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Information from Bologna Process Stocktaking Working group

No specific activities have been planned for the Stocktaking group as such over the summer period because the data collection by Eurydice is still going on and national reports will only be coming in by December 15

The Stocktaking working group will meet as planned in Helsinki on October 11 and its main agenda point will be discussion of the outline for the 2007 Stocktaking report. Oral report on that meeting will be given by the Chair of Stocktaking WG at the BFUG meeting on Oct 12.

Progress Eurydice has made so far with regard to information needed for Stocktaking

1- For countries involved in the Eurydice network (34): Eurydice received the filled questionnaires and exchanged comments/feedback with most of them. Concretely, only 2 out of 34 of these countries still need to provide Eurydice either with their complete contribution or with some substantial parts of it. Eurydice work on these national descriptions+ diagrams is therefore progressing well. At this stage, a few national descriptions can even be considered as pre-final; the majority however still need some further information on some aspects.

However, from what Eurydice has already received, statistics provision is heterogeneous. All data may therefore not be used for a comparison at the end, but only shown separately country-by-country in an annex).

Pre-final national descriptions+diagrams may be put at BFUG's disposal from (early/mid) November.

2- For other Bologna Process signatory countries

reached thanks to the Bologna Secretariat (15):

3 countries have still provided nothing or nearly nothing. Some parts of information are moreover missing for 2 others. Among the contributions available, 8 have been revised by Eurydice and sent back to the Bologna Secretariat. The Bologna Secretariat then forwarded these to the countries concerned; these latter are/were supposed to check those documents and provide us with further information where needed. Further exchanges (following concerned countries' feedback after initial revision from the EEU) have also occurred for 4 countries. Some more revised contributions should be sent to the Bologna Secretariat very soon.

Pre-final (revised) descriptions+diagrams will be provided case by case through the BFUG Secretariat to the countries concerned for validation.

Globally, we can consider that we are not facing particular problems with the Eurydice national contributions. Things are progressing somewhat slower with other signatory countries, but are going OK anyway. It also has to be taken into account that the situation is a bit easier with the countries that were already covered in the 2004/05 Focus than the new signatory ones.

In the meantime, Eurydice is about to start drafting the executive summary. In a first stage, a preliminary draft (including the Eurydice countries + Andorra, Switzerland, Croatia and the Holy See) should be ready by the end of October 2006 to be submitted to the DG EAC of the EU Commission.

This preliminary draft may be put at BFUG's disposal from mid November.

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