



*Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Ministry of Civil Affairs*

## Working Group to support the implementation of the Roadmap for San Marino's accession to the EHEA - Update to the Bologna Board meeting in Sarajevo

### Progress of the work

The purpose of the working group is to follow up the San Marino Roadmap together with the Sammarinese authorities and to assist the Sammarinese authorities in implementing the roadmap and in developing specific policy areas. The working group on San Marino Roadmap also assists in peer-learning activities and facilitates cooperation.

The work of the working group plan builds on timelines of the Roadmap and on the implementation plans of Sammarinese authorities. The roadmap outlines two sets of actions. A first set concerns the launching of implementation measures, for which the deadline is generally 1 June 2021. A second set of actions concerns the completion of these actions by 1 November 2023.

The work is progressing as planned. San Marino has demonstrated willingness and ability to develop higher education system along the lines agreed in the roadmap. Cooperation between Sammarinese authorities and the WG is working well and discussions are held in an open atmosphere. Working group has had a chance to meet with relevant stakeholders and decision makers including some members of the Parliament. Authorities of San Marino have found the peer learning sessions organized by the WG useful and complementary to the work of TPGs.

A brief summary of the current state of play of the implementation in San Marino:

- A new law on Higher Education and a statutory decree for the University of San Marino have been drafted. The first Parliament reading of the new law was conducted in January 2023. The approval of the new law is expected by June 2023 and the approval of the statutory decree is soon after that.
- The NQF draft has gone through the second consultation with all the relevant stakeholders. Two foreign experts have been nominated and they have commented on the draft. The approval of the NQF degree is expected right after the new law on higher education.
- Development of the internal quality assurance system of the University of San Marino is ongoing. Selection of the External Quality Assurance Agency will be finalized by November 2023.
- San Marino has reviewed its policies and actions against Principles and Guidelines to Strengthen the Social Dimension of Higher Education.
- San Marino has joined the European Qualifications Passport for Refugees project aiming to strengthening the principles of the Lisbon Recognition Convention, article 7.

## Final report

The WG aims to present a draft final report in the autumn 2023 BFUG meeting. Depending on the progress of the implementation in San Marino there might be a need to make some minor additions and updates in early 2024 but the main content and assessment of the implementation should be ready for the BFUG meeting in the fall.

The working group agreed on the structure of the final report during the meeting 14-15 February in San Marino. The final report will follow the structure of the roadmap and assess the implementation of the reforms of qualification framework, quality assurance, recognition of qualifications, higher education governance, lifelong learning and social dimension of higher education. The goal is also highlight good practices found in San Marino. The final report will also present conclusions and recommendations.

The working group will meet in September 2023 in Andorra to discuss and agree on the final report. If needed, the working group may held extra online meetings to finalize the report.