

BFUG Advisory Group 1 on Social Dimension

Overview of progress after Helsinki AG1 meeting

11 February 2020

Copenhagen

Structure of the PAGs

- PAGs should be a **short policy document**
- PAGs should **be structured** in the following way:
 - PAG will contain a list of **key principles** necessary for the implementation of the social dimension in HE.
 - Each principle will be accompanied by the **guidelines** that will explain how to implement a principle.
- Definitions:
 - **PRINCIPLES** = high level statements that serve as a **basis for the conceptualization** of different policies for social dimension enhancement
 - **GUIDELINES** = instructions/information intended to advise policy makers on **how the principles should be implemented in practice.**

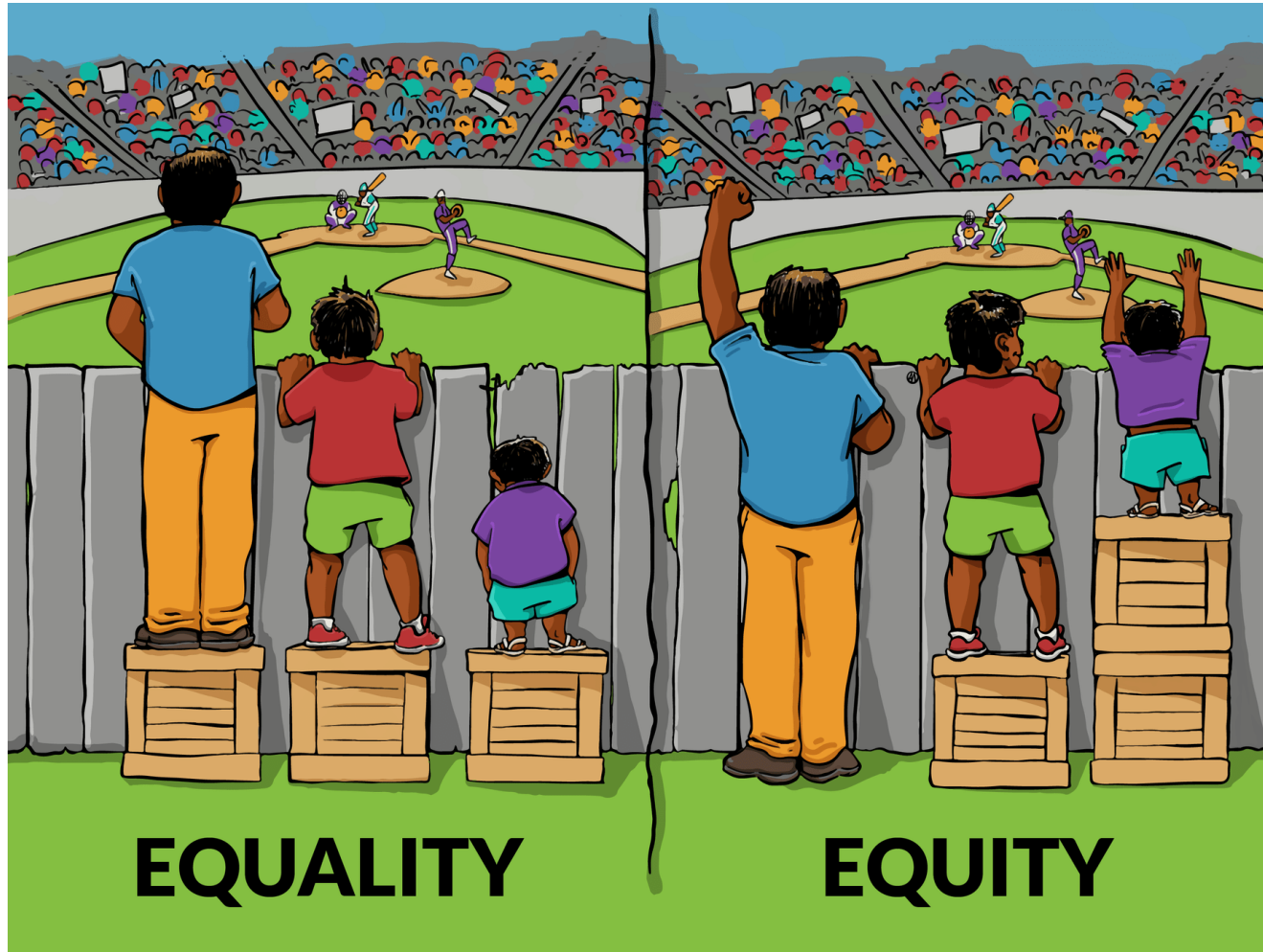
Workplan 2019-2020 for the AG1

- **1st meeting in Zagreb – February 2019**
 - Vision, SWOT, structure for the PAGs + Workplan 2019-2020
- **2nd meeting in Brussels – March 2019**
 - <http://www.ehea.info/page-Advisory-Group-1>: literature, policy briefs, repository of documents
 - Presentations of policy briefs and literature
 - Workshop on principles
 - Drafting Team composed
- **3rd meeting in Vienna – June 2019**
 - Principles confirmed + draft of the guidelines
- **July – November 2019:**
 - on-line work and on-line consultations between members of the AG
 - Dropbox created for the BFUG AG SD
 - New version of the PAGs for the Helsinki AG1 and BFUG meetings

AG1 and BFUG meeting in Helsinki (November 2019): conclusions

- **Starting point:** accepted definition for social dimension – “[...] the student body entering, participating in and completing higher education at all levels should reflect the diversity of our populations.”
2007 London + 2015 Yerevan + 2018 Paris Communique
 - **Social justice agenda:** identifying vulnerable, disadvantaged and underrepresented groups of students
 - **Equality** agenda
- **New elements:** social dimension encompasses creation of inclusive environment in higher education that fosters equity, diversity, and is responsive to the needs of local communities.
 - **Public good agenda:** social dimension principles should be integrated into the core higher education missions and governance (L&T, research, outreach)
 - **Equity** agenda

Equality \neq Equity



2020 Roma Communique =
Equality + **Equity**

AG1 Principles and Guidelines

- ✓ Forward-looking strategic document
