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Ad Hoc Group on the application of San Marino to join the EHEA

Report to the Board at its meeting in Zagreb on 7 February 2020

<u>Co-chairs:</u> to be appointed by the Board at this meeting <u>Composition/Members:</u>

- Finland, BFUG Co-chair autumn semester 2019 (Brigitta Vourinen or Maija Innola)
- Turkey, BFUG Co-chair autumn semester 2019 (Tuncay Döğeroğlu or Elif Huntürk)
- Italy, BFUG Vice-chair 2018-2020 (Ann Katherine Isaacs)
- Council of Europe (Sjur Bergan)
- Working Group 1 on Monitoring (Helga Posset, Austria)
- Andorra (Jordi Llombart)
- Holy See (Melanie Rosenbaum)
- Head of the BFUG Secretariat (Luca Lantero)

The BFUG, at its <u>BFUG meeting in Helsinki in November 2019</u>, took note of San Marino's Preliminary National Report and established this Ad Hoc Group with the above composition.

On 26 November 2019 the BFUG Secretariat contacted the representatives from the Republic of San Marino and asked them to send their complete National Report the latest by 10 January 2020.

The Representative from the Republic of San Marino sent their National Report with annexes to the BFUG Secretariat and the Ad Hoc Group on 10 January 2020. Some members of the Ad Hoc Group commented the National Report and the representatives from San Marino were asked to <u>send a revised version of their National Report by 14 February 2020.</u>

The Ad Hoc Group will organize a **meeting on 19 February in Rome** at the BFUG Secretariat's premises inviting the representatives from San Marino. The Ad Hoc will have time before and after the meeting with San Marino to work on the reasoned recommendation to the BFUG without San Marino being present.

Directly after the meeting, the Ad Hoc Group will **propose a reasoned recommendation to the BFUG** that will accompany San Marino's National Report. The BFUG can recommend the following three options:

- the BFUG recommends San Marino is admitted
- the BFUG recommends the application is rejected, or



• the BFUG recommends the BFUG seeks further clarification from San Marino in time for the May meeting of the BFUG.

The Ad Hoc Group proposes the following **roadmap for the application process** of San Marino to join the EHEA (in case all deadlines are respected, and the recommendations are considered):

What	When	Who
Discussion at the BFUG Board meeting	7 February 2020 in Zagreb	BFUG Board
Deadline for submission of revised National Report	14 February 2020	San Marino
Meeting Ad Hoc Group with San Marino	19 February 2020 in Rome	Ad Hoc Group + San Marino
Reasoned recommendation to the BFUG	asap, no later than one week before the BFUG meeting	Ad Hoc Group
Discussion at the BFUG meeting	4-5 March 2020 in Kyiv	BFUG
Recommendation by the BFUG to the Ministers	asap during/after this BFUG meeting	Ad Hoc Group
Approval of the Recommendation to the Ministers at the BFUG meeting	4-5 May 2020 in Split	BFUG
Admission of San Marino as new member of the EHEA	24-25 June 2020 in Rome	EHEA Ministers

The BFUG Board is invited to:

- preliminary discuss in order to prepare for a BFUG recommendation at the BFUG meeting in Kyiv in March 2020;
- appoint the Chair of this Ad Hoc Group.

