



The Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue welcomes the proposal for an afternoon session of the on-line Rome Ministerial Conference on 19 November 2020, and submits to the BFUG the following proposal for a Draft Plan for a Global Policy event during the afternoon session.

An afternoon session following directly the formal Ministerial session in the morning will give much greater weight and visibility to the global dimension, with respect to the previous plan. We believe that an interesting and relevant session on a topic of general interest in the framework of the Global Policy Dialogue can be organized in this new timeframe.

Format: The event should last about an hour, as a panel or 'talk show' on a topic of general interest related to the Global Policy Dialogue, involving maximum 5 panellists, coming from the various continents.

For the panel, we propose to exploit fully the high-tech potential that will be available. The panel would include an initial general round of brief individual statements in response to a broad question, posed by a moderator, and known to the panellists beforehand, to be followed by one or two rounds of more specific questions and by a second round of replies/statements, possibly followed by short closing remarks by the panellists.

Topics: We suggest that the central theme be connected to the pandemic, but not limited to it. The focus would be on the post COVID world and how international cooperation in Higher Education can progress in the context of what will be the 'new normal'.

In keeping with the 'Vision' theme of the EHEA Communiqué we propose to focus on the '**Vision**' for the decade until 2030. The initial question to the panel might be to reflect on the lasting impact/legacy of COVID on internationalisation in Higher Education. The round of specific questions could focus, for example, on such issues as how to reach the SDGs, to increase social inclusion, to enhance the civic/societal role of universities in a post-COVID world.

These questions are related to the themes we already proposed for a modified GPF session:

- Moving forward in a post-Covid world : innovation, L&T, new skills for LLL & employability
- Inclusion with untapped talents as a driver for excellence
- Building trust in a global context with mobility of persons, minds and knowledge

Invitees: The virtual invitees will be Ministers and HE representatives from the EHEA and other countries and macro-regions, and from regional and international organizations.

EHEA Ministers: we will make our programme as attractive as possible, hoping that at least some EHEA Ministers will see fit to 'stay' or to 'return' to the event for the afternoon session. There can be active roles for some, if they are interested and willing.

Interactivity: Interaction with the attendees will depend on the technical resources. We envisage the use of a chat function with a 'technical moderator' to choose, summarize and feed possible questions and comments to the panel.

The following is a tentative proposal for the panel:

Panel session - The global dimension of EHEA

14:45-15:00

- Welcome and introduction to the session dedicated to the global dimension/approach in the next decade of the EHEA

15:00 –15:20

- Keynote speeches [possibly one before and one after the panel? In this case the times would shift accordingly]
 - Luciano Floridi (tbc)
 - Jeffrey Sachs (tbc)

15:20 – 15:40 Intervention of CoE and UNESCO: this could serve as an Introduction to the panel [Both COE and UNESCO have a slot for a brief statement during the morning session].

15:40 16:50 Panel

16:50 – 17:00 Closing remarks/ wrap up.

The entire programme will be recorded, and available afterwards, so it can be visualized in whatever timezone when desired.