

# Update CG on Global Policy Dialogue

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BFUG meeting  
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# Set up of CG on Global Policy Dialogue

- Chaired by 4 co-chairs: Belgium/Flemish Community, Italy, Albania and European Commission
- **15 members** take part (Albania, Austria, Belgium/Flemish Community, Belgium/French Community, France, Germany, Holy See, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Malta, the Netherlands, Romania, Spain, UK)
- **6 organisations** (EI-ETUCE, ENQA, ESU, EUA, European Commission, UNESCO)

# Meetings of CG on Global Policy Dialogue

- First meeting on 7th June 2021
- Second meeting on 13th January 2022
- Third meeting on 1st June 2022
- Fourth meeting on 24th October 2022
- Fifth meeting planned in January 2023

⇒ In between: work in the subgroups and follow-up of work plan

# Composition and focus of the subgroups

- 2 functional subgroups:
  - Tirana Global Policy Forum: chair Linda Pustina (AL), in her role as Vice-Chair of the BFUG, the members are the Netherlands, UK, France
  - Drafting the statement: chair Kathy Isaacs (IT), complemented with Belgium/Flemish Comm, Holy See, Ireland, the Netherlands, UK and ETUCE as members
- 3 regional subgroups:
  - Asia: chair Magalie Soenen (BE/FL), members are Cyprus, France, Germany, Holy See, Romania, The Netherlands, EC, EUA, ESU, and UNESCO
  - Africa: chair Fiorella Perotto (EC), members are Austria, Belgium/FR, France, Germany, Holy See, Romania, the Netherlands, ENQA, EUA and UNESCO
  - Americas: chair Kathy Isaacs (IT), members are Austria, Holy See, Ireland, Malta, the Netherlands, EC and UNESCO

# Outcomes of the subgroups

- Each subgroup had several meetings
- 3 (ongoing) mapping exercises:
  - Contact list global partners
  - Mapping of regional events & activities
  - Mapping of topics/themes and regions (looking for synergies between ongoing processes)
- Policy brief for UNESCO World Higher Education Conference on 'Promoting Policy Dialogue among the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and the other world higher education regions' was submitted, May 2022:

<https://whec2022.net/resources/Coordination%20Group%20Global%20Policy%20Dialogue.pdf>

# Outcomes of the subgroups

## Focus on Africa

- Reflections on the new AU-EU innovation agenda (a set of reflections as part of the public consultation on the AU-EU Innovation Agenda launched at the EU-Africa Business Forum in February 2022), June 2022
- Preparation of 3 EHEA conversations: online events/webinars with 3-4 experts from the EHEA and Africa, representing regional organisations.
  - Duration: 1,5-2 hours.
  - Theme: recognition
  - Start by inviting regional representatives, later go to more practical implementation at institutional level.
  - First webinar planned around 15 December 2022
  - Content: needs further work, “Instruments, tools and practices at regional\* and national level”

# Outcomes of the subgroups

## Focus on Americas

- Idea of organizing similar online activities as Africa group
- DAAD Bologna Hub event, “Global Dialogue on Micro-Credentials: Initiatives and Perspectives on Small Learning Units from around the World”, 23 June; co-chair K. Isaacs lead of Americas section
- Proposed hybrid Colloquium between CG/EHEA and Mercosur, 5/12/2022, in Montevideo, representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela, topic “Enhancing Global Policy Dialogue on Higher Education”
- Session at the CHEA (US accreditation body) Annual Conference which will be held in Washington DC on 23 January, topic “Let's Talk: fostering global dialogue about diversity in a common framework”
- Draft communication text for contact with regional contacts

# Outcomes of the subgroups so far

## Focus on Asia

- Conference of Central Asian Ministers of Education «Central Asian Higher Educational Area: regional cooperation, national reforms», 18 June 2022; 2 co-chairs participated (K. Isaacs & L. Pustina),
  - Expanding the Bologna Process in the Central Asian Countries: Forms, Methods
  - Trends in the Development of Higher Education in the Bologna Process
- EU-SHARE conference on micro-credentials, 20-21 July 2022, Bangkok; 1 co-chair and 2 group members joined (M. Soenen, EUA and Germany)
  - Micro-Credentials – the European Perspective
- ASEM process is starting up again: ISOM meeting 24-25 November 2022, Malta -> looking for synergies, to be further discussed among group members
- PLA on inclusive mobility planned EHEA-ASEM by BE/FL in spring 2023
- Discuss with subgroup on similar webinars as other two groups
- CAHEA introduced at previous CG meeting by vice-minister of Kazakhstan



# Further roadmap of the CG

- Co-chairs encourage synergies between the work of the groups
- Representatives of regional processes will be invited to CG meetings to present their process
- Subgroups continue work on different activities + organize regional conferences as foreseen in INGLOBAL
- Co-chairs investigate synergy with INGLOBAL project  
=> Exploring possible changes to the project to allow for more flexibility.
  
- January 2024: next meeting of the group
- From 2023: start up of the subgroups on the Global Policy Forum and GPF statement