



Update Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue

Katherine Isaacs – co-chair

BFUG meeting
Stockholm, 11 – 12 May 2023

Set up of CG on Global Policy Dialogue

- Chaired by 4 co-chairs: Belgium/Flemish Community, Italy, Albania and European Commission
- **16 members** take part (Albania, Austria, Belgium/Flemish Community, Belgium/French Community, Cyprus, 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 7 June 2021
 - Second meeting on 13 January 2022
 - Third meeting on 1 June 2022
 - Fourth meeting on 24 October 2022
 - Fifth meeting on 16 January 2023
 - Sixth meeting on 6 March 2023
 - Seventh meeting to be held on 26 May 2023 in Rome
 - Eighth meeting foreseen September 2023
- ⇒ In between: the subgroups work, following and developing their work plans

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, members are the Netherlands, UK, France, EUA
- Drafting the GPStatement: chair Kathy Isaacs (IT), with Belgium/FL, Belgium/FR, France, Holy See, Ireland, the Netherlands, UK, EC and ETUCE as members

- 3 regional subgroups:

- Asia: chair Liesbeth Hens (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, Spain, the Netherlands, EC and UNESCO

Outcomes of the subgroups

- Each of the regional subgroups has had numerous meetings
- All three continue their 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-Africa conversations: online webinars with 3-4 experts from the two regions, representing national and/or regional organisations. Duration: 1,5-2 hours.
- Theme: recognition
- First Conversation looked at broad recognition issues from the perspective of the responsible authorities. Second conversation will address recognition aspects that are relevant both for an academic career and for the world of work.
- First online “Conversation” webinar, on Academic Recognition held on 12 December 2022
- Article on the first ‘Conversation’ sent to BFUG members and to partners in Africa, and published on ehea.info
- Second “Conversation” webinar on “Recognition for Lifelong Learning” and including digital learning, prior/non-formal learning, micro-credentials to be held on 6 June 2023

Outcomes of the subgroups

Focus on Americas

- 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
- First Colloquium between CG/EHEA and Latin American countries, 5/12/2022, in Montevideo, hosted by Uruguay, with representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Perú, Uruguay and Venezuela, topic “Enhancing Global Policy Dialogue on Higher Education”
- CG/EHEA Session at the CHEA (US accreditation body) Annual Conference in Washington DC on 25 January, topic “Let's Talk: fostering global dialogue about diversity in a common framework”
- Participation in EU-LAC Summit panel: Presentation on the EHEA and prospects for building a broad European, Latin American and Caribbean HE Area, Santiago de Compostela, 4-5 May 2023
- Second Colloquium between CG/EHEA and Latin American countries, planned in fall 2023, on Quality (with SIACES/SEGIB)

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: ISOM meeting 24-25 November 2022, Malta -> looking for synergies, to be further discussed among group members
- ASEM expert group on Recognition and balanced mobility, 13 February 2023 online
- Invited speakers to CG meeting from CAHEA (Central Asian Higher Education Area) and from ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations)
- Erasmus+ Coordination Partnership proposal «EUCAHEA» presented (by UNIPI, on behalf of a consortium including CG and TF EKS members), 22 March 2023
- Joint meeting of the CG with ASEF in Venice, September 2023.

Plans and on-going work of the CG

Regional Subgroups continue their various activities

- Plans for large 'regional' conferences in the fall 2023 and early spring 2024, supported by IN-GLOBAL (including joint meeting with ASEF in Venice in September).

Functional Subgroups have begun their work:

- The GPForum subgroup has started to meet;
- The GPStatement subgroup has had four meetings, and is now finalizing Draft 2 of the GPStatement.

Co-chairs encourage synergies between the work of the groups, which are also linked by overlapping membership.



Strong support by IN-GLOBAL, including communications support, stakeholder survey, and publication of new website:
www.in-global.eu

Highlights



EHEA-Africa Conversation "How do we do academic recognition? Instruments, tools and practices at regional and national level"

12 DECEMBER 2022



Colloquium "Strengthening Global Policy Dialogue on Higher Education" with Latin American countries and the EHEA

5 DECEMBER 2022



Plans and on-going work of the CG

The CG proposes to organize dialogue/meetings on matters of common interest between global interlocutors and the **EHEA WGs**.

Please let us know if this interests you!

Thank you!

The CG GPD Co-chairs

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