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# Terms of Reference

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# the Advisory group on the “Support for the Belarus Roadmap”

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| **Name of the Advisory group**  Advisory group on the Support for the Belarus roadmap |
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| **Composition - Members**  Belarus, Council of Europe, EI/ETUCE, ESU, EU Commission, France, Germany, Holy See, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, United Kingdom [[1]](#footnote-1)[[2]](#footnote-2)[[3]](#footnote-3) |
| **Purpose**  The Advisory group on the Support for the Belarus roadmap is mandated to follow up on the implementation of the Belarus roadmap and report on the progress made for the 2018 ministerial conference. |
| **Reference to the Yerevan Communiqué**   * Ministers welcome the application of Belarus to join the EHEA and in particular its commitment to implement reforms, 16 years after the launch of the Bologna Process, to make its higher education system and practice compatible with those of other EHEA countries. On that basis, Ministers welcome Belarus as a member of the EHEA and look forward to working with the national authorities and stakeholders to implement the reforms identified by the BFUG and included in the agreed roadmap attached to Belarusian accession. Ministers ask the BFUG to report on the implementation of the roadmap in time for the 2018 ministerial conference. |
| **Specific tasks**   * To follow up on the Belarus roadmap together with the Belarusian authorities; * To review a timetable for implementing the higher education reforms, building on the milestones set out in the Belarus roadmap; * To assist the Belarusian authorities in implementing the roadmap and in developing specific policy areas; * To assist in peer-learning activities and to facilitate cooperation; * To report to the BFUG on the state of play of implementation of the roadmap before the beginning of 2018. |
| **Reporting**  Minutes of working group meetings will be made available to the BFUG board and to the BFUG on the protected part of the website.  The advisory group will present regular updates to the board and to the BFUG.  Progress reports should be submitted at least three weeks before each board or BFUG meeting. In between meetings, updates should be circulated by the Bologna Secretariat via e-mail.  The final progress report will be presented and discussed at the latest during the BFUG meeting in January 2018. |
| **Meeting schedule:**  [dates are just tentative, will be decided by the advisory group at a later stage]  First meeting: shortly after the BFUG meeting in Luxembourg to establish a timetable for the implementation of the Belarus roadmap.  Second meeting: February 2016  Third meeting: September 2016  Fourth meeting: February 2017  Fifth meeting: July 2017  Sixth meeting: December 2017  Seventh meeting: February 2018 |
| **Liaison with other WGs’ and/or AGs’activities**  The support for the Belarus roadmap is delegated by the BFUG to the advisory group on support for the Belarus roadmap.  Liaison with other WGs or AGs:   * WG 1 on “Monitoring” * WG 2 on “Fostering implementation of agreed key commitments” * AG 3 on “Dealing with non-implementation” |
| **Additional remarks**  These terms of reference may be reviewed in the light of progress of the work, in agreement with the BFUG. |

1. Liaison with the WG 1 on “Monitoring” (person TBD) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Liaison with the WG 2 on “Fostering implementation of agreed key commitments” (person TBD) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Liaison with the AG 3 on „Dealing with non-implementation (person TBD) [↑](#footnote-ref-3)