

Task Force on the Review of the Rules and Regulations for the Governance of the EHEA (TF RR)

Two main discussion issues:

- **EHEA rules**
- **Permanent secretariat – by 2027**

EHEA Rules

- One document - with two interrelated parts
 - Rules of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) – to be adopted by Ministers
 - Rules of the Bologna Follow Up Group (BFUG) - to be adopted by the BFUG
- Clarification of existing rules and practices – more explicit, less ambiguous
- Harmonisation of terminology
- Voting – suggestion of a larger quorum
- Section on the Secretariat

Tomorrow - discussion on

- approach
- format
- some major points

After the BFUG:

- written comments – until 6 Dec.
- revised version for the next BFUG Board and BFUG

Concept note: Permanent EHEA Secretariat

- Mandate to explore the permanent secretariat
- Positive feedback - majority of the BFUG members at least considers the “permanent” Secretariat
- Feasibility: two different approaches
 - A newly established NGO
 - Hosted by an organisation related to the Bologna Process
 - Council of Europe
 - EQAR
 - Commercial sub-contracting
- TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY 2027

Principles

- 4.1 Independence and Accountability
- 4.2 Sustainability
- 4.3 Staff requirements
- 4.4 Location
- 4.5 Non-profit Principle

Costs

- Budget
- Grant by the EC
- Regular contributions of members

Benefits of a permanent secretariat

- “permanent” = at least 2 periods
- ability to adjust to needs
- fit for purpose
 - skilled & experienced staff
 - sufficient resources
- neutrality – but with a professional commitment
- fully accountable to the BFUG
- institutional memory
- Resources that the BP deserves
- visibility – within Europe, internationally

How to go forward

Today & tomorrow

- Discussion
 - on approach & format
 - focus on major points
- Feedback from the BFUG
 - on the proposal of the SEC
 - renew the mandate of the TF to explore the options
 - provide some guidance what to focus on

Follow-up

- written feedback, questions, suggestions – share your views/ position re SEC – including problems you anticipate in your country
- Brussels BFUG: decision to establish a SEC
- enabling endorsement by ministers in the Tirana Communiqué