- ✓ It will make our higher education systems and universities closer to the real needs of our citizens and communities.

BFUG meeting in Helsinki (November 2019): conclusions

New NAME: „Principles and Guidelines to Strengthen the Social Dimension of Higher Education in the EHEA”

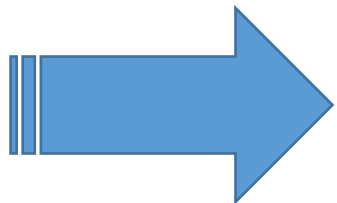
- Streamlined Principles and Guidelines
- PAGs presented to the BFUG: very well received, effective discussion, 10 proposals for improvement
- Social dimension & PAGs >>> prominent place in 2020 Roma Communique:
 - One of two main priorities
 - Annexed to the Communique

After the BFUG Helsinki

„Principles and Guidelines to Strengthen the Social Dimension of Higher Education in the EHEA (PAG)”

New cycle of the consultation on PAGs:

- Received extensive **comments of 9 BFUG countries**
- Received **comments of AG1 members**
- Co-Chairs presented the PAGs to the **BFUG Bord meeting** in Zagreb on February 7, 2020 – very well received!



- ✓ Accepted almost all of the suggestions
- ✓ Created a new version of the PAG
- ✓ Defines 10 principles for social dimension in higher education for upcoming decade of the Bologna process 2020-2030

A way forward: AG1 Copenhagen meeting

- **Reviewing the final version of PAGs**, including substantial weight on introduction
- Receiving an update from **Bologna Researchers' Conference**
- **Peer Learning** on Social Dimension
- Decision on **way forward until Ministerial Conference** in Rome in June 2020
 - **On-line consultations** – 1 more round of consultation (usage of the Dropbox)
 - **Co-Chairs will participate** at the **BFUG meetings** in Kiev (March 2020) and Split (May 2020) + **Ministerial Conference in Rome** in June 2020.
 - Ad-hoc meeting if needed?

After Copenhagen meeting

- Liaison between AG1, Drafting Committee & BFUG
- **Processing the last round of consultation** with AG1 and BFUG at large - intention to close the document by the BFUG meeting in Kiev on April 4-5, 2020
 - Minor changes until the BFUG meeting in Split in May 2020
- Further input to the BFUG Drafting Committee if needed
- Ensure clear **political commitment** to implementation & follow up
- **BFUG Work Plan 2020-2023** – advocacy work:
 - Discussing long term implementation of PAGs – new Advisory Group for Social Dimension
 - Main tasks of the new Advisory Group: developing indicators and targets

Thank you very much for your attention!

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