



# Reflections after the Bergen Ministerial Meeting

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# Work of the BFUG and Board

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- + Timetable/programme for work: Early decision necessary
  
- + Priority actions should be defined as projects, and planned separately as specific BFUG tasks.
  - Qualifications framework
  - Stocktaking
  - ENQA project

# Work of the BFUG/Board

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- + If an activity is decentralised, BFUG-B should have a representative in the project group
  
- + Seminars: More categories.
  - Seminars with direct relevance to the working programme should be planned in close contact with the Board in order to secure focus – to avoid overlapping
  - National or regional seminars for dissemination and development
  - Discussion in BFUG on preliminary conclusions

# Communiqué

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- + The process: Good experiences with drafting group and interaction with Board and BFUG.
- + After open consultation – revised proposal should be presented
- + How to embed the final BFUG proposal stronger nationally? Many last minute interventions  
But: Ministers want to have a direct say in their meeting.

# The Ministerial Conference

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- + The outline of the meeting:
    - Total length
    - The split in two formats
    - The parallel sessions – relevant and suitable?
    - BFUG/Board meetings
  
  - + Principles of representation
    - Mandatory representation of universities and students
    - Is it wise to maintain strict limitations to participation (5-6-7-8....) ?
    - Researchers, NGO's....
  
  - + Participation from outside observers
    - Who should decide?
    - Principles for selection
- In Bergen: Kosovo, USA, Australia (In addition : Canada, Nigeria, Egypt, Mexico)

# The dilemma

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- + Keeping the focus on the ministerial meeting while at the same time...
  - ...securing broad participation of stakeholders
  - taking advantage of high interest and the possibility for dissemination
  - Openness to the rest of the world
  - The answer is probably more complex than simply finding larger meeting facilities?
- + Good luck!