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## Terms of Reference

### of the Advisory Group on EHEA international cooperation (AG 1)

<p><b>Name of the Advisory Group</b></p> <p>Advisory Group on EHEA international cooperation</p>
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<p><b>Composition - Members</b></p> <p>Azerbaijan, Belgium VL, Cyprus, EI/ETUCE, ENQA, Estonia, ESU, EU Commission, EUA, France, Germany, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Spain, UNESCO and United Kingdom.<sup>12</sup></p> <p>Experts from European and international organisations such as ACA, EAIE, IAU, OECD and regional associations of stakeholders.</p>
<p><b>Purpose and/or outcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To enhance the international dimension of the EHEA;</li> <li>- To define a roadmap and engage in a policy dialogue with non EHEA partners in order to carry out a cooperation strategy based on shared issues, identifying concrete issues and topics to discuss with non-EHEA members;</li> <li>- To define the scope of the BPF in general – lining out a sustainable approach for its continuation, regarding purpose, participants, preparation, organization and follow-up and prepare the next 2018 Bologna Policy Forum in connection with the Ministerial conference.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Liaison with WG 2 on “Fostering implementation on agreed key commitments”

<sup>2</sup> Liaison with WG 3 on “Policy development for new EHEA goals”

### **Working methods**

The advisory group, with the support of the Secretariat, will organize regular meetings. Workshops, research seminars, seminars and regional conferences can be planned also with the attendance of non-EHEA members.

### **Reference to the Yerevan Communiqué and Bologna Policy statement**

#### **Yerevan Communiqué :**

- The EHEA has a key role to play in addressing these challenges and maximizing these opportunities through European collaboration and exchange, by pursuing common goals and in dialogue with partners around the globe. We must renew our original vision and consolidate the EHEA structure.

#### **Bologna Policy Statement :**

- We underline our interest in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and in using its principles as a successful example of cooperation in higher education, to be considered in other regional contexts. We also recognize the contribution by other regions, through their own experience of policy and practice, to the further development of the EHEA.
- Thus the policy dialogue and cooperation between the EHEA and the countries of the Middle East (ME), North Africa (NA), Asia (AS) (MENAAS) need to be continued and strengthened, taking due account of the diverse higher education systems as well as political, economic and cultural landscapes of our regions and countries.
- We, the Ministers responsible for Higher Education and Heads of Delegation to the Fourth Bologna Policy Forum, recognize that successful policy dialogue requires sustained use of a variety of working methods, including conferences, seminars, working groups, studies, pilot projects and peer learning activities, between the Bologna Policy Fora. We commit to piloting such cooperation for our countries and regions and ask the Bologna Secretariat, in close cooperation with the BFUG, the Bologna Board and representatives of the MEENAS countries to oversee this cooperation to define subject areas for collaboration and develop a timetable and plan of activities by the next BFUG meeting.

### **Specific tasks**

- To identify the weaknesses and the strength of the four previous BPF and draw a sustainable approach for the BPF in general;
- To identify the different regions and specific issues to cooperate with and to work out an agenda;
- To develop policy dialogues with the different regions of the world identified;
- To organise brainstorming and relevant proactive actions to define a vision and action plan for the next BPF 2018;
- To organise events or participate at relevant events proposed by other stakeholders in and outside the EHEA;
- To prepare the programme of the BPF 2018.

### **Reporting**

Minutes of the meetings will be made available to the board and the BFUG.

**Meeting schedule:**

First meeting in December 2015 / January 2016 (Paris)

Two meetings of the advisory group per year

**2016**

- Collect information on the four previous BPF
- Identify the main global agendas and meetings planned in 2016-2018
- Define actions to build cooperation with the MENA countries and other regional and institutional stakeholders in Latin America , Asia, Africa
- Present a first proposal to the BFUG in autumn

**2017**

- January: decision on the main issue and topics for the 2018 BPF
- September 2017: first draft of the programme, invitation of the identified speakers

**2018**

- March 2018 : Publications from the (research) seminars and conferences (EHEA website, journal, etc)

**Liaison with other WGs' activities**

- WG 2 on "Fostering implementation of agreed key commitments"
- WG 3 on "Policy development for New EHEA goals"

**Additional remarks**