



Terms of Reference of the Working Group on Global Policy Dialogue

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<p>Composition</p> <p>Albania; Austria; Belgium Flemish Community; European Commission; France; Germany; Holy See; Ireland; Italy; Kazakhstan; Malta; The Netherlands; Romania; Spain; United Kingdom; EI - ETUCE; ENQA; ESU - European Students' Union; EUA - European University Association; UNESCO.</p> <p>The Coordination Group can invite, when useful, relevant experts to collaborate in its work, from the EHEA or other parts of the world, and/or from international or global organisations (e.g. UNESCO regional experts, members of IAU, etc.)</p>
<p>Purpose and/or outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To foster dialogue and build trust between the EHEA and other countries and macro-regions through exchange of knowledge and cooperation, with the aim of addressing overarching issues more effectively, such as achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. <p>The coordination group is also tasked with the organisation of the 2024 Global Policy Forum and Statement, and where possible other appropriate events during the work period.</p>
<p>General objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reinforce ongoing dialogue at the global level; ➤ Achieve greater awareness of the various vital roles of HE in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, and find paths for global collaboration to do so effectively;



- Propose how to enhance the EHEA’s ability to foster, participate in and benefit from this dialogue.

Thematic objectives in the context of global cooperation

- Intensify focus on the societal role of higher education to foster effective inclusion of learners not only at the time of access to HE but also with respect to retention, success and employability;
- Promote inclusive mobility as one of the most important keys to global understanding and excellence in higher education;
- Promote further development and use in the practice of the transparency and quality tools necessary for advancing mobility and facilitating recognition;
- Create contacts and support reciprocal referencing of the several overarching Qualifications Frameworks and Qualifications Reference frameworks now functioning or being prepared in the EHEA and other macro-regions;
- Promote student-centred learning and understanding of credit systems or credit reference systems based on Learning Outcomes and student time;
- Develop dialogue about the challenges and opportunities offered by the shift towards digital learning environments, in part triggered by the pandemic;
- Ensure connection with the other BFUG Advisory, Working or Coordination Groups that address the above issues in the EHEA context.

Specific Tasks

- Suggest plans to the BFUG for the organisation of the Global Policy Forum to be held along with the Ministerial Conference to be hosted by Albania in 2024;
- Organise and implement events, meetings or other initiatives (including virtual events) to build awareness and dialogue with respect to the CG’s overarching aims, the general or/and thematic objectives;
- Explore ways of initiating or consolidating contacts with other countries, macro-regions and organisations in order to develop and strengthen dialogue.

Reference to the Rome Communiqué

“While the COVID-19 pandemic has made it impossible to hold the Global Policy Forum as intended, we are pleased that our Conference includes a global session. We recommit to international dialogue on higher education values, policies, and reforms, drawing on the experiences of the EHEA as well as those of other areas of the world, and ask the BFUG to further develop and strengthen Global Dialogue in the coming work period.”

Reporting

Minutes of coordination group meetings and updates on activities will be made available online to the BFUG by the BFUG Secretariat. The BFUG Secretariat, at the request of the



CG Chairs, may circulate relevant updates to the CG members. The BFUG shall also receive regular reports and updates from the group. To ensure good communication with the BFUG as a whole and for the necessary consultations, progress reports shall be submitted two weeks before each BFUG meeting.

Meeting schedule

Meetings can be electronic or in presence, according to what will be possible and appropriate in the post COVID era. Smaller ad hoc groups or task forces may be delegated for specific tasks. The exact programming will be discussed by the Co-chairs and the members of the Coordination Group.

Liaison with other WGs' activities

TBD