

WORKING GROUP ON EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION IN A GLOBAL SETTING

Report on the meeting of 11 January 2008 prepared for the BFUG Board of 16 January 2008

Improving information on the EHEA

a) Bologna website

The working group concluded that, in the short term, elements such as information for international students and scholars should be included in the existing Bologna website. In the long run – in the context of the Beyond 2010 discussion – one should consider a differently designed interactive website for a global audience, including the necessary long-term funding. A permanent address for the website should be secured as soon as possible.

b) Bologna information leaflet

The working group concluded that there should be an EHEA leaflet independent from the EUA Bologna Brochure, which – naturally- reflects mostly the higher education institutions' view.

c) A set of Bologna slides

The European Commission kindly offered access to the Bologna Promoters' website and free use of the materials posted there and will ask the Bologna Secretariat to inform the BFUG accordingly. The working group concluded that there was no need to produce a separate set of slides.

On 12 February 2008, the information subgroup will meet in Brussels to draft a leaflet, taking into account the existing [EUA Bologna Brochure](#), and to come up with a limited number of concrete proposals to be included in the existing Bologna website. The updated list of elements for possible future action will feed into the work of the information subgroup.

Promotion

The working group took note of the draft overview of existing promotion activities at European level and the different types of activities of countries participating in the Bologna Process. An updated version, taking into account the feedback of the group, will be produced by 1 March 2008. The updated list of elements for possible future action will feed into the work of the promotion subgroup. Efforts are still needed to make sure that all 46 countries are covered as much as possible.

Recognition

The working group took note of the report by Sjur Bergan (Council of Europe) and came to the conclusion that the issue of recognition of qualifications was well taken care of by the working party on substantial differences. It also noted that the analysis of the national action plans would be brought to the attention of the BFUG.

Seminar

The seminar on transnational education organised by ENQA will take place on 1-2 December 2008 in London or Oxford. EUA, ESU, EURASHE and Education International - among others - will be consulted in the preparations. Cooperation with OECD will be sought.

The Bologna Secretariat will continue to collect contact details of partner organisations in other parts of the world, which could be invited to Bologna seminars.

Policy dialogue

The group agreed that there was no need to set up a new policy dialogue instrument but existing fora and platforms at all policy levels should be identified and fully used.

Cooperation based on partnership

A first input and an electronic consultation will be organised by Denise Heiligers (NL) in preparation of the next meeting of the working group on 2 June 2008.

Report for 2009

The working group agreed on the following reformulation of the question to be proposed for inclusion in the template for national reports regarding the attractiveness of the EHEA and the cooperation with other parts of the world (replacing the question of the 2006 template):

Describe any measures being taken by your country to implement the strategy "European Higher Education in a Global Setting".

The chair has already informed the chair of the stocktaking working group.

Further input for the report on the developments at the European, national and institutional level will come from the information, promotion and recognition subgroups and the consultation on cooperation based on partnership, as well as from ESU, EUA and EURASHE for the institutional perspective and from the seminar on transnational education. As far as the developments at the institutional level are concerned, they will be fully taken into account in the 2010 Trends report.

For the BFUG in March 2008, the chair of the working group will provide a brief progress report.