Information from Bologna Process Working Group on the External Dimension of the Bologna Process

Working Group meetings

Since the BFUG meeting in Vienna in April, The Working Group on the External Dimension of the Bologna Process have met in Vienna 7 April 2006, again in Vienna 12 June 2006, in Brussels 4 September 2006 and in Oslo 29 September 2006. The Working Group will have their last meeting in Brussels 7 November 2006.

Three Official Bologna Seminars

As stated in the Terms of Reference for this Working Group, there has been three seminars arranged: The first one was in The Vatican, hosted by the Holy see 30 March – 1 April 2006, the second one in Athens, Greece 24 – 26 June, hosted by the Greek Ministry of Education. 28 – 29 September 2006, the third seminar was held in Oslo, Norway, hosted by the five Nordic countries Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Sweden and Norway. Further information – and the preliminary reports from this seminar is available on www.bolognaoslo.com. All the seminars have given very important input to the work on the strategy document.

Documents available

Our rapporteur, Professor Pavel Zgaga, has been working in parallel with the seminars and have also participated actively in the preparation for and carrying out of all Working Group meetings. Professor Zgaga's Report A was distributed to all participants on the Nordic seminar as the main background document. A Report B, including input from the Nordic seminar, will be forwarded to the BFUG Secretariat on Tuesday 10 October 2006.

The Working Group is together with Prof Zgaga preparing <u>a draft Strategy document</u> on the external dimension of the Bologna process. This draft document will be forwarded to the BFUG Secretariat on Tuesday 10 October 2006.

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