Action plan for the Peer Group A on Qualifications Framework

(TPG A on QF)

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General information

Thematic group A is based on Key Commitment 1 (a three-cycle system compatible with the overarching Qualifications Framework of the EHEA and first and second cycle degrees scaled by ECTS): TPG A includes 34 members and is co-chaired by Austria, Georgia, and Latvia.

Introduction and scope of the TPG A on QF

The planned activities of the Working Group are in line with the Bologna Declaration of 1999 and its Communiqués', supporting the implementation of the Key Commitment 1- the implementation of the three-cycle Bachelor-Master-Doctorate degree structure.

The TPG A will specifically address the latest commitments made in the Rome Communiqué, which focuses on building an inclusive, innovative and inter-connected EHEA and reconfirm direction on fully implemented key commitments and usage of peers support methods.

Terms of reference of BICG for 21-24 emphasizes the value of peer support activities and importance to contribute the implementation process.

Thematic orientations

- TPG A working group will be working on the following thematic directions¹:
- self-certification of the national qualification frameworks to the overarching Qualifications Framework of the EHEA;
- implementation of the ECTS User's Guide;
- short cycle higher education;
- multiple purposes and use of the qualifications frameworks by the stakeholders;
- study programmes outside of the Bologna three-cycle structure;
- relationship between the qualifications frameworks and quality assurance;
- micro-credentials.

Working methodology

Working methodology is based on mixed model having big group TPG A meetings and smaller working groups. Meetings will be organised face-to-face or online.

Monitoring/outcomes

Focus on the outcomes of the TPG, as the objectives of the countries are in the country pages. Effectiveness of the group to support the implementation of the key commitment, related to the Rome Communiqué. The countries will be asked to fill in country profiles until the mid of January. The TPG A work will be constantly monitored. The meeting minutes will be prepared after each meeting. Also, the key outcomes of the discussions will be captured in the meeting reports and shared with the TPG A members. The country related information on anticipated progress and achievements will be provided according to the country profile information and final report.

¹ The thematic orientations have been proposed by TPG A member countries through the conducted survey.

Timeframe

Time frame and activities will be revised based on umbrella project acceptance.

Activity	Participants	Outcomes	Key commitment	Project	Time
Please list here the activities of the Peer Group (e.g. surveys, self- assessment, peer assessment, analysis, workshops, conferences,)	Please list here the invited participating countries and institutions	Please write down the activity outcome (e.g. survey analysis, reports, workshop conclusions, conference booklet).	Please explain here shortly the contribution of the activity to the implementation of the key commitment in one or several countries, if applicable.	Please name here the project supporting the activity.	Please write down the envisaged time frame for the implementatio n of the activity.
Survey	All TPGA members	Survey analysis	Survey analysis is used to define countries interests for work plan	N.A	July 2021
TPG A meetings	All TPGA members	TPG A meeting minutes	TPG A meetings are devoted to the implementation of the Key Commitment 1	Umbrella project, if application will be accepted.	Summer, Autumn 2021 Spring, Autumn 2022 Spring, Autumn 2023 Spring 2024
PLA meeting 1	All TPGA members	Presentations	PLA meeting 1 in Riga is devoted to linkage of QF and micro-credentials	Umbrella project, if application will be accepted.	Autumn 2022
PLA meeting 2	All TPGA members	Presentations	PLA meeting 2 in Vienna is devoted to learning outcomes and ECTS	Umbrella project, if application will be accepted.	Spring 2023
PLA meeting 3	All TPGA members	Presentations	PLA meeting 3 in Tiblisi is devoted to self-certification	Umbrella project, if application will be accepted.	Autumn 2023
PLA meeting 4	All TPGA members	Presentations	PLA meeting 4 in Tallinn is devoted to assessment of learning outcomes on programme level	Umbrella project, if application will be accepted.	Spring 2024
Working group 1	TPG A members expressing interest to participate	Recommendations	Micro-credentials	Umbrella project, if application will be accepted.	Summer 2022 – Spring 2024
Working group 2	TPG A members expressing interest to participate	Recommendations	Self-certification	Umbrella project, if application will be accepted.	Summer 2022 – Spring 2024
Working group 3	TPG A members expressing interest to participate	Recommendations	Short cycle	Umbrella project, if application will be accepted.	Summer 2022 – Spring 2024

Composition of the Peer Group

Peer group Thematic Peer Group A on QF

Timeframe 2021-2024

Co-chairs Karin Riegler, Austria

Khatia Tsiramua, Georgia Baiba Ramina, Latvia

Participating countries and institutions

Albania; Andorra; Armenia; Austria; Azerbaijan; Belarus; Belgium Flemish Community; Bulgaria;

Croatia; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Estonia;; Georgia; Germany;

Greece; Hungary; Italy; Kazakhstan; Latvia; Malta; The Netherlands; North Macedonia; Poland; Romania; Russia; San Marino; Spain; Turkey;

United Kingdom/Scotland.

Council of Europe, ; EI – ETUCE; ESU - European Students' Union; EURASHE; European Commission

Umbrella project(s)

Umbrella project is submitted to EACEA.

Project partners are Austria, Latvia, Estonia and Georgia as associated partner.

The main aim of the project is to provide the EHEA member states with opportunities for peer learning and exchange of best practices by organizing various PLA activities and working groups. The project will focus on activities TPG A on Qualifications Framework, which supports the Key Commitment 1 (a three-cycle system compatible with the overarching Qualifications Framework of the EHEA and first and second cycle degrees scaled by ECTS).

The project builds on themes that have been identified as priories within the TPG A on QF. The covered topics will be the Implementation of the Qualifications Frameworks and ECTS, focusing on learning outcomes, the assessment of learning outcomes on programme level, Self-certification, as well as one of the key topics at European level regarding the implementation of the micro-credentials within the context of QF.

Three working groups will be established with an aim to encourage indepth discussions in order to provide specific recommendations on various QF-related topics (Self-certification, Short cycle higher education, as well as micro-credentials).

Other supporting project(s)

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Albania

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Andorra

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Armenia

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Austria

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Azerbaijan

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Belarus

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Belgium Flemish Community

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Bulgaria

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Croatia

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Cyprus

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Czech Republic

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Estonia

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Georgia

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Germany

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Greece

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Hungary

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Italy

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Kazakhstan

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Latvia

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Malta

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The Netherlands

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North Macedonia

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Romania

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Turkey

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