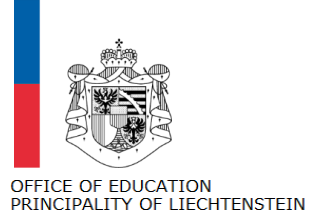




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BFUG Work Plan 2015-2018

On the basis of the Yerevan communiqué, the paper “The Bologna process revisited” and our preparatory work in the BFUG meetings in Riga (January and March) and the board in Vaduz, the BFUG work plan 2015-2018 has been restructured in three working groups (WGs) and four advisory groups. The three WGs focus on **reporting**, on **implementation** and on **new visions**. The four advisory groups are focused on single targeted tasks.¹

Working groups

The 1st WG on “**Monitoring**” will have the task to monitor and to report on the current state of implementation of the Bologna Process, as it was done in the period 2012-2015. Monitoring is critical for providing countries with a strong evidence base on the progress of implementation. The report of 2018 will constitute the basis for the period 2018-2020².

The 2nd WG on “**Fostering implementation of agreed key commitments**” will support implementation on agreed goals by peer learning and peer exchange events offering exchanges of good practice on the basis of the implementation report 2015 and the measures adopted in the Yerevan Communiqué. It involves national stakeholders in the activities, in order to encourage greater exchange and implementation on the ground².

The 3rd WG on “**Policy development for new EHEA goals**” is dedicated to new priorities for the future of the EHEA. The group serves as a platform for finding policies to follow new EHEA goals and innovation. The topics in the WG are focussed on new goals as adopted in the Yerevan Communiqué with a European dimension. The working group will cooperate closely with the national, European and international stakeholders. The events held in the 3rd WG have to provide policy recommendations².

Advisory groups³

They advise the BFUG on “EHEA international cooperation” including the BPF, “Support for the Belarus Roadmap”, “Dealing with non-implementation” and “Revision of Diploma Supplement”. The AG on the Revision of the Diploma Supplement supports the Council of Europe, the European Commission and UNESCO in reviewing the Diploma Supplement.

¹ Please refer to the organisation chart 2015-2018

² Please refer to the Terms of Reference of the WGs

³ Please refer to the Terms of Reference of the AGs

Organisation of the WGs

Each WG consists of a number of co-chairs and working group members. The co-chairs are responsible for the reporting of the policy recommendations to the BFUG.

Whereas the WG on “Monitoring” functions in a similar way compared to the last period (2012-2015), the two other WGs are mandated to organise various actions and events (e.g. peer learning, conference, seminar, pathfinder group, etc). The approach follows a matrix structure addressing different topics by different peer learning events such as conferences, research seminars, workshops.

To meet the goals of the Yerevan Communiqué, a list of specific topics and challenges will be identified and proposed by the co-chairs of the groups to the BFUG.

Event organisers will finance the activity while the participants cover for travel and accommodation expenses. The Secretariat will assist the co-chairs.

Working Group and Advisory Group membership

BFUG and consultative members are invited to express their interest in participating in one or more WGs or advisory groups and as co-chair by completing the declaration of participation⁴. **Each declaration of participation should include a short explanation of interest and motivation for participating or for organising an event.** All WGs/AGs are open to participation from BFUG members, experts nominated by national authorities and consultative members. Composition should reflect the diversity of the EHEA.

To allow coherence and synergy and to avoid duplication of work, WGs and AGs should be interlinked by members participating in more than one WGs or AGs. In addition to that, regular exchange between co-chairs is necessary.

The tasks of co-chairing requires leadership and commitment to keep up contact with other WG/AG and the BFUG secretariat. One co-chair of each WG/AG should regularly be invited to the BFUG board meetings.

Tentative Schedule⁵

This work program is accompanied by a tentative schedule for the BFUG 2015-2018 period. The schedule shall also serve as a guideline for succeeding co-chairs during the period 2015-2018.

⁴ Please refer to the declaration of participation

⁵ Please refer to the tentative schedule