

# Update CG on Global Policy Dialogue

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# Set up of CG on Global Policy Dialogue

- Chaired by 4 co-chairs: Belgium/Flemish Community, Italy, Albania and European Commission
- **16 members** take part (Albania, Austria, Belgium/Flemish Community, Belgium/French Community, Cyprus, France, Germany, Holy See, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Malta, the Netherlands, Romania, Spain, UK)
- **6 organisations** (EI-ETUCE, ENQA, ESU, EUA, European Commission, UNESCO)

# Meetings of CG on Global Policy Dialogue

- First meeting on 7th June 2021
  - Second meeting on 13th January 2022
  - Third meeting on 1st June 2022
  - Fourth meeting on 24th October 2022
  - Fifth meeting on 6 March 2023
  - Sixth meeting foreseen end April/beginning May 2023
- ⇒ In between work in the subgroups and follow-up of work plan

# Composition and focus of the subgroups

- 2 functional subgroups:
  - Tirana Global Policy Forum: chair Linda Pustina (AL), in her role as Vice-Chair of the BFUG, members are the Netherlands, UK, France, EUA
  - Drafting the statement: chair Kathy Isaacs (IT), with Belgium/FL, Belgium/FR, France, Holy See, Ireland, the Netherlands, UK, EC and ETUCE as members
- 3 regional subgroups:
  - Asia: chair Liesbeth Hens (BE/FL), members are Cyprus, France, Germany, Holy See, Romania, The Netherlands, EC, EUA, ESU, and UNESCO
  - Africa: chair Fiorella Perotto (EC), members are Austria, Belgium/FR, France, Germany, Holy See, Romania, the Netherlands, ENQA, EUA and UNESCO
  - Americas: chair Kathy Isaacs (IT), members are Austria, Holy See, Ireland, Malta, Spain, the Netherlands, EC and UNESCO

# Outcomes of the subgroups

- Each of the regional subgroups has had several meetings
- All three continue their ongoing mapping exercises:
  - Contact list global partners
  - Mapping of regional events & activities
  - Mapping of topics/themes and regions (looking for synergies between ongoing processes)
- Policy brief for UNESCO World Higher Education Conference on 'Promoting Policy Dialogue among the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and the other world higher education regions' was submitted, May 2022:

<https://whec2022.net/resources/Coordination%20Group%20Global%20Policy%20Dialogue.pdf>

# Outcomes of the subgroups

## Focus on Africa

- Reflections on the new AU-EU innovation agenda (a set of reflections as part of the public consultation on the AU-EU Innovation Agenda launched at the EU-Africa Business Forum in February 2022), June 2022
- Preparation of 3 EHEA conversations: online events/webinars with 3-4 experts from the EHEA and Africa, representing regional organisations. Duration: 1,5-2 hours.
- Theme: recognition
- Start by inviting regional representatives, later go to more practical implementation at institutional level.
- First “Conversation” webinar, on Academic Recognition held on 12 December 2022
- Second “Conversation” webinar planned this spring on recognition for lifelong learning and including digital learning, prior learning, micro-credentials
- Article on the first ‘Conversation’ sent to BFUG members and to partners in Africa, and published on ehea.info

# Outcomes of the subgroups

## Focus on Americas

- DAAD Bologna Hub event, “Global Dialogue on Micro-Credentials: Initiatives and Perspectives on Small Learning Units from around the World”, 23 June; co-chair K. Isaacs lead of Americas section
- First Colloquium between CG/EHEA and Latin American countries, 5/12/2022, in Montevideo, hosted by Uruguay, with representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela, topic “Enhancing Global Policy Dialogue on Higher Education”
- CG/EHEA Session at the CHEA (US accreditation body) Annual Conference in Washington DC on 25 January, topic “Let's Talk: fostering global dialogue about diversity in a common framework”
- Second Colloquium between CG/EHEA and Latin American countries, planned in June, hosted by Argentina, theme: Quality.

# Outcomes of the subgroups so far

## Focus on Asia

- Conference of Central Asian Ministers of Education «Central Asian Higher Educational Area: regional cooperation, national reforms», 18 June 2022; 2 co-chairs participated (K. Isaacs & L. Pustina),
  - Expanding the Bologna Process in the Central Asian Countries: Forms, Methods
  - Trends in the Development of Higher Education in the Bologna Process
- EU-SHARE conference on micro-credentials, 20-21 July 2022, Bangkok; 1 co-chair and 2 group members joined (M. Soenen, EUA and Germany)
  - Micro-Credentials – the European Perspective
- ASEM process: ISOM meeting 24-25 November 2022, Malta -> looking for synergies, to be further discussed among group members
- ASEM expert group on Recognition and balanced mobility, 13 February 2023 online
- Invited speakers to CG meeting from CAHEA (Central Asian Higher Education Area and from ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations)
- Coordination Partnership proposal «EUCAHEA» presented on 22 March.



# Plans and on-going work of the CG

- **Regional Subgroups** continue their various activities
- **Functional Subgroups** have begun their work:
  - GPForum has had its first meeting
  - GPStatement
- **Co-chairs** encourage synergies between the work of the groups
- Strong support by IN-GLOBAL

Plans for large 'regional' conferences in the fall semester, supported by the IN-GLOBAL project.

**Proposal** to organize dialogue/meetings on matters of common interest between global interlocutors and the **EHEA WGs**.