

Draft proposal for the GPF (after discussion in the CG meetings in May and September 2023 including the joint meeting with ASEF)

Historically, since 2009, in conjunction with the 'Bologna', then EHEA Ministerial Conferences, there has been a 'Bologna Policy Forum', to which countries and also international organizations have been invited. As of 2018 (Paris) it was decided that the Forum will be called «Global Policy Forum». In Rome, in 2020, because of COVID, we could not hold the Forum. The first «Global Policy Forum» will be held in Tirana in late May 2024.

What follows is a draft plan for the Forum, to be further discussed:

To balance the need to have sufficient time for the Forum with the need not to force the Ministers to be present for long periods, we believe a 'sandwich model' meeting is to be preferred (that is, the Forum would take place 'within' the Ministerial Conference. Except for sessions which the EHEA Ministers might want to have 'closed doors', the global guests would be present as observers in the Ministerial. The 'Forum' sessions would include everyone. Our current, still preliminary, proposal:

Day 1: EHEA Ministers meet

We propose that the Ministers/representatives/organizations from other parts of the world can be present as observers.

Day 2: Global Policy Forum

9:00 - 10:00 am. First session: plenary (both EHEA and GPF invitees)

There will be a **welcome**. This should be a welcome by the Albanian minister, followed by a brief welcome from a certain number (we propose 5) EHEA Ministers (chosen from the willing, but aiming for persons from the north, south, east, west, center of the EHEA).

There should be some form of **'tour de table'** of the global guests. How will depend on how many are invited and how many actually come. This could have the form of each "global" person/country / macro region presenting his/herself briefly. If there are too many attendees to do this, possibly a video mélange can be produced, in the basis of short clips to be requested well beforehand, and cobbled together professionally (thanks to IN-GLOBAL).

The **Draft Statement** is presented (it will have already been discussed in regional meetings beforehand, and the input taken into account).

10:00 - 11:00 am. Second session: plenary (both EHEA and GPF invitees)

Panel discussion with ministers from the EHEA and outside

Goals:

- to speak on the importance of internationalization and (balanced) mobility
- to discuss how regional organizations like EHEA, ASEF, CAHEA, the western Balkans, the EU-LAC region, ASEM ... can help achieve this

11:00 - 11:30. Health/coffee/tea break'

11.30 - 12:30. Third session: breakout groups (both EHEA and GPF invitees)

The number of breakout groups will depend on how many people are present. Probably 4 to 6. People should be allowed to express a few preferences, although the groups will have to be of more or less equal number. Each group should have one or two moderators and at least one rapporteur. Presumably these will be CG members.

Each group will address a relevant theme, to be chosen from those indicated in the Statement, such as

- Inclusion (Access/retention)
- Student centered Learning
- digitally enhanced learning and teaching
- mobility including blended or virtual mobility
- recognition
- quality enhancement and assurance
- brain-drain
- coherence between programs learning outcomes and the requirements of the labor market and civic competences
- academic freedom

There will be a **simple format** of questions, such as:

- how is this theme dealt with in your country/region, or addressed by your organization?
- What are the challenges?
- What is proposed to address them?

After the breakout sessions, either there is a final plenary or, better, lunch, followed by a brief plenary, at which the rapporteurs will report, and the draft statement, adjusted if necessary during the lunch break, is presented and approved.

The Global Policy Forum closes.

*At this point, there would be the **concluding Ministerial session, concluding remarks**, decision on the location of the next Ministerial Conference etc. and an attractive social event in the evening, to be followed the next day by something of sufficient interest, if possible, to keep the Ministers there.*

The **CG's Regional Subgroups propose what invitations to be made**. This will be in the form of first list of preferred countries and organizations, and a second back up list.