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Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue – Report to the BFUG Board

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General lines of action and reflection:

The remit of the Coordination Group (CG) is to promote more constant dialogue with other parts of the world (countries, macro-regions, organizations) on matters of common interest and concern relating to higher education. The Coordination Group is also responsible for organizing the first Bologna “Global Policy Forum”, which will take place in June 2020 in conjunction with the EHEA Ministerial Conference. To accomplish this, the CG has attempted to reestablish contact with the countries invited to the Paris Bologna Policy Forum, whether or not they attended, and with all other countries, as potentially interested and willing to share ideas about their interests and priorities. The CG has found so far that the most useful links can be achieved with regional and world organizations, and focusing on countries that have a relevant role in the macro-regions.

The CG has two subgroups: one to identify countries and organizations with which to collaborate; the other to draft the Global Policy Statement to be agreed upon in Rome, in collaboration with the BFUG Drafting Committee that prepares the draft for the future Ministerial Communiqué.

State of play

- **List of non-EHEA countries**

A final list of non-EHEA countries has been defined by BFUG-secretariat/Italy, taking into account the advice of the Coordination Group.

- **Lists of organisations**

The Coordination Group created an aggregated list of international and regional organisations around the world, that might be invited to the Global Policy Forum in Rome in 2020. These lists have been based on the input of the members of the group and checked as well by the European Commission and the Council of Europe.

Priority has been given in different way:

- **Rate:** a column which rates the importance of inviting this organization: 3 has the highest priority (important intergovernmental or HE bodies). The CG proposes to invite firstly the organisations with priority 3 and 2. For priority 1 the CG proposes to only invite these organisations in a later stage and only on the condition that the capacity permits this. Organisations with priority 0 should not be invited.
- **#persons:** the number of delegates that could be invited, corresponds mainly to the rating.

- **Organisation of the Global Policy Forum**

The Coordination Group has proposed a structure for the organization of the Global Policy Forum at the BFUG meeting in Helsinki in November 2019.

- Wednesday morning 24/6: EHEA (without right to speak for non-EHEA), Rome communiqué
- Wednesday afternoon 24/6: Global policy forum (with right to speak right for everyone) – plenary, parallel, plenary sessions
- Thursday morning 25/6: EHEA (without right to speak for non-EHEA) – Plenary for everyone – Global Policy Statement, EHEA ministerial communiqué, group photo (EHEA + non-EHEA)

- **Proposed topics for the Global Policy Dialogue:**

The Coordination Group has also proposed the topics for the Global Policy Dialogue at the BFUG meeting in Helsinki in November 2019.

As umbrella topic the Coordination Group proposes to focus on the SDG's. Furthermore the Coordination Group proposes 6 parallel sessions, with good practices from non-EHEA countries. The topics are based on the input for the CG members and the attendees of the Rome event.

- 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

If needed the topics can also be grouped.

- **Draft Global Policy Statement**

A first draft of the Global Policy Statement has been drafted and is presented to the board.

- **Participation in the Global summit**

The Flemish Co-chair of the Coordination Group received the request from some ASEM-partners to organize an event during the Global Summit, in order to create a link between the Bologna and ASEM proces. Further negotiations on the concrete topic have to take place.