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## EXTRAORDINARY BFUG BOARD MEETING LXXIX/I

Hosted by France, Online\*  
Friday, 18 March 2022  
15:00-17:00 (CET)

### Minutes

### List of Participants

Country/ Institution	First Name	Last Name
France (BFUG Co-Chair)	Patrick	Nédellec
France	Mathieu	Musquin
Azerbaijan (BFUG Co-Chair)	Nijat	Mammadli
Azerbaijan	Vusala	Gurbanova
Slovenia (Outgoing BFUG Co-Chair)	Duša	Marjetič
Slovenia	Marija	Skerlj
Czech Republic (Incoming BFUG Co-Chair)	Veronika	Schmidtova
Czech Republic	Zuzana	Poláková
Czech Republic	Michal	Karpisek
BFUG Vice-Chair	Linda	Pustina
European Commission	Vanessa	Debiais-Sainton
European Commission	Lucie	Trojanova
European Commission	Kinga	Szuly
Council of Europe	Sjur	Bergan
ESU & Working Group on Social Dimension	Martina	Darmanin
EUA	Michael	Gaebel
Working Group on Monitoring the Implementation of the Bologna Process	Tone Flood	Strøm
Working Group on Fundamental Values	Marit	Metternich
Working Group on Learning and Teaching	Philippe	Lalle
Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue	Fiorella	Perotto
Working Group on Supporting the Implementation of the Roadmap for San Marino's Accession to EHEA	Maija	Innola
Bologna Implementation Coordination Group	Ivana	Radonova
BFUG Secretariat (Head)	Oltion	Rrumbullaku
BFUG Secretariat	Kristina	Metallari
BFUG Secretariat	Jora	Vaso
BFUG Secretariat	Aida	Myrto
BFUG Secretariat	Alesia	Gegushi



## **1. Discussion on the consequences of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the statement to all BFUG delegations and consultative members**

The BFUG Board considered the statement on higher education in Ukraine developed by a group of BFUG members and consultative members, signed by approximately half of the members and the majority of the consultative members by the time of the extraordinary Board meeting. The statement outlines the importance of EHEA members and consultative members to assist higher education in Ukraine, as well as Ukrainian and international students and staff who have been forced to flee the country. It also emphasizes the importance of assisting members of the Russian academic community that speak out against the conflict. The statement also urges the BFUG to suspend Russia's right to representation in the BFUG and any other organization working on Russia's work program, as well as any country assisting Russia in its invasion of Ukraine.

While there was broad support for the statement, a slightly revised version was proposed to be distributed to the BFUG, including a more explicit reference with regards to the need for countries to support Ukrainian higher education in accordance with their national legislation and policies, while also respecting institutional autonomy.

It was agreed that the French Co-Chair would circulate this modified version of the statement, encouraging members and consultative members who had not yet signed it to do so, and indicating that those who had already signed the statement would remain signatories unless indicated French otherwise to the French Co-Chair.

Conclusively, it was agreed that the French Co-Chair would submit a proposal to the BFUG to suspend the rights of representation of Russia and any other EHEA country that support Russia, and that this motion would be discussed at the upcoming BFUG meeting in Strasbourg, according to current Rules of Procedures.

## **2. End of meeting**

No other business was brought forward, thus the extraordinary board meeting was concluded.