

# Future of the social dimension in the EHEA for the period 2024-2027



## Proposal: ToR for the future Working Group on Social Dimension

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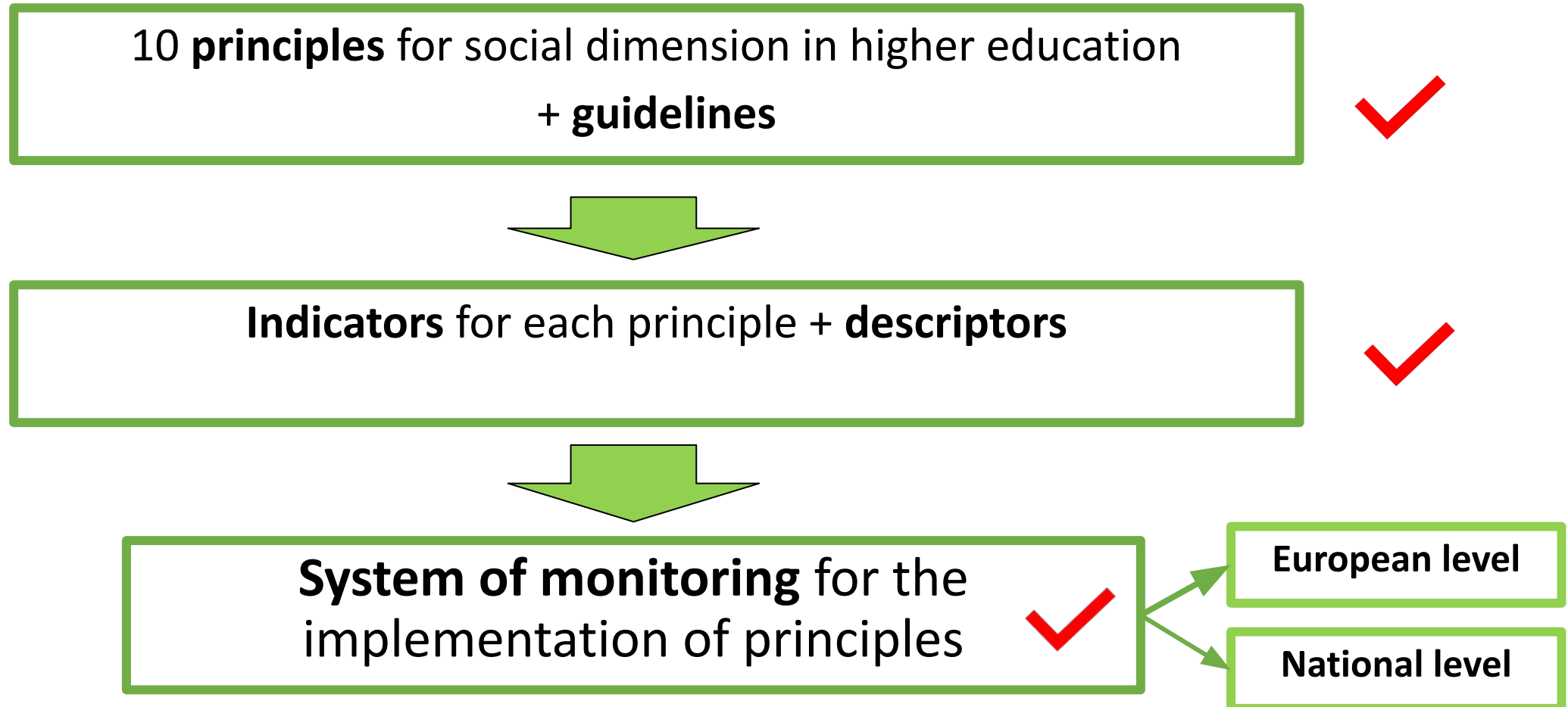
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**BFUG Working Group on Social Dimension Online Meeting**

# I. Background

**BFUG Working Group on Social Dimension 2021-2024**

The BFUG WG on Social Dimension is developing an **EHEA policy framework for social dimension in HE** for public authorities:



**II.**  
**Conclusions of the WG SD meeting in Brussels on  
7-8 December 2023**

**BFUG Working Group on Social Dimension 2021-2024**

# Activities of the future WG on social dimension

- Propose creation of the **WORKING GROUP** on SD 2024-2027, not a TPG
  - WG has policy objectives, TPG has non-policy mandate
- Creation of a **manual on the implementation** of the SD principles / or creation of an **action plan for the implementation** of the SD principles
- Recommendation related to the creation of **organizational structures** (national and European level) that could support the implementation of the SD principles (*system design*)
  - Explain relations between: public authorities – higher education institutions – student unions
- Organize **interviews with stakeholders** in order to **map opportunities and threats** for the implementation of the SD principles on the national level
  - It could be realized through applying an E+ project
    - Project could include peer-review of national SD policies
    - Project could include an awareness campaign on the importance of the SD principles

# Activities of the future WG on social dimension

Social dimension is **cross-cutting topic** that can be **linked with other policy areas** in education. WG could produce **POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS** on linkages with other policy areas:

- Mobility of students and staff (link to European Universities alliances, joint degrees, etc.)
- Lifelong learning
- Transition from secondary to tertiary education
- Supporting UN SDGs
- The role of the RPL for the advancement of the SD
- Improvement of refugee prospects
- Contributing to the development of democratic citizenship

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- Financing of higher education
- Quality assurance in higher education
- Supporting services for students and staff (career counselling, mental health services, etc.)
- Governance and management in HE that supports implementation of the SD principles of the social dimension
- Community engagement in HE

### **III.**

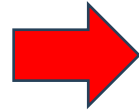
## **Conclusion: Way Forward Proposal for the WG on Social Dimension 2024-2027**

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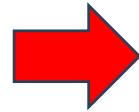


## Way Forward Proposal:

**„Indicators  
and  
descriptors  
of the Social  
Dimension of Higher  
Education in the  
EHEA”**



**Expectation:** the new document be adopted by the EHEA ministers at the Tirana ministerial conference in May 2024



### **WG SD at the online meeting 2.2.2024.:**

- Adopts the final version of the new document
- Decides on the objectives of the future work of the WG SD 2024-2027
- Decides on the key activities for the future WG SD

### **After the online meeting 2.2.2024. and before the final WG SD meeting in Vienna 4-5.4.2024.:**

- Co-chairs propose to the BFUG to adopt the new document at the BFUG meeting in Brussels on 19-20.2.2024.
- Co-chairs create a proposal of the ToR for the WG SD 2024-2027
- Co-Chairs work with the Drafting Committee for the EHEA Tirana Communique > insert the text related to the objectives of the new WG SD 2024-2027

### **WG SD Vienna meeting:**

- Confirm the ToR for the WG SD 2024-2027
- Confirm the text of the Tirana Communique related to the SD

# Thank you very much for your attention!

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