

## Guidelines for the Task Force on monitoring fundamental values

<b>Name of the Task</b> Task Force on monitoring fundamental values
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<b>Purpose and/or outcome</b> To develop and trial a monitoring approach and indicators to improve future reporting in the EHEA on how far common values - such as academic freedom, institutional autonomy and student and staff participation - are respected.
<b>Reference to the Paris Communiqué</b> <i>Academic freedom and integrity, institutional autonomy, participation of students and staff in higher education governance, and public responsibility for and of higher education form the backbone of the EHEA. Having seen these fundamental values challenged in recent years in some of our countries, we strongly commit to promoting and protecting them in the entire EHEA through intensified political dialogue and cooperation.</i>
<b>Specific tasks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ To consider how fundamental values such as academic freedom and institutional autonomy can be clearly understood in higher education systems across the EHEA.</li><li>➤ To propose a methodology for future reporting to Ministerial Conferences on the issues defined as the fundamental values in the Paris Communiqué that recognises the limits of governmental self-reporting, and goes beyond this approach</li><li>➤ To recommend indicators of fundamental values, as well as the evidence required to fill them, and the source for such evidence.</li></ul>
<b>Reporting</b> The BFUG will receive reports of the Task Force progress at least once in 2019, and once prior to the 2020 Ministerial Conference. A final report with recommendations will be presented to the BFUG and/or ministerial meeting in 2020.