



BFUG MEETING
WG on Fundamental
Values report

Brussels, February 2023

MANDATE OF THE GROUP

To develop a comprehensive framework to further the monitoring and implementation of the fundamental values

The system should:

- foster *self-reflection* and *constructive dialogue* and *peer-learning*
- make it possible to assess the degree to which these fundamental values are honoured and implemented in the EHEA.

MEETINGS OF THE WG

- First Meeting: June 18, 2021, Malta - Online
- 2nd Meeting, 29 October 2021, Malta – Online
- 3rd Meeting, 11-12 July 2022, Malta
- 4th Meeting, 20 October 2022, Romania, Online
- 5th Meeting, 6-7 December 2022, Bucharest, Romania
- 6th Meeting, 16-17 March 2023, Berlin, Germany
- 7th Meeting, 3-4 July 2023, Romania, Online
- 8th Meeting, 6 -8 November 2023, Bucharest, Romania
- 9th Meeting, 23 – 25 January 2024, Brussels, ESU

OTHER MEETINGS OF THE WG (1)

- 28th of October 2021 – DAAD Conference - Fundamental Academic Values in the European Higher Education Area. Strengthening Cooperation through Fundamental Academic Values? - online
- 7-8 February 2022 - Expert hearing – online
- 5th of December 2022, Romania, Peer Learning Activity – institutional autonomy
- 15th of March 2023, Germany, Peer Learning Activity – academic freedom and integrity

OTHER MEETINGS OF THE WG (2)

- 6th of November 2023, Romania Peer Learning Activity- student and staff participation in HE governance
- 23rd of January 2024, Brussels, Peer Learning Activity – intra relations between fundamental values.

CONSULTATION WITH BFUG (1)

1. During the BFUG Meeting in Stockholm (11.05.2023) – statements on [Institutional Autonomy](#), [Student and Staff Participation in HE Governance](#) and [Public Responsibility for and of Higher Education](#) were uploaded to the website.
2. BFUG online consultation (11.05.2023-25.05.2023) on statements announced in the Stockholm BFUG Meeting as agreed with the BFUG.

CONSULTATION WITH BFUG (2)

1. BFUG Meeting in Madrid (16.11.2023) - updated bbfeedback received on all [statements](#) and main elements of the monitoring framework.
2. BFUG online consultation (24.11.2023- 15.12.2023) on [monitoring framework part of the WG report](#) as agreed in the Madrid BFUG.

MAIN RESULTS (1) - STATEMENTS

- **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**
- **INSTITUTIONAL AUTONOMY**
- **STUDENT AND STAFF PARTICIPATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION GOVERNANCE**
- **PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY *FOR* HIGHER EDUCATION**
- **PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY *OF* HIGHER EDUCATION**

MAIN RESULTS (2) - TECHNICAL MONITORING FRAMEWORK

TYPE OF MONITORING and INDICATORS		VALUES		
		Rights/Freedoms		
<u>De jure</u>		Academic freedom	Institutional autonomy	Participation of students and staff in university governance
Protection (adequate, intermediary, inadequate)	Outlook (negative, unchanged, positive)			
Promotion (absent, limited, significant)				
<u>De facto</u>				
Infringements				
Threats				
Positive developments				

MAIN RESULTS (3) - TECHNICAL MONITORING FRAMEWORK

TYPE OF MONITORING and INDICATORS		VALUES		
		Obligations/Duties		
De jure		Academic integrity	Public responsibility for higher education	Public responsibility of higher education
Protection (adequate, intermediary, inadequate)	Outlook (negative, unchanged, positive)			
Promotion (absent, limited, significant)				
De facto				
Fulfilment of obligations				
Threats				
Positive developments				

Steps

Developing statements on Fundamental Values

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- Mapping the existing indicators on fundamental values
- Assessment of the relevance and limitations of existing indicators
- Developing a technical policy framework of indicators to measure and assess fundamental values
- Piloting the technical policy framework according to a piloting methodology → piloting reports (end of current mandate)
- Updating the technical policy framework (next mandate)

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NEXT WORK PERIOD (1)

- RECOMMENDATION 1 - The work of the Fundamental Values WG should continue during the next period and work programme.
- RECOMMENDATION 2 - The framework for monitoring fundamental values should be continuously developed to take into account new development and new data sources.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NEXT WORK PERIOD (2)

- RECOMMENDATION 3 - This working group should continue discussions and cooperation with other structures part of similar initiatives
- RECOMMENDATION 4 - This working group should support the work towards the enhancement of the fundamental values of the EHEA

- Thank you!