



## DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE EHEA NETWORK OF NATIONAL COORDINATORS FOR QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORKS

<p><b>Name of the Network</b></p> <p>EHEA Network of National coordinators for qualifications frameworks</p>
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<p><b>Composition</b></p> <p>Coordinators of national qualifications frameworks for higher education of all EHEA member states, European Commission, EHEA consultative members</p>
<p><b>Purpose and/or outcome</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To exchange experience and offer advice in the development, implementation, and review of national qualifications frameworks</li> <li>2. Further coherence between national QFs and the Overarching Frameworks of Qualifications of the EHEA (QF-EHEA)</li> <li>3. Further coherence between the QF-EHEA and the European Qualifications Framework for lifelong learning (EQF)</li> <li>4. Advice EHEA members and the BFUG on issues related to the QF-EHEA.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Reference to the Paris Communiqué</b></p> <p><i>« In many of our systems, ECTS-based short cycle qualifications play an increasingly important role in preparing students for employment and further studies as well in improving social cohesion by facilitating access for many who would otherwise not have considered higher education. We are therefore including short-cycle qualifications as a stand-alone qualification within the overarching framework of qualifications of the EHEA (QF-EHEA). Each country can decide whether and how to integrate short cycle qualifications within its own national framework. ».</i></p>
<p><b>Specific tasks</b></p> <p>The Network shall act as a forum for debate and advice on issues related to the QF-EHEA and national frameworks, in particular with a view to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ ensuring coherence between national frameworks and the QF-EHEA;</li> <li>➤ ensuring coherence between the QF-EHEA and the EQF;</li> <li>➤ the development and implementation of ECTS based short cycle qualifications as stand-alone higher education qualifications within the QF-EHEA in countries that wish to develop and implement which short cycle qualifications;</li> <li>➤ encouraging period reviews of the implementation of national qualifications frameworks for higher education;</li> <li>➤ encouraging and providing advice on renewed self certification of national frameworks for which development make this necessary or desirable;</li> <li>➤ encourage reflection on how national qualifications frameworks can best help education systems fulfill all major purposes of higher education.</li> </ul>



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### **Working method**

Annual meetings of the Network with the participation, as far as possible, of representatives of all EHEA members and consultative members. The meetings will normally be held in September/October.

When desirable, joint activities with the EQF Advisory Group or national contact points may be organized.

The Network is coordinated by the Council of Europe, which brings the outcome of its work to the attention of the BFUG as well as the EQF Advisory Group.

### **Reporting**

Reports will be submitted to the BFUG and Board in writing.