

**MEETING OF THE BOLOGNA FOLLOW UP GROUP  
MANCHESTER, 12-13 OCTOBER 2005**

The meeting will be held in the Manchester Conference Centre, Manchester, United Kingdom, starting at 2 pm on the first day and closing with lunch at 1 pm on the second day.

Draft Annotated Agenda

***Day One – 12 October, 2:00pm***

2 00 pm      **1. Welcome and adoption of agenda**

Documents    BFUG7 1a Draft agenda  
                  BFUG7 1b Draft annotated agenda (this document)

**Proposed action:** Adopt the agenda.

2 05 pm      **2. Minutes of the last BFUG and Board meetings**

Documents    BFUG6 Minutes of the BFUG meeting of 18 May 2005  
                  BFUGB 10 Minutes of the Board meeting of 15 June  
                  2005

**Proposed action:** Approve the minutes of the last BFUG meeting;  
note for information the minutes of the last Board meeting.

2 10pm      **3. Role of Secretariat**

Documents    BFUG7 3 Role of Secretariat: proposed terms of  
                  reference 2005-2007

**Proposed action:** Note and agree the proposed terms of reference  
for the Secretariat from 2005 until 2007.

2 15 pm      **4. Reflections after the Bergen Ministerial Conference**

Documents    None

Norway will be invited to offer some reflections of their experience of  
hosting the Bergen conference.

After this introduction, BFUG members will be invited to offer their  
views on the structure of the conference, to inform initial planning for  
the London Ministerial conference in 2007.

**Proposed action:** Identify points for the UK to consider when planning the London Ministerial summit.

2 45 pm

## **5. Bologna Work Programme 2005-2007 – initial discussion**

Documents BFUG7 5a Work Programme 2005-2007 for the Bologna Follow Up Group  
BFUG7 5a Annex A final draft  
BFUG7 5b Letter from Christian Thune, President of ENQA, to Bologna Secretariat of 12 September.  
BFUG7 5c Qualifications Working Group Draft ToR

The Chairs of the External Dimension, Comparable Data on Staff and Students and the Qualifications Framework Working Groups will be invited to outline how they will approach their task.

The approach to the Mobility and Portability of Loans and Grants and Stocktaking Working Groups will be discussed under Agenda items 7 and 9.

EUA will be invited to present the draft terms of reference for their project to report on the further development of the basic principles for doctoral programmes (BFUG7 5a Annex B).

ENQA will be invited to present their suggested approach to preparing a report for Ministers in 2007 on the practicalities of implementing a European register of quality assurance agencies.

**Proposed action:** Provisionally agree the Bologna Work Programme for 2005-2007, including:

- the inclusion of the 6 working groups in the Work Programme
- the list of Bologna policy development seminars
- the draft Terms of Reference for the EUA project
- the approach to the ENQA task
- the list of suggested topics for discussion at future BFUG meetings
- the elements that will be taken forward at National level.

There will be an opportunity to review the decisions reached towards the end of meeting. This will allow any changes to be made in light of subsequent discussions during the meeting.

4 00 pm

Coffee

4 30 pm

## **6. Eurostudent – presentation on how might contribute to Bologna Work Programme followed by short discussion**

Since its inception in 1999, the objective of Eurostudent has been to collate data on the social dimension of higher education in European countries. The project is co-ordinated by the Higher Education

Information System (HIS) and the German Federal Ministry of Education. The Eurostudent project has built up contact with experts from at least 25 countries.

Documents None

**Proposed action:** Consider how Eurostudent might contribute to the delivery of the Bologna Work Programme 2005-2007.

5 pm

**7. Mobility and portability of loans and grants - views on next steps**

Documents BFUG7 7 Mobility and portability of loans and grants - views on next steps

Following on from their conference on student mobility in Noordwijk in October 2004, the Netherlands is proposing to set up a working group to consider the technical, practical and legal aspects of portable grants and loans.

**Proposed action:** Comment on proposal from the Netherlands and agree next steps.

5 30 pm

**8. Consultation on European Qualifications Framework**

Documents BFUG7 8a Overarching Framework for Qualifications  
BFUG7 8b Note EHEA -EQF

Under the Chairmanship of Denmark, the “old” Qualifications Framework Working Group met to consider its response to the European Commission’s consultation document on the proposed European Qualifications Framework. Denmark will present the Working Group’s view for endorsement by BFUG.

**Proposed action:** Agree BFUG response to the European Commission’s consultation document on the proposed European Qualifications Framework.

6 00 pm Close

***Day Two – 13 October, 9:00am***

9 00 am **9. Stocktaking – review of process and methodology for next exercise**

Documents BFUG7 9 Stocktaking Working Group draft Terms of Reference

Latvia, as Chair of the Stocktaking Working Group, will review the approach taken for the first Stocktaking exercise, with a view to improving the process for the second exercise. The Chair will also

outline the approach to be taken to the second stocktaking exercise and the timetable for this work.

**Proposed action:** Agree general approach to the second stocktaking exercise; note that stocktaking will be on the agenda for the next BFUG meeting.

10 15 am     **10. Capacity building across the EHEA**

Documents   BFUG7 10 Capacity building across the European Higher Education Area

Nadezda Uzelac (from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) will be invited to offer some reflections on their experience of receiving external support to implement Bologna reforms.

BFUG members will be invited to comment on the options for capacity building outlined in paper BFUG7 10 and indicate which options should be taken forward.

**Proposed action:** Agree approach to capacity building within the European Higher Education Area.

11 00 am     Coffee

11 30 am     **11. Consultative members – contribution to the Bologna Process**

Documents   None

Partner and Consultative members will be invited to draw BFUG's attention to any actions they are taking to contribute to the Bologna Process.

Partner organisations will not usually be invited to attend BFUG meetings. However, as both EAIE and Eurocadres are new partners, they have been invited to attend to introduce themselves.

**Proposed action:** Note reports from Partner and Consultative members.

12 00 pm     **12. Bologna Work Programme 2005-2007 – approval of way forward**

Documents   BFUG7 5a Work Programme 2005-2007 for the Bologna Follow Up Group

**Proposed action:** Review and finalise the Bologna Work Programme 2005-2007

12 30 pm **13. Candidates for 2009 Ministerial Conference**

Documents None

**Proposed action:** Set timetable for bids to hold the next again Ministerial summit.

12 45 pm **14. Any other business**

1 00 pm **15. Date and place of next meeting**

The next BFUG will be held on 6-7 April 2006 in Vienna, Austria.

Close with lunch