

Bologna Peer Support Group: Qualifications Frameworks and ECTS

First meeting, Helsinki, 15th January 2019

Meeting venue: Helsinki Congress Paasitorni, Paasivuorenkatu 5 A, Helsinki, Finland

Programme

- 8.30 – 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 – 9.15 **Welcome and introduction to the day: key commitments and thematic topics**
Carita Blomqvist, Co-chair for the Peer Support Group, Head of Unit, Finnish National Agency for Education
Klara Engels-Perenyi, Policy Officer Higher Education, Directorate General for Education and Culture, European Commission
- 9.15 - 10.15 **Presentation of the projects concerning support to the activities related to the Bologna Peer Groups:**
- Umbrella project/Coordination**
Lucie Trojanová, Co-chair for the Peer Support Group, Senior officer, Higher Education Department, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Czech Republic
- Activities to support implementation of national qualifications frameworks: design, implementation and self-certification**
Christian Tauch, The German Rectors' Conference
- Multiple purposes and the use of the qualifications frameworks by the stakeholders**
Monika Skadborg, Executive Committee Member, European Student Union
- Main steps and relevant sources of information to achieve key commitment: a three cycle system compatible with the overarching qualifications framework of the EHEA and first and second cycle degrees scaled by ECTS:**

- 10.15 - 10.45 **State of play and next steps: self-certification of national qualification frameworks**
Carita Blomqvist
- 10.45 – 11.00 **Short-cycle higher education**
Michal Karpíšek, Secretary General, European Association of Institutions in Higher Education
- 11.00 – 11.15 **European Qualifications Framework and referencing of National Qualifications Frameworks to the EQF: link to the work of the Peer group**
Koen Nomden, Team Leader Transparency and Recognition of Skills & Qualifications, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
- 11.15 – 11.30 **Implementation of the ECTS User's Guide**
Maria Sticchi Damiani
- 11.30 – 12.00 **Discussion**
Introduction to the working in subgroups
Chairs for the Peer Support Group
- 12.00 – 13.00 **Lunch**
- 13.00 – 15.45 **Tour de table: participants' expectations and plans for next steps, including country-specific plans**
Working in parallel subgroups on the following topics:
 - Self-certification (*chaired by Christian Tauch, The German Rectors' Conference*)
 - Short-cycle higher education (*chaired by Michal Karpíšek*)
 - ECTS (*chaired by Maria Sticchi Damiani*)
- 15.45 – 16.00 **Coffee break**
- 16.00 – 17.00 **Wrap up of the first meeting and way forward**
Agreeing on next steps: joint activities
Co-chairs for the Peer Support Group
Chairs of subgroups