prominent place in 2020 Roma Communiqué
 - Annexed to the Communiqué

After BFUG Helsinki

„Principles and Guidelines to Strengthen the Social Dimension of Higher Education in the EHEA (PAG)”

- Received extensive comments of 9 countries
 - Received comments of AG1 members
 - Conclusions of the BFUG Helsinki meeting discussion
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- ✓ Accepted almost all of the suggestions
 - ✓ Created a new version of the PAG
 - ✓ Defines 10 principles for social dimension in higher education for upcoming decade of the Bologna process 2020-2030
 - ✓ Each principle accompanied with a set of guidelines that explain the implementation of principles.

A way forward: AG1 Copenhagen meeting

- Receiving an update from Bologna Researchers' Conference
- Reviewing the final version of PAGs, including substantial weight on introduction
- Discussing long term implementation of PAGs
- Peer Learning on SD
- Decision on way forward until Ministerial

After Copenhagen meeting

- Liaison between AG1, DC & BFUG
- One last round of consultation with BFUG at large- intention to close the document by Kiev
- Further input to the drafting Committee if needed
- Ensure clear political commitment to implementation & follow up
- Work Plan 2020-2023: Targets & Benchmarks?

Thank you very much for your attention!

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