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Terms of Reference of the Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue (CG 1)

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<p>Composition</p> <p>Azerbaijan, Belgium Flemish Community, Belgium French Community, Bulgaria, EI-IE, European Commission, ENQA, EUA, France, Germany, Holy See, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, UNESCO, United Kingdom.</p>
<p>Overarching Aim</p> <p>The overarching aim is to develop, as mandated in the Paris Communiqué, regular ‘dialogue’ with ‘other regions and international organizations’ on matters of common concern and relevance for higher education with respect to which cooperation and sharing of ideas and policies can be beneficial, and to prepare and conduct the Global Policy Forum in June 2020.</p>
<p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Building on what has already been accomplished by Advisory Group 1 in the preparation of the Paris Ministerial meeting, rapidly to further develop dialogue with other regions and organizations on matters relevant for Higher Education, as mandated by the Ministers in Paris; ➤ To respond positively to the desire expressed by the Paris Bologna Policy Forum for more constant and meaningful “interregional dialogue”; ➤ To propose and promote the organization of international and interregional events or, when appropriate, the designation of events already planned, as contributing to ‘Global Policy Dialogue (GPD)’; ➤ To prepare and support the organization of a successful ‘Global Policy Forum (GPF)’, to be held on the occasion of the 2020 Ministerial Conference in Rome, laying foundations for continuation in the post 2020 period.
<p>Reference to the Paris Communiqué</p> <p><i>“We commit to developing the role of higher education in securing a sustainable future for our planet and our societies and to finding ways in which we, as EHEA Ministers, can contribute to meeting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals at global, European and national levels.”</i></p> <p><i>“As a follow-up to the Bologna Policy Forum, we mandate the BFUG to enter into a global policy dialogue to improve regular cooperation with other regions and international organisations. This dialogue should focus on promoting mutual learning and joint initiatives on issues of common interest, such as social inclusion and the wider role of higher education.”</i></p>



Reference to the Bologna Policy Forum Statement

“We, the Ministers, commit to supporting this ongoing, successful interregional dialogue on issues of common concern amongst policy makers, stakeholder organisations, students, staff and higher education institutions. We propose the establishment of a Global Working Group in the next 2018 -2020 Bologna work programme to take this agenda forward and we invite countries to express their interest to hold high level workshops on a yearly basis to continue the dialogue on social inclusion and the wider role of higher education.”

Reporting

Minutes of coordination group meetings and updates on activities will be made available online to the BFUG by the BFUG Secretariat. The BFUG Secretariat, at the request of the CG Chairs, may circulate relevant updates to the CG members.

The BFUG shall also receive regular reports and updates from the group. To ensure good communication with the BFUG as a whole and for the necessary consultations, progress reports shall be submitted at least two weeks before each BFUG meeting.

Timeframe:

Meetings are to be electronic when possible. Smaller ad hoc groups may be delegated for specific tasks or relations with specific regions. The exact programming will be discussed by the Co-chairs and the members of the Coordination Group; however, the following constitutes an initial draft schedule:

December 2018 – January 2019:

1. Provide follow-up to the countries and regional or international organizations of HEIs or HEI stakeholders that attended the Paris Bologna Policy Forum, inquiring about interests and suggestions for the Global Policy Dialogue and the Global Policy Forum;
2. Send information on the Global Policy Dialogue and the Global Policy Forum; to the countries and regional or international organizations of HEIs or HEI stakeholders that did not attend the Paris meeting, inviting them to share views and participate;
3. Contact the other significant HE networks and international initiatives, such as those supported by the European Commission, that have created premises for macro-regional and/or national dialogue with the EHEA and the wider world, to gain their insights and evaluate their potential contribution;
4. Identify volunteers to host the ‘joint meetings’ as proposed in the Statement (or alternatively, or in addition, in connection with the previous point, designate as contributing to the ‘Global Dialogue’ appropriate initiatives already planned by countries, international HE organizations, other stakeholders).

February – March 2019:

5. Report to the Spring BFUG meeting and propose further suitable ways to address arising issues, including specific task forces or working groups if and as necessary or advisable.

In general, the plans presented to the BFUG will specify actions to be undertaken in 2019 and 2020, including:

6. Events to be organized or designated as contributing to Global Policy Dialogue
7. Support for the preparation of participation in and the agenda and programme of the Global Policy Forum to be held in Rome, June 2020.
8. Lay the way for the continuation of Global Policy Dialogue after the Rome meeting.

Annex: BFUG_AU_CH_63_11e Global Policy Dialogue