



**IL SEGRETARIO DI STATO
PER L'ISTRUZIONE E LA CULTURA E L'UNIVERSITA', LA RICERCA, L'INFORMAZIONE,
LO SPORT, L'INNOVAZIONE TECNOLOGICA E I RAPPORTI CON L'A.A.S.S.**

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Dear Sir,

I would be very grateful if you could submit to the upcoming meeting of the BFUG the request, by the Republic of San Marino, of membership of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and access to the Bologna Process.

The Republic of San Marino is a small country committed to the challenging task of being recognised for its high quality international higher education system.

Our nation has a single higher education institute, the University of the Republic of San Marino, a public university with 650 students enrolled in the first cycle, 100 students in the second cycle and 250 engaged in post graduate and post doctoral courses.

The access to the Bologna Process for the Republic of San Marino will be a great chance to increase the quality of its higher education system and the possibility to take part, even if within the terms declared in the San Marino University motto "Si parva licet componere magnis", to the development of a more democratic, inclusive and sustainable society. In this view, in 2014 San Marino adopted a new law fully compliant with the Bologna process.

We declare our willingness and commitment to pursue and implement the objectives of the Bologna Process, confirming our adherence to the following main principles:

- International mobility of students and staff;
- Autonomous universities;
- Student participation to the governance of higher education;
- Public responsibility for higher education;
- Social dimension of the Bologna Process.

We are ready to submit all the necessary details that will show our current higher education policies and the plan to implement the Bologna Process in the Republic of San Marino.

I hope our Republic will be able to contribute actively to further develop the European Higher Education Area.

Sincerely

Il Segretario di Stato

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