

ADVISORY GROUP 3 – DEALING WITH NON-IMPLEMENTATION

Progress Report November 2016

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1st meeting, Brussels January 14th 2016 – Key Commitments

At this meeting AG3 identified the following three key commitments for EHEA member countries:

- *A Three-Cycle System compatible with the QF-EHEA and scaled by ECTS*: Programmes are structured according to the three cycle-system of the Bologna model and scaled by the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Qualifications achieved in each cycle are defined in a National Qualification Framework (NQF) which is compatible with the Qualification Framework of the European Higher Education Area (QF-EHEA)
- *Compliance with the Lisbon Recognition Convention (LRC)*: Cross-border recognition practices are in compliance with the Lisbon Recognition convention, including promoting through the national information centres or otherwise, the use of the UNESCO/Council of Europe Diploma Supplement or any other comparable document by the higher education institutions of the Parties
- *Quality Assurance in conformity with European Standards and Guidelines (ESG)*: Institutions granting degrees assure the quality of their programmes leading to degrees within the three-cycle system following the European Standards and Guidelines (ESG 2015). External quality assurance (be it at programme or institutional level) is performed by Agencies that have demonstrably complied with the standards and guidelines stipulated in the current ESG. This is best ensured where only those agencies registered on the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR) are allowed to operate in the country.

BFUG Amsterdam March 7/8

The Key Commitments were approved by the BFUG at the meeting in Amsterdam on March 7/8.

2nd meeting, Reykjavik September 12th 2016 – Indicators and Procedure Model

At this meeting indicators to measure the implementation of key commitments were chosen and a cyclic procedure model developed for member countries identified as having implementation problems.

Meeting of WG and AG Co-Chairs, Berlin 13th September

Exchange with WG1 on indicators

BFUG Bratislava December 8/9

Presentation and discussion of the procedure model

3rd meeting, Zurich, January 19th 2017

Processing and incorporation of results of the BFUG discussion in to the proposed model
Further elaboration of key commitment implementation indicators.