



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF UKRAINE

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## BFUG Co-chairing and Vice-chairing arrangements

### Introduction

This document is drafted by the BFUG Secretariat, in consultation with the BFUG Co-chairs and the Vice Chair, to prepare a general discussion on the case in which a BFUG Member presents its candidature, and is chosen to host the next Ministerial Conference during the period in which it should also co-chair the BFUG.

### Background

Whereas now the member country that hosts the next Ministerial Conference also provides the BFUG Vice chair and hosts the BFUG Secretariat for the period from one Ministerial Conference to the other, this would be problematic if the host country of the Ministerial Conference is also a member the “double chairing troika” (outgoing, current, and incoming Co-chairs of the BFUG).

The following co-chairing arrangements have been approved by the BFUG via electronic consultation in December 2019:

Semester	EU-Presidency	Chair from non-EU country	Vice-chair
1 July - 31 December 2020	Germany	United Kingdom	Country hosting the 2023 Ministerial Conference and the 2020-2023 BFUG Secretariat
1 January - 30 June 2021	Portugal	Albania	
1 July - 31 December 2021	Slovenia	Andorra	
1 January - 30 June 2022	France	Armenia	
1 July - 31 December 2022	Czech Republic	Azerbaijan	
1 January - 30 June 2023	Sweden	Belarus	
1 July - 31 December 2023	Spain	Bosnia & Herzegovina	Country hosting the 202X Ministerial Conference and the 2023-202X BFUG Secretariat
1 January - 30 June 2024	Belgium	Georgia	

The Albanian Minister of Education, Sports and Youth has formally applied to host the 2023 Ministerial Conference and the BFUG Secretariat 2020-2023 with a letter, dated 21.02.2020 and received by the BFUG Secretariat on 26.02.2020. No other formal applications have been sent to date and the deadline for submission of formal applications is 15 March 2020, according to the call [published on the website](#).

In case Albania's application is accepted, their co-chairmanship could be postponed to the semester of 1 January - 30 June 2024 to avoid being part of the "double chairing troika" while they also provide the Vice chair and BFUG Secretariat.

The BFUG is invited to decide in general terms on what to do in case a BFUG member country is chosen to host the next Ministerial Conference and should also co-chair the BFUG during the same period.