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| **Name of the working group** **Working Group on Mobility** |
| **Contact person (Chair)**Peter GREISLER – Germany (peter.greisler@bmbf.bund.de)  |
| **Composition** The group will be made up of a wide range of countries and should be balanced with regard to EU- and Non-EU Bologna countries, geography and size. The group should include members of the 2007-2009 working group as well as new members.Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Belgium/Flemish Community, Belgium/French Community, Cyprus, Finland, France, Georgia, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Republic of Macedonia, the Netherlands, Russia, Serbia, Spain, UK/Scotland, European Commission, BUSINESSEUROPE, EI, ESU, EUA |
| **Purpose and/or outcome** * To contribute to the discussions in the working group “Reporting on the Implementation of the Bologna Process” on development of a precise definition of the benchmark mentioned in the Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve Communiqué
* To identify problems related to the balance of incoming and outgoing students and identify examples of good practice
* To assess the structural, legal, financial and other obstacles to mobility of students and staff and to identify possibilities for action for Ministers and stakeholders in order to improve mobility
* To draft an EHEA Strategy for mobility, for adoption by Ministers in 2012, based on the collection of good practice on mobility and with the purpose of stimulating further efforts in the area of mobility.
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| **Reference to the Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve Communiqué** Paragraphs 18-21, 26.  |
| **Specific tasks** * To contribute to the definition of the benchmark that “in 2020, at least 20% of those graduating in the Higher Education Area should have a study or training period abroad”
* To define the needs of improved and enhanced data collection with regard to information on the reasons for mobility (studies, work experience, language course, etc), the length of the stay, the types of mobility (free mover, programme mobility, vertical mobility), mobility by cycle, by socio-economic background and to communicate the results to the working group Implementation of the Bologna Process
* To collect specific examples of different kinds of mobility barriers for students and staff (structural, legal, financial, other) – possibly in co-operation with the working groups on social dimension and recognition
* To identify examples of good practice to overcome mobility barriers and develop recommendations on actions to be taken on different levels
* To identify reasons for imbalanced mobility and collect examples of good practice for encouraging balanced mobility
* To liaise with relevant mobility seminars organised in the 2009-2012 period
* Based on discussions with BFUG on possible actions, to draft an EHEA Strategy for Mobility
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| **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 draft of the EHEA Strategy for mobility will be presented and discussed no later than the BFUG meeting in the second half of 2011.** |
| **Meeting schedule** First meeting: Berlin, 13 January 2010 (to set up a detailed work plan for the period 2010-2012 and discuss the definition of the benchmark.) |
| **Liaison with other action lines** The chair of the working group will participate in meetings of the working group on reporting on the implementation of the Bologna Process in order to liaise with stocktaking and data collection. Cooperation with other working groups, in particular those on social dimension, the EHEA in a global context, and recognition will be organized in the relevant context. |
| **Additional remarks**  |