

Explanatory note:

- 1) the participating countries and organisations will be listed in an annexe*
- 2) after the discussion at BFUG the draft text would be forwarded to the contact persons of the non EHEA countries and the text with their feedback circulated among all contact persons of the countries and organisations participating in the Bologna Policy Forum*

Bologna Policy Forum Statement
Vienna, March 12, 2010

We, the Ministers of Higher Education and heads of delegation of the countries and organisations participating in the Second Bologna Policy Forum held a dialogue on systemic and institutional changes in higher education in the context of a developing global knowledge society.

We focussed our debate on how higher education systems and institutions deal with the challenges of responding to growing demands and multiple expectations, on the pros and cons of brain circulation and on the balance between cooperation and competition in international higher education.

In order to facilitate the continuation of our dialogue and to ensure follow-up activities, each participating country and organisation will nominate a contact person to the Bologna Secretariat by May 31, 2010.

These contacts should facilitate the flow of information between the European Higher Education Area and other regions of the world and function as liaison points for joint activities, invitations to participate in conferences/seminars or to contribute to projects. These contact persons would also be invited to participate in a joint preparation of the next Bologna Policy Forum.

We welcome the commitment of the European Bologna Follow-up Group to provide expertise on the Bologna Process and the European Higher Education Area upon request via the Bologna Secretariat.

We welcome the initiatives of the organisations participating in the Second Bologna Policy Forum to promote dialogue and cooperation among higher education institutions, staff and students and other relevant stakeholders across the world.

The Third Bologna Policy Forum will take place in 2012.