

BFUG Board (SE) 20_2
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**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE BOLOGNA FOLLOW-UP GROUP
Ostend, 23 February 2009**

Draft Minutes

Welcome and introduction to the meeting

The Chair, Věra Šťastná, welcomes all participants and thanks the Flemish Ministry of Education for their hospitality.

1. Adoption of the agenda

Document: BFUG Board (CZ) 19_1 [draft annotated agenda]

The agenda and timetable for the meeting are adopted with the remark that the items 6, 7 and 8 will be done before the items 4 and 5 concerning the Communiqué and the "Beyond 2010" report.

2. Minutes of the BFUG Board meeting, Prague, 13 January 2009

Documents: BFUG Board (CZ) 19_2 [Board draft minutes]

The Prague BFUG Board minutes are approved.

3. Information by the Czech Presidency

- The Czech Presidency informs that the evaluation forms submitted by the BFUG members showed that the first BFUG meeting in Prague had been well appreciated; suggestions made included to make information available earlier, by less e-mail messages.
- Evaluation forms of the seminar showed that it had been well appreciated, too.
- The ESU Student Convention had just finished in Prague. Results will be made available.
- 19-21 March the 5th EUA Convention will take place at Charles University in Prague.

4. Draft Leuven/Louvain-la Neuve Communiqué

Document: BFUG Board (CZ) 19_4_draft_communiqué_200209

The document had been distributed by e-mail Friday 20 February and during the dinner preceding the meeting. The European Commission distributed text suggestions which greatly shortened the draft while they had taken care not to lose notions. Furthermore EUA had sent written comments to the Secretariat, referring mainly to the section regarding transparency of higher education provision in Europe.

A discussion took place regarding the main ideas which had to be expressed and their sequence. After that had been resolved, the Secretariat version was amended while agreed

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formulations were projected. The outcome of the fruitful debate is reflected in draft 2 of the Communiqué distributed to the BFUG on 25-02-2009.

5. Bologna Beyond 2010 report

Document: BFUG (CZ) 15_6_Bologna beyond 2010 report

This item has not been dealt with separately.

6. Draft agenda of the BFUG meeting, Prague, 26-27 March 2009

Document: BFUG (CZ)_16_1a_draft agenda

The sequence of items was changed for reasons of logic and logistics. Regarding the separate items "Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve Communiqué" and "Bologna beyond 2010 report" the relation between the two was stressed. The BFUG should be sure that all issues are reflected in the beyond 2010 report, not only background and analysis, but also important actions to be taken. Next to this, all political important messages should be in the Communiqué.

7. Preparation of Board elections

For the period 1 July 2009 – 30 June 2010 three new Board members have to be elected. It is advised to send a message soon, to solicit interest among eligible countries. Candidatures should be known by mid April. The three new members will be nominated by the BFUG on April 27, if needed by election.

8. Next meeting of the BFUG Board, Stockholm, 4 September 2009

The meeting was closed, thanking again the Flemish Community for their generous hospitality.

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Participants

Country/Organisation	Name
Czech Republic	Vera Štastná (Chair)
Czech Republic	Lenka Pospíšilová
Luxemburg	Germain Dondelinger
Belgium (FR)	Chantal Kaufmann
Belgium (FR)	Kevin Guillaume
France	Hélène Lagier
Sweden	Myrna Smitt
Holy See	Friedrich Bechina
Norway	Toril Johansson
“the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”	Nadezda Uzelac
European Commission	Barbara Nolan
European Commission	Peter van der Hijden
Council of Europe	Sjur Bergan
ESU	Bruno Carapinha
EUA	Michael Hörig
EURASHE	Stephan Delplace
Bologna Secretariat	Marlies Leegwater
Bologna Secretariat	Marie-Anne Persoons
Bologna Secretariat	Cornelia Racké
Bologna Secretariat	Françoise Bourdon
Bologna Secretariat	Dieter Coussée