

Terms of reference

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Name of the working group International Openness: The European Higher Education Area in a Global Context
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Composition Armenia, Belgium/Flemish Community, Belgium/French Community, Cyprus, France, Germany, Holy See, Hungary, Norway, Slovenia, Spain, UK, European Commission, Council of Europe, EI, ENQA, ESU, EUA, EURASHE, UNESCO, ACA, ENIC-NARIC networks, IAU
Purpose and/or outcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ To take forward the recommendations of “The European Higher Education Area (EHEA) in a global context: Report on overall developments at the European, national and institutional levels”.➤ To support the preparations of the 2010 Bologna Policy Forum.➤ To set up a network, making optimal use of existing structures, for better information on and promotion of the Bologna Process outside the EHEA. <p><i>If needed, the mandate of the group for the period until 2012 will be adjusted in line with the decisions taken by the Ministers in Budapest and Vienna in March 2010.</i></p>
Reference to the Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve Communiqué Paragraphs 16 and 26.
Specific tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To cooperate with the Bologna Secretariat regarding the further development of the Bologna Website for a global audience;• To set up a pool of experts across the EHEA countries in order to support the Bologna Secretariat in facilitating coordinated information visits to and from non-EHEA countries;• To facilitate a first meeting of the network for better information on and promotion of the Bologna Process outside the EHEA;• To support the Bologna Secretariat in convening a round table (with the participation of the European Commission and other main actors in higher education promotion in Europe) to devise a “road map” and to identify opportunities and actions for enhancing European-level promotion.• To provide information on policy dialogue events relevant to the Bologna Process, taking place in various frameworks and at various levels, through the Bologna Website.• To support the host countries Hungary and Austria in preparing the Second Bologna Policy Forum with regard to both, the organisational aspects and the content – involving the non-EHEA countries that participated in the First Bologna Policy Forum by way of electronic consultation.

Reporting

Minutes of working group meetings will be made available to BFUG on the protected part of the website (by the Bologna Secretariat).

BFUG should also receive regular reports and updates.

To allow for good communication with BFUG as a whole and for the necessary consultations, progress reports should be submitted at least two weeks before each BFUG meeting. In between BFUG meetings, updates can be circulated by the Bologna Secretariat via e-mail.

The final report / conclusions will be presented and discussed no later than the BFUG meeting in the second half of 2011.

Meeting schedule

First meeting: Vienna, 28 October 2009

Second meeting: Vienna, 25 January 2010

Third meeting: Vienna, 27 May 2010 (to set up a detailed work plan for the period 2010-2012 to be presented to the BFUG meeting in August 2010, taking into account the results of the Budapest/Vienna Ministerial Meeting)

Liaison with other action lines

Cooperation with the working group "Reporting on the implementation of the Bologna Process" will be organised with the chairs of that group so that it meets the needs of both groups.

Cooperation with other elements of the work programme will be sought where appropriate.

Additional remarks