



4th meeting of the European Higher Education Area Advisory Group (AG1) on EHEA International Cooperation

Alcala de Henares, 30-31 January 2017

Feed back from the Bratislava BFUG meeting (8-9 December 2016)

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The BFUG established AG1 EHEA international cooperation to



- Engage in a policy dialogue with non EHEA partners to carry out a cooperation strategy based on shared issues and identifying concrete topics
 - Define the scope of the Bologna Policy Forum in general and prepare the next 2018 BPF in Paris
- An advisory group with EHEA BFUG members and non EHEA members**

Starting point



- **The Bologna Process** is still an important example of political and academic cooperation with a strong contribution to enhance quality mobility, and internationalisation of Higher Education
- **20 years of experience** building European Higher Education Area (EHEA) has contributed to other regions, groups of countries or networks developing similar collaboration and communities for Higher Education (ASEAN, Africa and its 5 sub-regions, Mediterranean countries, Asia-Pacific Economies and Countries (APEC), BRICS, CELAC, G7, South global forum ..)
- Since 2007, the BPF aims at **promoting « EHEA in a global setting »**. 10 years later, what are the lessons learnt and the next challenges ?

AG1 meetings and progress



❑ **Paris: January 2016**

Beginning of the lessons learnt from the previous Bologna Policy Forum and the existing regional dialogues

❑ **London: May 2016**

A topic approach; digital and international cooperation (presentation of MOOCS platforms (UK and France), with regional dimension : IDNEUF (AUF), a platform on French-speaking open education resources

❑ **Brussels : July 2016**, Task force meeting to prepare the concept note

❑ **Nizhny-Novgorod: October 2016**

Topic and regional approach: discussion on different possible scenarios; dialogue with ASEAN

+ Participation to international (EHEA-ASEAN workshop), national (France-Africa), and regional meetings (UFM)

Agreement on general principles to guide our direction for the BPF 2018



- Demonstrating political importance of an International EHEA Forum through attracting non EHEA Ministers and not only high level representatives of institutions and organizations
- Integrating and profiling the international dimension in the general conference with a strong focus on topics connected with common priorities for EHEA and partners
- Promoting an open sustainable cooperation policy through inter-regional dialogues without excluding any region and country
- Designing a joint plan of action for beyond 2018

The BFUG asked AG1 to continue the work on the shaping of an « International alliance » (IA) of regional higher education areas or systems

□ With the mandate to

- ✓ Contribute to a better understanding and resolution of grand global challenges through supporting higher education role in changing societies and economies (Migration, Sustainable Development Goals, fundamental values, digitalisation,)
- ✓ Move forward on key elements (such as qualification frameworks, credit systems, QA, recognition) to support balanced mobility and academic cooperation
- ✓ Develop common or euro-compatible tools or actions (such as developement of joint programmes and euro-regional universities, platform on multilingual open education resources, intra and inter-regional scholarship mechanisms, quality assurance of cross-border HE..)

Present for the next BFUG meeting

(Malta, 24-25 May)



❑ **Format an organisation of the BPF**

- ✓ Level of integration into the Ministerial conference

Exemple of 1/2 day for EHEA ministers and 1 day open to EHEA and non EHEA ministers and delegates

- ✓ Main topic(s)
- ✓ First draft of a programme
- ✓ Invitations

❑ **Towards the shaping of an International alliance**

- ✓ Aim and strategy
- ✓ Scope and organisation
- ✓ Type of Members/ Partners
- ✓ Terms of reference