

Terms of reference for BFUG working groups

Name of the working group "European Higher Education in a Global Setting"
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Composition (Please ensure the necessary balance with regard to geography, size, old vs. new, countries vs. organisations etc.) Equal balance of regions, sizes and systems (from North and South, East and West, EU and non-EU etc.) Proposed Membership: Bologna Secretariat Countries: Armenia (to be confirmed), Belgium/French Community, Germany, Holy See, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Slovak Republic, Spain, " the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", UK Organisations: ACA, Council of Europe, EC, EI, ENQA, ESU, EUA, EURASHE, UNESCO/CEPES
Purpose and/or outcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To take forward work in the five core policy areas of the strategy "The European Higher Education Area in a Global Setting" with a special focus on the priorities "improving information on, and promoting the attractiveness and competitiveness of the EHEA" and "improving recognition",• To prepare a draft report on the overall development at the European, national and institutional levels for BFUG by the end of 2008.
Reference to the London Communiqué 2.19, 2.20, 3.6
Specific tasks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To cooperate with the Secretariat regarding the development of the Bologna Secretariat Website for a global audience and with EUA regarding the Bologna Handbook where appropriate,• To cooperate with the Council of Europe, the European Commission and UNESCO as well as the ENIC and NARIC networks to enhance fair assessment of qualifications of other parts of the world on the basis of the LRC and, as appropriate, UNESCO Conventions for other regions,• To Liaise with the European Commission on EU initiatives and programmes on global promotion and cooperation,• To look for ways of integrating the "OECD/UNESCO Guidelines for Quality Provision in Cross-Border Education" into the activities of the working group, especially by closely cooperating with ENQA in the seminar on "Transnational education (TNE) and the OECD/UNESCO-Guidelines for quality provision in cross-border higher education"

Reporting

Minutes of working group meetings will be made available to BFUG on the protected part of the website (by the Bologna Secretariat).

BFUG should also receive regular reports and updates.

To allow for good communication with BFUG as a whole and for the necessary consultations, progress reports should be submitted at least two weeks before each BFUG meeting. In between BFUG meetings, updates can be circulated by the Bologna Secretariat via e-mail.

Deadline for final report (draft version): 15 January 2009

Deadline for final version: 1 March 2009

Meeting schedule

There should be no working group meetings in the last two weeks before any BFUG meeting (see point on reporting).

November 2007

January 2008

Spring 2008

Summer 2008 (if needed)

Autumn 2008

Depending on the progress of the work and the consultation process (via e-mail) in finalizing the report, a meeting will be scheduled at the end of 2008 or at the beginning of 2009.

Liaison with other action lines

Please specify how the cooperation will be organised

Cooperation with the stocktaking working group will be organized with the chair of the stocktaking working group so that it meets the needs of both groups.

Cooperation with other elements of the work programme (working groups, seminars) will be sought where appropriate once the work programme has been approved.

Additional remarks

Organisation of work:

In the first meeting of the working group, a detailed work programme and timetable will be agreed upon and work will be divided among the participating countries and institutions so that for each portion of the work programme a country or organization will take the lead and the work load is equally shared.