

BOLOGNA WORK PROGRAMME AFTER THE LEUVEN/LOUVAIN-LA-NEUVE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

Since the Prague Ministerial Conference in 2001, Bologna work programmes have been established between the two-yearly ministerial meetings, on the basis of the communiqués adopted by ministers, to work towards the overarching goal of creating a European Higher Education Area by 2010.

The present work programme ends with the Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve Ministerial Conference of 28-29 April 2009. The first BFUG meeting after this conference to take forward the goals set with the Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve Communiqué is scheduled for 28-29 September 2009.

It goes without saying that at national and institutional levels activities will continue to achieve the goals that have been set for the various action lines of the Bologna Process.

To ensure a smooth continuation of the work at European level too, BFUG is asked to take note of the events/activities that have already been scheduled for the period after the Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve Conference. This document is open and will be elaborated further by incorporation of the decisions from the Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve Conference, results of the independent assessment and Vienna-Budapest ministerial conference thus enabling elaboration of a work programme going beyond 2010 (until 2012?).

Activities already scheduled for the period after the Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve Conference

Ministerial meetings

- Bologna Anniversary Conference, Budapest and Vienna, 11-12 March 2010
- Next regular ministerial meeting, Bucharest, April 2012

BFUG and BFUG Board meetings

- BFUG Board, Stockholm, 4 September 2009
- BFUG, Stockholm, 28-29 September 2009
- BFUG, Spain, January 2010 (tbc)

Independent assessment

- Meeting of BFUG advisory group on 30 September 2009
- Validation seminar, Brussels, 1 December 2009

Qualifications frameworks

- Continued coordination at the level of the EHEA and with the EQF-LLL
- Bologna seminar on relation QF-EHEA and EQF-LLL hosted by Ireland in spring 2010 (February/early March)
- Meetings of national contact points for exchange of experience to facilitate self-certification of national qualifications frameworks by 2012
- Continued support by the Council of Europe for sharing of experience in the elaboration of national qualifications frameworks.

Mobility

- The Network of Experts of Student Support in Europe (NESSIE) will continue to exchange information and to assist each other in facilitating the portability of grants and loans.

Data collection and stocktaking

- Preparation for ongoing data collection and reporting in 2012

Cooperation with countries that are not party to the European Cultural Convention

- Preparation of the Bologna Policy Forum 2010
- Setting up a network of national contact points