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Paper on work progress of Working Group 3 "New goals"

Name of AG/WG: WG 3 on new EHEA Goals - Policy development for new EHEA goals

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Date: February 2016

Update of the work (will be updated for all BFUG meetings)

The Working Group 3 met for first time on the 9th of February in Moscow (Russian Federation). During this first meeting the WG members discussed the draft Terms of Reference proposed by the BFUG co-chairs and a possible amendment to it prepared by the WG co-chair upon the proposals received by the Secretariat. A reformulation of the amendment was proposed during the discussion and finally agreed upon. The WG members discussed the draft Plan of Work for the WG3, and within this framework there was a discussion about the priorities to focus for each of the topics identified in the ToR.

Not many proposals for initiatives were sent by the WG members so far, one of the reasons expressed during the meeting was the difficulty to identify a clear topic, as the ones in the ToR were rather broad. Some WG members indicated that after the first WG meeting, with a more clear idea, it will be easier for them to come with initiatives to cover the identified priorities.

The group agreed that it would be helpful to have an extra meeting before the summer break to keep the momentum and to speed up the organization of initiatives by the WG members. Moreover, WG meetings themselves will also be longer (of 1.5 or 2 days) in other to have thematic discussions.

Calendar ((what have you done and what is planned to + indicate which events you want to include in the general tentative schedule)

Originally there was a plan for 5 WG meetings as follows:

1st WG meeting: February 2016 2nd WG meeting: fall 2016 3rd WG meeting: spring 2017 4th WG meeting: September 2017 – Reflect on the concept and the framework; Summing-up of events and finalizing reporting

5th WG meeting (if necessary): January 2018

During the last WG meeting, the group decided to organise an extra meeting before summer 2016, most likely in June 2016.