Draft proposal Terms of Reference for the Bologna Implementation Coordination Group (BICG) for the working period 2021-2024

Name of the Working Group
Bologna Implementation Coordination Group (BICG)
Contact persons
Tbd by the BFUG
Composition
The Bologna Implementation Coordination Group (BICG) is a small coordination group composed of representatives nominated by members and consultative members of the BFUG and one co-chair of each of the Thematic Peer Groups (TPGs). A representative of the WG on Monitoring is invited to participate in the group as an observer.
The group is expected to be composed of the following members: Austria, Bulgaria, Georgia, Italy, EURASHE, EUA, ETUCE/EI, EC, Romania and TPGs' co-chairs.
In principle, the BICG Co-chairs should not be chairs of a Thematic Peer Group.
The BICG should represent the geographical diversity of the EHEA and ensure a balance of expertise across all key commitments. To ensure continuity and diversity, there should be a maximum turnover of two thirds of the BICG members from one work-period to the other.
Purpose and/or outcome
The purpose of the BICG is to facilitate a coordinated implementation of the three Key Commitments. To achieve that, the BICG coordinates the work of the TPGs, facilitates an exchange of experience and best practice between the TPGs' co-chairs. The BICG follows the peer support activities and reports to the BFUG on the overall progress and necessary review of the approach or methodology of peer support.
The activities should build upon the work of the BICG in the period 2018-2020 and the outcomes and recommendations of the work of the TPGs presented in the BICG Report.
Reference to the Rome Communiqué   • ….
Specific tasks   • Coordinate the work of the TPGs

- Follow-up peer support activities by keeping an overview of the composition and activities of the different groups;

- Seek to improve the Peer Support Approach for the implementation of the Key Commitments, including possible adjustments;

- Identify synergies in the work of the Thematic Peer Groups

- Give the BFUG regular updates and an overview on the progress and effectiveness of the Peer Support Approach for the implementation of the Key Commitments, based on the activities of the TPGs;

- Prepare analytical reports to the BFUG on the activities of the different TPGs and the support for the implementation of Key Commitments as a whole, including operation (what works, what doesn't work), impact and usefulness;

- Prepare recommendations for further action to improve implementation for consideration by the BFUG.

Reporting

Minimum of yearly reporting to the BFUG.

Meeting schedule:

To be decided

Liaison with other WGs' and/or advisory groups' activities

- WG on Monitoring and any other relevant BFUG structures

Additional remarks on the Thematic Peer Groups (TPGs)

The objective of the TPGs is to provide a forum to support countries in working together to implement the Key Commitments. The TPGs should continue using the Peer Support Approach and build on the work accomplished during the previous work period.

The TPGs should follow up and update their action plans to reflect countries' progress and developments.

The countries and organisations should nominate representatives of authorities and stakeholders with relevant expertise in the topic for the duration of the entire work period.

The co-chairs of the TPGs should be appointed by the BFUG and be responsible for planning, coordinating and reporting on the activities of the TPGs.

There should be no more than three co-chairs per TPG respecting also a principle that one country should co-chair not more than one TPG or BICG.