

# BFUG Working Group on Social Dimension 2021-2024

## **Overview of progress in 2021-2022**

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14 November 2022

**BFUG WG SD On-line Meeting**

# I. **Our objectives 2021-2024**

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

# We need to develop a framework for the implementation of the Principles and Guidelines!

## **Specific objectives** for our BFUG WG on Social Dimension 2021-24:

- 1) Defining **indicators and benchmarks** for the Principles for social dimension
- 2) Developing a **system of monitoring the implementation** of the Principles
- 3) Organizing **peer support activities** for social dimension to support the implementation of the Principles among the EHEA members
- 4) Organising a **seminar on the social dimension at the end of the cycle in 2024**, within the events connected with the EHEA ministerial conference, to discuss the progress made in developing social dimension policies in the EHEA members.



Bologna Follow-up Group

Working Group on Social Dimension 2021-2024

## Workplan 2021-2024

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# II. Workplan 2021-2024

## BFUG Working Group on Social Dimension 2021-2024

# BFUG WG on Social Dimension Workplan for 2021-2024

- WG on Social Dimension-meetings in 2022 – 5 meetings per year:
  - ✓ 4th meeting in February 2022: **17 Feb 2022** > on-line
  - ✓ 5th meeting in April 2022: **26 Apr 2022** > hosted by Malta
  - ✓ 6th meeting in June 2022: **14 June 2022** > hosted by the Netherlands
  - ✓ 7th meeting in October 2022: **29-30 September 2022** > hosted by the EUA
  - ✓ 8th meeting in November 2022: **14-15 Nov 2022** > > on-line
- WG on Social Dimension-meetings in 2023 – 5 meetings in the process to be defined
- **Web site for the WG on SD** at the [www.ehea.info](http://www.ehea.info) + cloud-folder (Google Drive):
  - Key documents related to the work of the WG on Social Dimension and its subgroups
  - Documents related to the WG-meetings

# Work Plan 2021-2024

WG on Monitoring the  
Implementation of the  
Bologna Process



WG on Fundamental  
Values



Bologna  
Implementation  
Coordination Group



Thematic Peer  
Group A on  
Qualifications  
Framework  
(TPG A on QF)



WG on Social  
Dimension



Thematic Peer  
Group B on the  
Lisbon  
Recognition  
Convention  
(TPG B on LRC)



WG on Learning  
and Teaching



Thematic Peer  
Group C on  
Quality Assurance  
(TPG C on QA)



WG on Supporting the  
Implementation of the  
Roadmap for San  
Marino's Accession to  
EHEA



EHEA Network of  
National Qualifications  
Framework  
Correspondents



Coordination Group on  
Global Policy Dialogue



Taskforce on  
Enhancing Knowledge  
Sharing in the EHEA  
Community



Ad Hoc Task Force to Increase  
Synergies Between the EHEA, the  
Higher Education Dimension of the  
EEA and the ERA



# Update on BFUG Meetings

- ✓ **BFUG Board Meeting hosted by Kazakhstan (Astana): 5 October 2022**
  - Horia Onita (ESU) was present and made update on the work related to the WG SD
- ✓ **BFUG Meeting hosted by Czech Republic (Brno): 7-8 November 2022**
  - Nino Schmidt (Croatia) and Horia Onita (ESU) were present and made update on the work related to the WG SD

# Achievements 2021-2022

- ✓ **Key achievement: 1st objective related to the creation of indicators for social dimension is successfully accomplished**
- ✓ **5 Peer-learning activities (PLA) in 2021 + 3 PLAs in 2022 = 8 PLAs**
- ✓ **Erasmus+ project that supports fulfillment of the objectives of the WG on Social Dimension > project started on June 1, 2022:**
  - the project „**Peer Learning Activities and Resources to Underpin the Principles and Guidelines for Social Dimension**”
  - **Project coordinator:** Flemish Community, Department of Education and Training, Belgium-Flanders
  - **Partners:** SIHO-Support Centre Inclusive Higher Education (Belgium), Ministry of Education and Science (Croatia), Institute for the Development of Education (Croatia), European Students’ Union
  - **1st PLA meeting on social dimension:** 16-17 November, hosted by the Croatian Ministry of Education and Science
  - 2nd PLA meeting on social dimension: February 2023, Belgium > TBC



