

BFUG Working Group on Social Dimension 2021-2024

Overview of progress in 2021

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Working Group on Social Dimension on-line meeting hosted by Croatia and the ESU

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Our objectives and methods of work 2021-2024

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We continue the work of AG1 and build on its main outcomes!

- ✓ Key output of the BFUG Advisory Group for Social Dimension 2018-2020:
a **NEW** forward-looking strategic document for the period 2020-2030

Principles and Guidelines to Strengthen the Social Dimension of Higher Education in the EHEA

**2018-2020 BFUG
Advisory Group for
Social Dimension**

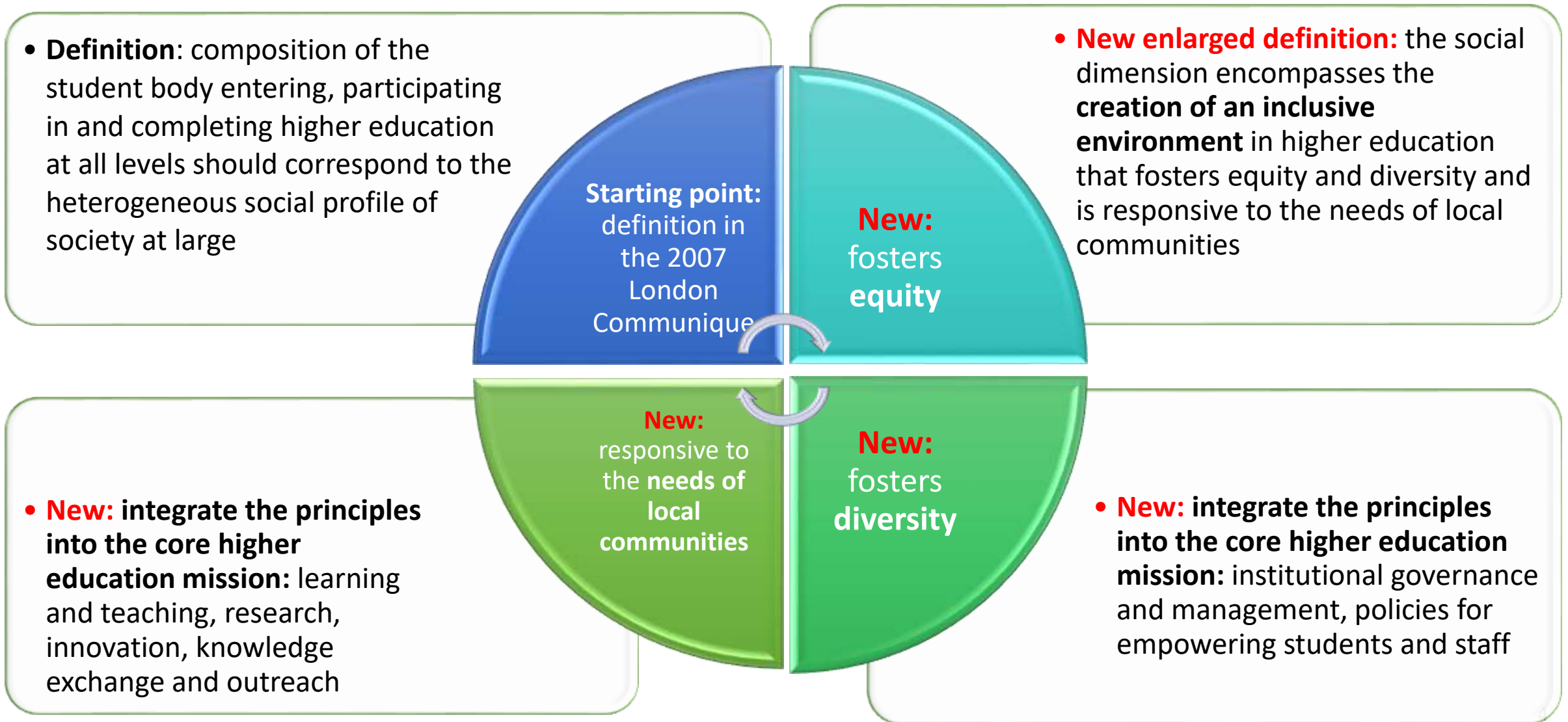
Co-chairs: Croatia and
ESU

Objectives

- to develop a **common understanding of the concept** of the social dimension in HE
- to develop **principles and guidelines** for social dimension



We need to materialize the new definition of the social dimension!



