WORKING GROUP ON THE EXTERNAL DIMENSION
OF THE BOLOGNA PROCESS

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GENERAL WORKING PLAN

Developed on bases of discussions of the first WG meeting (Brussels, 9 February 2006)

Activities / Timeliness	Key Focus
Working Group (WG) External Dimension set up → **Regular meetings** (brainstorming; focused discussions, core issues etc.) 9 February, 7 April, (optional 5 May), 12 June, in August (optional) → **ICT communication** between all members; collecting materials → **Seminars** in: Vatican (30 March – 1 April); Athens (25-26 June); Oslo (28-29 September) → **WG reporting to Board vs. BFUG** (Vienna, in April and June) → **Background literature/documents** will be collected and studied as well as other related events reflected (work by expert; continuous, February – July) Σ **= inputs** for *drafting* the *Report on the External Dimension*	WG meetings; communication Two spring seminars; autumn seminar WG report to BFUG and a feed-back Drafting Report "A" – preparatory work
Draft Report "A" to be submitted to WG until late August 2006 **Revised Report "B"** will follow in October 2006	Expert submits a paper to WG

Preliminary Report Phases:	Draft structure of the Report
"A" → "A" →	• **(1) Introduction** • **(2) Context and history of the Bologna "External Dimension"** – Internationalisation of HE; echoes of the "External Dimension" in the (early) Bologna (and other) documents; results of the BFUG working group 2001-2003; Hamburg Conference 2004; "world echoes" etc. – Where do we stand now?
"A" → "A" → "B" →	• **(3) The Bologna Seminars on External Dimension 2006 (as inputs)** – findings of the Vatican City Seminar 30 March – 1 April 2006; – findings of the Athens Seminar 25 – 26 June 2006; – findings of the Oslo Seminar 28 – 29 September 2006.
"A" but further	• **(4) "External Dimension": key issues**

in "B" →	– Bologna Process: between attractiveness, competition and cooperation; – mobility on a global scale: recognition issues, transparency, quality etc.; – information and capacity building; counselling and support to students; – EHEA and the emerging "global knowledge spaces"; HEI and research; – EHEA and a need for a common and coherent "external" strategy; – etc.
"A" but further in "B" →	• **(5) Conclusions and Recommendations** (as elements for a strategic paper produced later by WG)
"A" but further in "B" →	• **(6) Bibliography** (literature, documents, Internet)

WG (optional) session or e-mail communication in late August or early September: → Discussion on Report "A" → Reflections on Vatican and Athens Seminars → Preparation for Oslo Seminar	WG consultation and decisions before Oslo Seminar
Seminar in Oslo, (28-29 September) → Presentations, Report → Discussions (working groups, plenary) → Conclusions and Recommendations	"Final" Seminar on External Dimension
October: **Revising and improving** the *Report on the External Dimension* (work by expert); preparing **Revised Report "B"**	Drafting Report "B" – preparatory work

Report phases: **"B"** →	**New elements for the Revised Report "B" - in particular:** → inputs from Oslo seminar → any other discussion / input from WG and/or WG members → inputs from other related "Bologna" events

Revised Report "B" to be submitted to WG until **late October 2006**	Expert submits a paper to WG
Regular WG meeting … in (mid) November 2006 → Discussion on **Revised Report "B"** and related issues → Special focus to Conclusions and Recommendations; related to → discussion and drafting the *Proposal for a Strategy on External Dimension*	WG session: - discussion towards - a (draft) strategy WG document produced
WG reporting to BFUG in December 2006 – submitting: → *Report on the External Dimension* → *Proposal for a Strategy on External Dimension*	WG (final?) report to BFUG (a feed-back?)
2007: → Eventual further work of WG… → June: London Conference	Follow up