

Drafting Committee for the Tirana Communiqué* 2024

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** An EHEA Ministerial Communique is a short document of 3-5 pages. It is divided in paragraphs of introduction with general information about the context, the elaborated topics during the process and the future objectives. If applicable, the Ministers welcome new members.*

Drafting Committee (as of RoP and ToR)

- Composition:
 - Albania (BFUG Vice-Chair), Co-Chair DC;
 - Bosnia & Herzegovina and Sweden (BFUG Co-Chairs 2023/I);
 - Georgia and Spain (BFUG Co-Chairs 2023/II)
 - Belgium (fr/fl) and Holy See (BFUG Co-Chair 2024/I);
 - ESU (Consultative Members representative), Co-Chair DC.
- Co-Chairs:
 - Albania, Holy See, ESU.

Specific tasks (as of RoP and ToR)

- Prepare the Roadmap for approving the Communique;
- Draft the several versions of the Communique;
- Liaison with BFUG Coordination, Working Groups and Task Forces to incorporate their feedback into the text of the Communique;
- Incorporate into the text of the Communique recommendations/suggestions received by the Board and BFUG.
- Minutes of the meetings of the Drafting Committee are published only when the meeting is not convened exclusively for working on the draft text of the Communique.

Draft structure of the Tirana Communiqué (I)

1. Introduction – *half a page*

- We, Ministers, ... – Place and date of the meeting of Ministers;
- Bologna Process/EHEA general context; figures and goals;
- Higher Education in general - continuity and new trends;
- Mention role of Higher Education for democratic societies; social cohesion and inclusion, making Europe unique [*here, and/or under 2 within the topics Fundamental Values and/or Social Dimension*];
- Socio-economic situation affecting the EHEA -> improvements needed -> EHEA's role to progress;
- Aftermath of the pandemic;
- Effects on HE of Geopolitical changes - HE promoting peace; discussion on strategic autonomy? Situation regarding Ukraine and after the decisions of suspension of participation of Russian Federation and Belarus;
- [*San Marino: implementation status*].

Draft structure of the Tirana Communiqué (II)

2. Progress in implementing agreed reforms / Goals achieved / Things to go until 2027 (next workplan) – two pages: *Topics elaborated within the work plan of the current BFUG period, by the various BFUG substructures (by timeframe-progress or by topic, to be decided for draft 0) – Take stock of progress in 2024, project specific objectives for 2024-2027.*

- Renewed Agenda after the Rome Communiqué and in light of the international discussions;
- Trends, changes regarding “the three I’s” of the Rome Communiqué [inclusive, innovative, interconnected];
- Implementation of the Bologna Key commitments via peer support (WG1 Monitoring and BICG/TPG A, B, C);
- Fundamental Values of the EHEA, including participation of students and staff (WG2);
- The Social Dimension of the EHEA: new framework, implementation and monitoring <> Socio-economic situation affecting the EHEA -> improvements needed -> EHEA’s role to progress (WG3);

Draft structure of the Tirana Communiqué (III)

(2. Progress in implementing agreed reforms / Goals achieved / Things to go until 2027 cont.d)

- Inclusive and innovative approaches to learning and teaching (WG4);
- Transnational cooperation in higher education, research and innovation, through synergies between the EHEA and the European Research Area (ERA) and the European Education Area (EEA);
- EHEA outreach and question of introducing “EHEA [Global] Dialogue Partners” (CG GPD).
- *Further themes/topics:*
 - Mobility and cross-disciplinary and cross-border cooperation;
 - SDGs, sustainability;
 - Artificial Intelligence in Education;
 - QA: ESG revision;
 - ...?

Draft structure of the Tirana Communiqué (IV)

3. Priorities of the EHEA beyond 2027 – *one page: Refer more generally to Rome Communique vision until 2030, have Ministers promote a vision beyond 2030, what are we working on, “looking into topics such as...”*

- Aspects internal to the EHEA;
- Contribution of the EHEA to realising the SDGs 2030/sustainability and/or the influence of the EHEA on the future SDG realisation [*here, or rather under 2./3., or as overarching topic within several topics*];
- External - Space for CG1 - Contribution of the EHEA to realising the SDGs 2030/sustainability [*here or in introduction*].