**III.**  
**Consultation with the BFUG 2022-2023 on  
indicators for social dimension**

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



## Consultation related to:

### Proposal of indicators for Principles and Guidelines

- The WG on Social Dimension would like to include indicators and system of monitoring into the new version of Principles and Guidelines
- The new document of Principles and Guidelines should be adopted as an Annex to the Tirana Communiqué 2024.
- **Each of the ten principles contains two to six indicators (marked in bold) > 42 indicators in total.**
- **Each indicator contains several explanatory descriptors that provide more information on how an indicator could be implemented** (listed in bullet points).
- **Bologna Implementation Report 2024: 10** scorecard indicators for 10 principles for social dimension



## Consultation related to:

# Proposal of indicators for Principles and Guidelines

- The specific contribution of the BFUG Working Group on Social Dimension is that it has created additional **explanatory descriptors for each indicator that provide more information on how an indicator could be implemented.**
- New indicators will help creating national and institutional (university level) **action plans for social dimension** in HE.
- **November 2022 – May 2023:** we are looking for a feedback from the BFUG members and from the BFUG structures > please send your comments via BFUG Secretariat ([secretariat@ehea.info](mailto:secretariat@ehea.info))

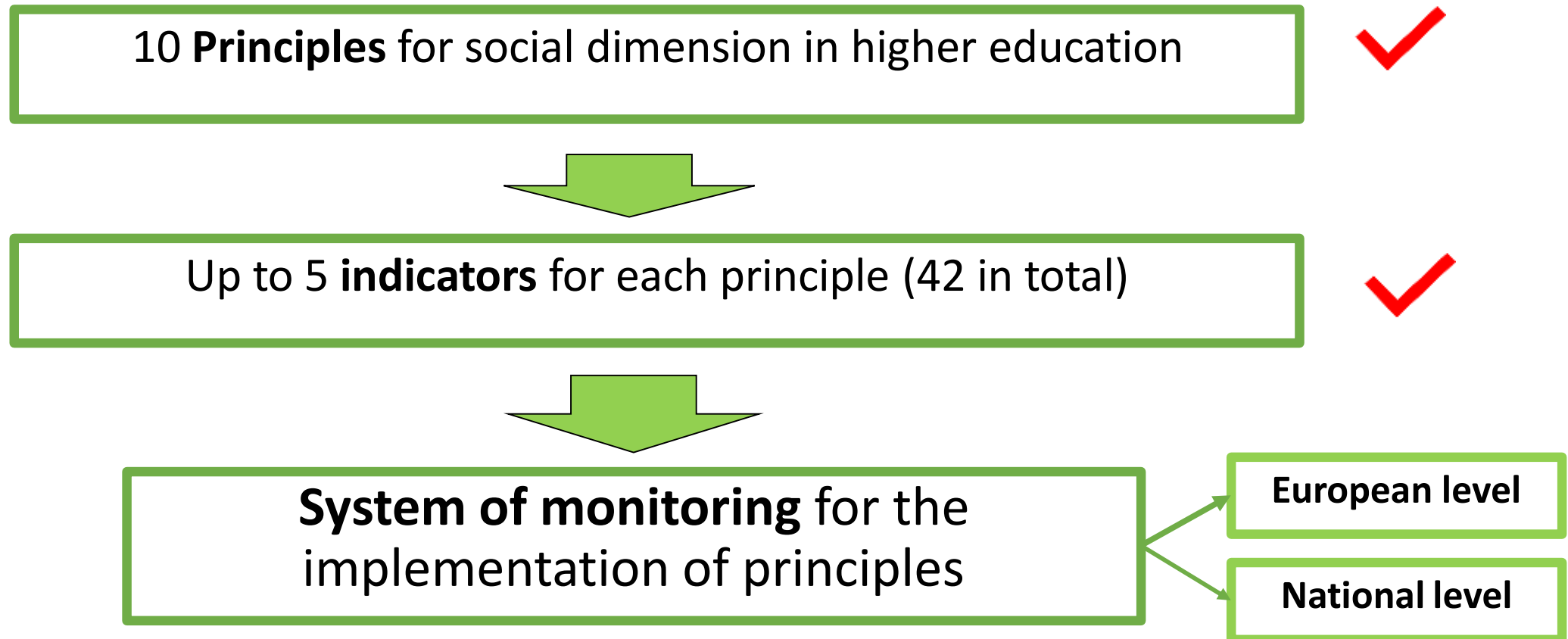
# Upcoming steps

- Consultation with the BFUG members on indicators > **until May 2023**
- Creation of the Foreword and the Glossary of our future final document > **until April 2023**
- Defining a system of monitoring for both European and national level > **from now until November 2023**

# **IV. Conclusion**

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

The BFUG WG on Social Dimension is developing a **European policy framework for social dimension in HE** for public authorities



# Thank you very much for your attention!

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