



Advisory Group 3 "Dealing with non-implementation"

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Advisory group 3 on Dealing with non-implementation is mandated by the Ministers Conference in Yerevan in 2015 to submit proposals for addressing the issue of non-implementation and incorrect implementation of key Bologna commitments, as stated in the Yerevan Communiqué:

- *"... implementation of the structural reforms is uneven and the tools are sometimes used incorrectly or in bureaucratic and superficial ways."*
- *"By 2020 we are determined to achieve an EHEA where our common goals are implemented in all member countries to ensure trust in each other's higher education systems;"*
- *"Implementing agreed structural reforms is a prerequisite for the consolidation of the EHEA and, in the long run, for its success. A common degree structure and credit system, common quality assurance standards and guidelines, cooperation for mobility and joint programmes and degrees are the foundations of the EHEA."*
- *"Non-implementation in some countries undermines the functioning and credibility of the whole EHEA. We need more precise measurement of performance as a basis for reporting from member countries."*
- *"The governance and working methods of the EHEA must develop to meet these challenges. We ask the BFUG [...] to submit proposals for addressing the issue of non-implementation of key commitments in time for our next meeting."*

To meet this mandate the group will present the following documents to the Ministers at the Ministerial Conference in Paris in May 2018:

- A report on its work, concluding with a jointly written section on current implementation of key commitments in all BFUG countries produced in collaboration with WG1
- A proposed model for how to tackle problems with non-implementation (the so-called cyclic procedure) and with it the Terms of Reference for a group tasked with overseeing the model, the Key Commitment Implementation Group.
- Nominations for members to be appointed to the Key Commitments Implementation Group, to allow the group to be appointed during the Ministerial Conference.

Recommendation for Communiqué:

In the general text: That the text addresses continued problems with non-implementation that undermine the work and credibility of the European Higher Education Area and the Bologna Process and welcomes work by the BFUG to seek to improve implementation through measures that build on peer-support and a common commitment to shared Bologna tools and values.

Policy measures adopted: A Cyclic Procedure for dealing with Non-Implementation

Commitments: To ensure, in collaboration with institutions and stakeholders, full commitment of Bologna Key Commitments, and to actively engage in the Cyclic Procedure for Dealing with Non-Implementation, giving special attention to countries showing insufficient progress.