



EUROPEAN
Higher Education Area

Bologna Policy Forum Draft concept note

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Context



- **The Bologna Process** is still an important example of political and academic cooperation with a strong contribution to enhance mobility, academic cooperation and structural reforms
- **20 years of experience** building European Higher Education Area has contributed to other regions, groups of countries or networks developing similar collaboration and communities (ASEAN, Africa and its 5 sub-regions, Mediterranean countries, Asia-Pacific economies and countries (APEC), BRICS, CELAC, G7, South global forum ..)
- Since 2007, the BPF aims at **promoting « EHEA in a global setting »**. 10 years later, what are the lessons learnt and the next challenges ? (cf. BPF draft concept note)

What guides our direction for 2018



- Demonstrating political importance of the dialogue through attracting ministers and high level representatives of administrations, institutions and regional organisations
- Finding a good balance between strengthening the influence/attractiveness of EHEA and the necessity to listen and learn from the world
- Identifying one or two topics of global interest in line with WG2 (« Implementation ») and WG3 (« New goals ») priorities
- Promoting an open cooperation policy and inter-regional dialogues
- Integrating and profiling the international dimension in the general conference
- Agreeing joint decisions and designing a plan of action for beyond 2018

Towards a « Global/international EHEA Policy Summit Forum »»



4 Purposes discussed in Nihzni meeting

- Regional development of higher education area
- Sustainable development goals « Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life long learning »
- Higher education for societal challenges in a global context / Social inclusion
- Governance of higher education in a changing global context

Agreement on a main purpose

Enhancing international cooperation between Regional Higher Education Areas and Systems



□ Goals

Launch in 2018 an « **International alliance** » of regional HE areas and systems (through a membership/partnership system to be defined)

□ Mandate

- ✓ Moving forward on key elements (such as qualification frameworks, credit systems, QA, recognition) to support balanced mobility and academic cooperation
- ✓ Contribution to a better understanding and resolution of grand global challenges through supporting higher education role in changing societies and economies (migration, Sustainable Development Goals, digitalisation, urbanisation...)
- ✓ Developing common or compatible tools

■ Focused level integration

- A specific event associated to the Ministerial on one or two topics

■ Broad level integration

Possible scenario

- ✓ First part of the Ministerial on EHEA issues : implementation /non implementation...
 - ✓ Second part on new goals of global interest
 - ✓ Third part : discussion on EHEA communiqué, Launch of the international alliance and plan of action 2018-2020
- ... Other combinations according to EHEA Ministerial programme

➔ Decision to be taken in May 2017 (Malta BFUG) ?

Possible actions and tools



- ✓ Recognition of mobility mechanisms
- ✓ Creation and promotion of joint programmes, euro-regional universities
- ✓ Inter-regional Student card
- ✓ Platforms on multilingual open education resources
- ✓ Intra and inter-regional Scholarship systems
- ✓ Quality assurance of cross border higher education
- ✓ ...

Partnership policy 2015-2016 to be consolidated and developed in 2017



- ✓ ASEAN Community (great interest in the role of HE to build a socio-cultural community and not only a market) and ASEM
- ✓ Mediterranean, North Africa and Arabic countries (MENAA): Union for the Mediterranean (member of AG1) and University networks (UNIMED, Téthys)
- ✓ South Sahel Africa (African Union, Association of African universities, Inter-university council of East Africa already contacted and interested...)
- ✓ Latin America : Organisation of Ibero-American States (interested)

Next meetings



- **Madrid** (30-31 January 2017)

Invitation of Latin America, Mediterranean, North Africa and Arabic countries (UFM and UNIMED already engaged), South Sahel Africa

- **Before May or September 2017** : one more meeting with all the regions

Place and date to be decided