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

- **Public authorities** should support the implementation of the Principles by **offering a legal, financial, administrative and informative framework** that can initiate process of implementation at the national level
- **Public authorities** should engage in a **policy dialogue** with **HEIs and other stakeholders** to develop fit-for purpose policy measures for 10 Principles

HOW? Important role for our BFUG WG on SD – specific objectives 2021-24:

- 1) Organizing **peer support activities** for social dimension to support the implementation of the Principles among the EHEA members
- 2) Developing **tools for the implementation of the Principles** for the social dimension
- 3) Defining **indicators and benchmarks** for the Principles
- 4) Developing a **system of monitoring the implementation** of the Principles

II. Workplan 2021-2024

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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



Our methods of work 2021-2022

- **Peer-learning activities (PLA)** and examples of best practices on the implementation of the Principles
- Discussion on **tools, indicators and benchmarks** for the Principles
- Discussion on a **system of monitoring** the implementation of the Principles
 - >>> **foundation** for the creation of tools, indicators and benchmarks for the Principles + for the creation of a system of monitoring

✓ **Established coordination with the Working Group on Monitoring the Implementation of the Bologna Process**

✓ **5 meetings per year**

Meetings in 2021:

- ✓ 1st on-line meeting: 8 July 2021
- ✓ 2nd on-line meeting: 6 October 2021
- ✓ 3rd on-line meeting: 16 November 2021

WG on SD

Working Group on Social Dimension

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First Meeting

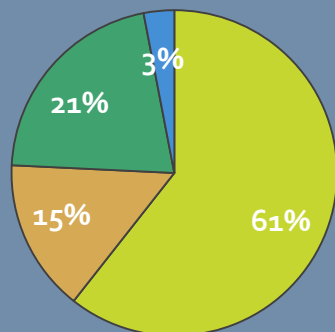
Hosted by Croatia,
July 8, 2021.



Attendance

Attendance Rate

78%



■ Country Members
■ Consultative Members
■ Not Attended
■ Other

Membership

Albania; Austria; Belgium Flemish Community; Belgium French Community; Council of Europe; Croatia; Cyprus; Denmark; EI – ETUCE; Estonia; ESU - European Students' Union; EUA - European University Association; European Commission; EUROSTUDENT; France; Georgia; Germany; Italy; Kazakhstan; Lithuania; Malta; Moldova; The Netherlands; Poland; Romania; Russia; Slovak Republic; Slovenia; Spain; Turkey; United Kingdom; United Kingdom (Scotland).

⇒ 32 Entities

- ⇒ 27 Country Members
- ⇒ 5 Consultative Members
- ⇒ 37 Participants

Upcoming Events

Third Meeting,
November 6, 2021 . + running
Doodles for 5 meetings in 2022

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Second Meeting

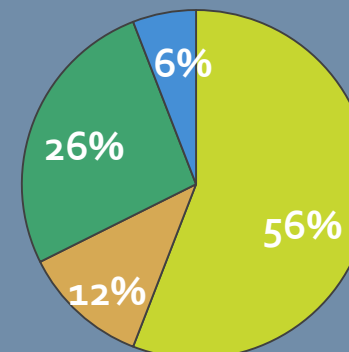
Hosted by Croatia,
October 6, 2021.



Attendance

Attendance Rate

72%



■ Country Members
■ Consultative Members
■ Not attended
■ Other



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Secretariat

Peer-learning activities (PLA) in 2021

PLA for developing system of monitoring the implementation of Principles and Guidelines (PAGs):

- **European Commission/ Eurydice:** Questionnaire on Fostering Equity and Inclusion in Higher Education
 - The questionnaire asks questions that will allow Eurydice to assess the state of national policy action to implement the PAGs

PLAs related to the Principle No.4 in the PAGs:

*(Reliable data is a necessary precondition for an evidence-based improvement of the social dimension of higher education. Higher education systems should **define the purpose and goals of collecting certain types of data**, taking into account the particularities of the national legal frameworks)*

- **Eurostudent**
 - Key findings from the Eurostudent VII Synopsis of Indicators report. Could the Eurostudent surveys help in the implementation of the principle No.4 of the PAGs?
- **U-Multirank**, Center for Higher Education Policy Studies (CHEPS), University of Twente, NL
 - Key findings from the U-Multirank concept paper on **new indicator development on social inclusion (2020)** and the proposal for New Indicators in U-Multirank (2021). Could the new U-Multirank indicator on social inclusion help in the implementation of the principle No.4 of the PAGs?

Peer-learning activities (PLA) in 2021

Upcoming - PLAs related to the Principle No.8 in the PAGs:

(International mobility programs in higher education should be structured and implemented in a way that foster diversity, equity and inclusion and should particularly foster participation of students and staff from vulnerable, disadvantaged or underrepresented backgrounds.)

- SIHO: Support Centre for Inclusive Higher Education, Belgium/Flanders
- European Commission

Update on BFUG Meetings

✓ **BFUG Board on-line meeting hosted by Armenia: 21 October 2021**

- WG SD Co-chairs presented outcomes of our work in 2021
- More info available at <http://www.ehea.info/page-bfug-board-meeting-77>

➤ **BFUG on-line meeting hosted by Slovenia: 1-2 December 2021**

- WG SD Co-chairs will present outcomes of our work in 2021
- Proposals from WG SD members?

Thank you very much for your attention!

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