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Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue – Report to the BFUG Board

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General lines of action and reflection:

The remit of the Coordination Group (CG) is to promote more constant dialogue with other parts of the world (countries, macro-regions, organizations) on matters of common interest and concern relating to higher education. The Coordination Group is also responsible for organizing the first Bologna “Global Policy Forum”, which will now take place in November 2020 in conjunction with the EHEA Ministerial Conference.

The CG has an active subgroup that is drafting the Global Policy Statement to be agreed upon in Rome, in collaboration with the BFUG Drafting Committee that is preparing the draft for the future Ministerial Communiqué. Its other subgroup, devoted to preparing the lists of invitees to the Forum, has completed its work.

State of play

The Coordination Group discussed the organization of the Global Policy Forum in its meeting on 24th March 2020.

The structure presented by the Secretariat is as follows:

- **Organisation of the Global Policy Forum**
 - Keynotes (Jeffrey Sachs + UNESCO)
 - Parallel sessions
 - Reports from the parallel sessions
 - Reading and approval of the Bologna Global Policy Statement
 - Final remarks

The Group stressed the need to guarantee adequate time in the agenda for the non-EHEA Ministers who will join the GPF to express their contribution to the dialogue. The Group discussed the possibility of reducing the time allotted to the keynote speeches in order to create a new point in the agenda reserved for the Ministers.

- **Proposed topics for the Global Policy Forum:**

The Group decided to create six new CG1 subgroups, one for each parallel session, asking them to propose ideas and formats for the organization of their session, to prepare an introductory abstract or concept note for their topic and suggest 4 or 5 questions to animate the discussion. They are also to propose possible speakers and moderators able to inspire the audience and to generate and moderate a real debate.

The subgroups for the six topics are:

- Innovation, new skills and their link to employability: Italy, Ireland, Holy See
- New (digital) ways of learning and teaching in a lifelong learning context: EUA, AG2, Holy See
- Mobility of persons, minds and knowledge: Italy, European Commission, UNESCO
- Untapped talent: opening up higher education and career opportunities to refugees: EUA, UNESCO, Italy
- Inclusion as a driver for excellence: AG1, Belgium Flemish Community, Belgium French Community, United Kingdom, UNESCO
- Building trust in a global context: Italy, ENQA, Holy See, UK, Ireland

Other members of the CG may join the subgroups.

In order to have a good distribution of the delegates in the six parallel sessions the CG proposed to ask during the registration for the preferences of each delegate (probably asking for the top 3).

- **Draft Global Policy Statement**

A new draft of the Global Policy Statement has been composed, discussed by the CG and is presented to the Board.

- **Participation in the Global summit**

As the CG1 is a Coordination Group and therefore does not produce concrete outcomes – except for the Forum itself -- the CG1 members agreed to organise a workshop on how the COVID-19 crisis and related events have had and will have an impact on Global Higher Education. The Co-chairs will prepare and share the template on this session with the CG1 members as soon as possible.

- **A Roadmap for the CG**

- 25 March: deadline to send comments on the Statement and to volunteer for the six parallel sessions.
- Mid May: deadline for input and suggestions about the six parallel sessions
- Beginning of June: next CG1 meeting
- Mid June: prepare for next BFUG Meeting