



Higher Education in the Global Context
Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue for Higher Education

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The Coordination Group for Global Policy Dialogue is entrusted with:

- *Developing constant dialogue*
- *Preparing the Global Policy Forum:*
 - *Proposing the format and the topics*
 - *Drafting the Global Policy Forum Statement*

To do this -> creation of two subgroups:

- *Group that will identify and propose invitees for the GPF*
- *Global Policy Forum Statement drafting group*

The Rome events on 22nd October

- *Meeting for technical attachés of embassies in Rome (30 pax)*
- *Soirée (100 pax)*

Aims:

- *To present and discuss the Global Policy Forum*
- *Identify topics for the forum and statement*

Proposed Structure for the EHEA/GPF

- Tuesday evening: reception for all participants (social event)
- Wednesday morning: early BFUG
- Wednesday morning: EHEA (without right to speak for non-EHEA), communiqué
- Wednesday afternoon: Global policy forum (with right to speak right for everyone)
→ plenary, parallel, plenary sessions
- Thursday morning: EHEA (without right to speak for non-EHEA) → Plenary for everyone – Global Policy Statement, EHEA ministerial communiqué, group photo (EHEA + non-EHEA)
- Time for bilateral meetings for ministers

6 Proposed topics for the Global Policy Forum

- Innovation, new skills and their link to employability
- New (digital) ways of learning and teaching in a lifelong learning context
- Mobility of persons, minds and knowledge
- Untapped talent: opening up higher education and career opportunities to refugees
- Inclusion as a driver for excellence
- Building trust in a global context

Global Policy Forum Statement 2020 – possible topics

- The broad and vital role of higher education in achieving the **Sustainable Development Goals**
- The necessity of reinforcing **constant dialogue** at global level
- Emphasis on the **social dimension; inclusion** means not only access to HE, but also retention, success and employability, outreach to communities and links with schools
- **Mobility** as one of the most important keys to global understanding and to excellence in higher education
- Putting into communication the several **Qualifications Frameworks and Qualifications Reference frameworks** developed in various world regions
- Building a shared awareness of the importance of **Student Centered Learning** and its implications, including **flexibility** in study programs, developing mobility, recognition and quality tools
- Ensuring **trust** in the increasingly globalized context of higher education
- The importance of **digitalization** to enable innovation in **Learning & Teaching**, as well as greater transparency, better communication and more flexibility

Concrete to do's

- Create new list of contact persons for the individual countries.
- Save-the-date for non-EHEA countries should be sent out as soon as possible.
Suggestion for the standard composition of the delegations of non-EHEA countries: minister, universities, students.
- Complete list of international and regional organisations to invite to the EHEA MC and GPD.