Draft structure of the Tirana Communiqué (V)

4. Conclusions – *a few lines*

- San Marino Roadmap group: Good implementation status, Roadmap as instrument for all further accessions;
- Governance of the EHEA post 2030;
- Announcement of the place and date of the next Ministerial Conference.

5. Appendices

Roadmap



DRAFT ROADMAP FOR THE CONSULTATION OF THE BFUG ABOUT THE TIRANA 2024 DRAFT COMMUNIQUE

This roadmap is an **indicative tool**, assisting the Drafting Committee (DC) with their work on the preparation of the Ministerial Communiqué. The dates appearing in this roadmap are only indicative, with possible changes according to the needs of the Drafting Committee and the uncertain situation. The only fixed dates are the ones concerning the Board and BFUG meetings. Dates for the BFUG appear in **yellow**.

Drafting phase	What?	Where	Who	When?
Draft Structure	1 st meeting of the Drafting Committee Discuss organizational aspects: selection of co-chairs, discussion of Terms of Reference	Online	Drafting Committee (DC)	02.02.2023
Draft Structure	Feedback from WG-Co-Chairs with bullet points for own thematic and four fine lines	-	Secretariat	28.02.2023
Draft Structure	2 nd meeting of the Drafting Committee Discussion of initial contributions of the WGs, draft Roadmap	Online	DC	07.03.2023
Draft Structure	3 rd meeting of the Drafting Committee Draft Roadmap, draft structure of Tirana Communiqué	Online	DC	24.03.2023
Draft Structure	Board Meeting Sarajevo Presentation of ToRs , draft Roadmap, draft structure of Tirana Communiqué	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina	Board, Co-Chairs	31.03.2023



Draft Structure	Feedback from the Board on draft structure of Tirana Communiqué	-	Board, Secretariat	10.04.2023
Draft Structure	4 th meeting of the Drafting Committee Updating Roadmap and draft structure based on contributions from the Board	online	DC	20 or 21.04.2023
Draft Structure	Send ToRs , Roadmap and Draft structure to the BFUG	-	Co-chairs	27.04.2023
Draft Structure	BFUG Meeting Stockholm Presentation of ToRs , Roadmap, draft structure	Stockholm, Sweden	BFUG, DC	11-12.05.2023
Draft Structure	Feedback in writing from BFUG on draft structure of Tirana Communiqué and Roadmap – Final Documents	-	BFUG, Secretariat	26.05.2023
Draft 0	5 th DC meeting Work on draft 0	Vatican City, Holy See	DC	27.06.2023
Draft 0	6 th DC meeting Work on draft 0	Brussels, Belgium (TBC)	DC	September
Draft 0	Send Draft 0 to Board	-	Co-chairs	18.09.2023
Draft 0	Board Meeting Tbilisi Presentation of Draft 0 and feedback from the Board	Tbilisi, Georgia	Board, Co-chairs	02.10.2023
Draft 0	Feedback in writing from the Board on draft 0	-	Board, Secretariat	12.10.2023
Draft 0	7 th meeting of the Drafting Committee Work on draft 0 with comments from Board	TBC	DC	October/November
Draft 0	Send Draft 0 to BFUG	-	Co-chairs	02.11.2023
Draft 0	BFUG Meeting Madrid	Madrid, Spain	BFUG, DC	16-17.11.2023



- See DC roadmap document; those dates are constant “work in progress”.
- Draft 0 will be provided in time for the October Board in Tbilisi.
- After BFUG meetings, from November 2023 on, we would like to foresee a deadline of 10 days for further written comments, due to the short sequence of meetings.



Please direct **further comments and written feedback on the draft structure and the roadmap** within 14 days after this BFUG meeting to the Co-Chairs via the Secretariat, i.e. within the 26 May 2023.

The Drafting committee will review your feedback, distribute tasks and meet on 27 June 2023, in presence, for putting together the Draft 0.

**Thank you for your attention
and collaboration!**