

BFUG2 6/7 Timeline

1 April 2004

TIMELINE FOR THE STOCKTAKING PROCESS AND REPORTING TO THE BERGEN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

1. INTRODUCTION

At the meeting of the Bologna Follow-up Group in Dublin on 9 March, it was decided that a timeline should be drawn up for the stocktaking exercise showing the responsibilities of the different participants (“who does what when”), and also for reporting by the BFUG to the Bergen ministerial conference in general. The two are closely linked; for instance, the stocktaking will include material that will also go into the National Reports. In addition it will draw on data gathered for reports prepared by others, such as the *Trends* report of the EUA and the ESIB student survey.

The tabular presentation below therefore shows the timeline for the stocktaking and other BFUG reporting to the ministerial conference together. Surveys conducted by others are included to the extent that they are relevant for the stocktaking. The EU Commission, the EUA and ESIB have been consulted with regard to relevant dates.

At the Berlin summit, the Ministers undertook to elaborate an overarching framework of qualifications for the European Higher Education Area. At its meeting in Dublin on 9 March the BFUG, taking responsibility for this task, appointed a Working Group to coordinate the work on its behalf and report back on a regular basis. The final report from this project is included in the timeline.

In Berlin the Ministers further called upon “ENQA through its members, in co-operation with the EUA, EURASHE and ESIB, to develop an agreed set of standards, procedures and guidelines on quality assurance, to explore ways of ensuring an adequate peer review system for quality assurance and/or accreditation agencies or bodies, and to report back through the Follow-up Group to Ministers in 2005”. ENQA regularly reports on the progress of this project to the BFUG and Board. Again the final report from the project is included in the timeline.

Data collection for the stocktaking will partly be carried out by Eurydice. The detailed answers from ministries to stocktaking questions in the three priority areas may at the same time be appended to the National Reports. This means that the same set of questions will only be asked once. The text of each National Report should in its turn contain a brief summary of the answers for the country in question.

2. TIMELINE

Time	Action		Responsible
	Stocktaking	Other reporting	
April 2004	Definition of final list of questions with addressees		Stocktaking WG
“	Request for questions to be included in Eurydice, EUA and ESIB surveys	Division of labour between Eurydice and National Reports	Stocktaking WG Eurydice/ Secretariat
(14 April)		(Finalisation of <i>Trends</i> questionnaire)	(EUA)
April 2004		Standard format for National Reports	Secretariat
May 2004- February 2005		Reports from seminars to the BFUG	Organisers, Secretariat
May 2004- January 2005	Data collection		Stocktaking WG (Eurydice, EUA, ESIB)
14 June 2004	Board meeting Interim report on the stocktaking project		Stocktaking WG
(October 2004)		(Finalisation of ESIB questionnaire)	(ESIB)
12 October 2004	BFUG meeting Progress reports on the stocktaking, Qualifications Framework and ENQA projects		Stocktaking WG Framework WG ENQA
October 2004- March 2005		Drafting of Bergen Communiqué	Board
31 January 2005	Deadline for reporting of data to Stocktaking WG	Deadline for National Reports	Eurydice, EUA, ESIB Member States
21 February 2005	Draft stocktaking report	Draft BFUG report for Bergen Draft report on qualifications framework Draft report from Quality Assurance project	Stocktaking WG Secretariat Framework WG ENQA
1-2 March 2005	BFUG meeting		
(March 2005)		(EUA Congress, adoption of <i>Trends</i> report)	(EUA)
(Spring 2005)		(European Students Convention)	(ESIB)
8-9 April 2005	BFUG meeting Draft Communiqué Final reports to the Ministerial Conference		BFUG
18 May 2005	BFUG meeting		
19-20 May 2005	Ministerial Conference		