

## WORKING GROUP 3 “NEW GOALS”

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*University of Geodesy and Cartography*

### Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting

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The representatives from Albania, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, EI/ETUCE, EURASHE, Georgia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Norway, Poland, Portugal and Turkey were excused.

The Russian delegation included the following members: Aysmontas Bronyus, Vadim Deleu (EU Commission), Arthur Demchuk, Kira Esaulova, Larisa Gayazova, Alexander Gorylev, Alexander Grudzinsky, Nurlan Kiyasov, Alexey Kuznetsov, Anna Muravieva, Sergei Pilipenko, Serguei Roschin, Alexandra Serova, Svetlana Shvedova, Alexander Sobolev, Vladimir Timonin, Ekaterina Vershinina, Vera Zobotkina, Boris Zhelezov.

## 1. Welcome and introduction to the meeting by the Ministry of education and science of the Russian Federation and WG3 co-chairs

The Russian Vice Minister of Education Alexander Klimov and the Rector of the University of Geodesy and Cartography Evgeny Butko welcomed all participants in the oldest university of Russia founded in 1669.

## 2. Discussion on the Terms of References

The European Commission and the Council of Europe have made some proposals for changes to the Terms of References. These changes were presented during the BFUG Board in Chisinau (Moldova) in January 2016. The co-chairs proposed other changes for adoption by the BFUG meeting in March 2016.

Amendments to the Terms of References (ToRs)

- Section: "Purpose and/or outcomes":
  - o Remove the first sentence and replace it with: "To explore potential new priorities for the future of the EHEA beyond 2020 starting from the goals mentioned in the Yerevan Communiqué, the WG coordinates a programme of actions..."
  - o Add, at the end of the section: "The Working Group shall discuss the outcomes of the different actions and produce policy recommendations."
- Section: "Reference to the Yerevan Communiqué" > "A renewed vision: our priorities":
  - o Add: "We will support higher education institutions in enhancing their efforts to promote intercultural understanding, critical thinking, political and religious tolerance, gender equality, and democratic and civic values, in order to strengthen European and global citizenship and lay the foundations for inclusive societies."
- Section: "Topics":
  - o Change to: " In a perspective of the renewed vision and goals, explore new priorities for the future of EHEA beyond 2020 in the light of foreseeable developments, including the following topics:
    - Learning and teaching innovations, including use of digital technologies;
    - Links between higher education and research;
    - Building more inclusive systems;
    - Lifelong learning, employability and the role of Higher Education in economy;
    - Professional recognition
    - Active citizenship and EHEA's response to current societal challenges."

Some other minor corrections were proposed and the meetings schedule has been adapted.  
All these amendments will be proposed for adoption to the BFUG members in March 2016.

### **3. Introduction to WG mandate and work plan**

When they wrote down the ToRs, the BFUG co-chairs (Luxembourg and Liechtenstein) identified the priorities for this group among those mentioned in the Yerevan Communiqué. Taking this point in consideration, the main task of the group is

- to explore 1) the topics underlined in the ToRs and 2) new ideas that may raise,
- to find some new overarching goals
- to think about “EHEA beyond 2020”.

In order to avoid overlap with WG2 on “Implementation”, the group is asked to work as a think-tank on EHEA 2020.

Participants raise new subjects the WG could deal with:

- *“Fourth industrial revolution”,*
- *“Curriculum design and development” with adequate indicators as an overarching topic,*
- *“Refugee issue” and how EHEA can organize its openness,*
- *Links between EHEA and ERA.*
- *The agenda of “Education and Training 2020” and the material provided by the European commission on 2030.*

Working method: it is agreed that it may be fruitful to:

- hold a one and a half day meeting to have a follow-up discussion for the next session;
- base work on national events – even if only few events are known up to now;
- invite external experts to provide some inputs.

### **4. World Café sessions and feedback**

Each rapporteur sums up the main ideas that arose during his/her session (see reports in annex).

### **5. Discussion on the Work Plan**

It is agreed among participants that the group is not an organizer of events but has to think forward. Each of the next meetings could focus on one topic only in order to go into it thoroughly. The input of external experts could be a good opportunity to define the scope of the current wide topics and draw some action lines for the future.

Working with clusters seemed for most participants not the right way to work but as the topics are wide, a working method has to be found for more efficiency. Maybe another way than physical meetings could be investigated. The group has to draft a list of topics and suggest what kind of events on these topics it wants to cover. It will also make sure that everything is well coordinated.

The actions of the group must take into account the agenda of “Education and Training 2020” and the material provided by the European commission on 2030.

### **6. Next meetings**

It is decided to set another meeting in June 2016 probably in Paris (France). Place and venue will be confirmed.

It is suggested that in the future, the date and place of some meetings could be chosen on the occasion of international events linked with the priorities of the working group.

## **7. AOB**

In relation with the agenda and the topics of the group, BFUG Dutch co-chair invites all the participants to attend a conference in Amsterdam (Netherlands) on the Future of Higher Education on the 9 of March.

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