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Minutes

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Apologies: Bulgaria, Estonia, Germany, Italy, Kazakhstan, Slovenia and Switzerland.

Welcome and adoption of the agenda

The meeting was organized online, hosted by the French Co-chair of the AG2 on L&T, and moderated by all the Co-chairs. The Co-chairs welcomed the participants and thanked them for participating at the online meeting. The agenda of the meeting has been introduced and approved without modification.

Report from BFUG and BFUG Board meeting

The Netherland Co-chair and several members of the AG2 on L&T, who attended the BFUG meeting in Kyiv, informed the participants on the outcomes of the discussions regarding the recommendations document prepared by the AG2 on L&T, and the main points which emerged from these discussions. At the BFUG meeting in Kyiv on 4-5 March, the discussants welcomed the idea of the shorter version of the recommendations, giving a clear and exact message. The document was considered a step forward and many issues in it were identified as important. For some discussants, with the necessity to submit brief documents, the introduced shorter version has not become more concrete but more general, especially when comparing with the former version, which contained better, concrete recommendations. Emphasis was given to the need to stress more in the recommendations the role of teachers and the importance of having support by the entire higher education system, as well as the need to embark on a continues process enabling to establish a review in a three years period, making sure the recommendations are understood and implemented. The referral to the future skills and open education were welcomed in order to improve learning and teaching and implicating more disadvantaged groups in lifelong learning. Pedagogical skills have been no longer a focus and their mentioning on the recommendation was welcomed. Best practice examples should be broadened to cover EHEA entirely geographically, including examples from as many as possible countries. In regard to the students centred learning, AG2 was advised to notice that the draft communiqué at some point is stronger than the report, while the communiqué and the report should support each other. While the short version document of the recommendations should be added as an annex to the communiqué, the longer version document should be a background document. The revised version should be ready before the Board meeting on 2 April 2020, and AG2 should submit the final report to the BFUG meeting in Split, on 4-5 May 2020, enabling discussion. Echoing the necessity to collect as much as possible good practice examples, the deadline to forward to the AG2 on L&T Co-chairs such examples was prolonged until 18 March 2020. Until the meeting, Belgium French Community, Finland, Germany, Italy and Poland have forwarded such document, in an agreed template and which will be part of the long version of the document.

Discussion about shortened version

The group began the discussion by analysing the learning and teaching part of the draft Rome Communiqué. EUA informed the participants on the changes it has proposed on the section regarding L&T in the draft 3 of the communiqué, the latest document being shared among all participants by the BFUG Secretariat during the meeting. Such proposed amendments should serve to ensure a better connect between the Communiqué text and the short version of the recommendations that AG2 proposes for the Annex to the communiqué.

Then participants in the meeting discussed the developments on the Annex to the Rome Communiqué on strengthening L&T, stressing that it must be clear, effective and brief (as requested by the BFUG). The document was screened and shared with participants, with changes added as discussions were going on. A final draft of the Annex, following the discussions in the meeting, was agreed to be shared among AG2 on L&T members for feedback.

Conclusions and way forward

Participants at the online meeting were reminded that considering that the Board meeting date is close, the revised document should be ready before, enabling feedback from the Board. The revised final recommendations document, which should be added as an annex to the communiqué, would be then ready before the BFUG meeting in Split on 4-5 May 2020. In conclusion, the Co-chairs thanked the participants for participating in the meeting and for the valuable collaboration and wrapped up the meeting by wishing everyone and their loved ones a safe stay in such difficult times.