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BFUG governance after the Ministerial Conference 2020

The Albanian Minister of Education, Sports and Youth 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 were presented by the call's deadline on 15 March 2020.

After the [BFUG Board meeting on 2 April](#), the BFUG Chairs asked the BFUG to approve the following, via electronic consultation¹:

On behalf of and with the unanimous support of the BFUG Board, we propose that Albania takes over the BFUG Secretariat and BFUG Vice-chairmanship beginning on 1 January 2021.

A transition period with the Italian BFUG Secretariat will help to hand over all the material and information.

The BFUG was informed about the approved proposal on 11 May 2020 via e-mail.

The BFUG Board asked the Albanian delegation for their availability to hold the Secretariat for a shorter or longer period, considering two possible options for the next Ministerial Conference that may take place either in November 2023² or in May/June 2024³.

The Albanian delegation gives its availability for either option with a preference to hold the next Ministerial Conference in May/June 2024. This would allow the BFUG to get back to the normal sequence of events and would give the following Secretariat the chance to use the calmer summer months for the transition.

The BFUG is invited to approve Albania's proposal.

If Albania's proposal is approved, their BFUG co-chairmanship will be postponed to the first semester of 2025 (1 January – 30 June 2025) to avoid their being part of the "double chairing troika" while they also provide the Vice chair and BFUG Secretariat.

¹ E-mail sent on 24 April with deadline 1 May 2020.

² In this case, the Albanian co-chairmanship of the BFUG will be postponed to the semester of 1 July - 31 December 2024 and the Icelandic co-chairmanship would be postponed to the following semester.

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