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AG3 Dealing with Non-Implementation: Working Paper II

(To be implemented if AG3: Working paper I is accepted by the BFUG at their meeting in Amsterdam in March 2016)

1) Key commitments of the Bologna process

Three key commitments have been identified as the focus for further work:

- A Three-Cycle System compatible with the QF-EHEA and scaled by ECTS
- Compliance with the Lisbon Recognition Convention (LRC)
- Quality Assurance in conformity with European Standards and Guidelines (ESG)

2) Measures

Measures for dealing with non-implementation were separated by AG3 at the first meeting into a) immediate response and b) long-term response:

a) Immediate response

Collective efforts and peer-support to ensure better implementation of the three identified key commitments. To this aim, the following process is recommended:

WG1 on monitoring is requested to collate data on the level of implementation of the key commitments listed above, based on the 2015 Implementation report for all EHEA countries. A clear overview of the level of implementation will help AG3 and WG2 identify those countries where it is most crucial to immediately address issues of non-implementation

An extraordinary request for information can be considered should information in the 2015 Implementation Report be deemed insufficient. A possible request for information must be kept at the bare minimum.

WG1 will also be asked to prepare a summary on the level of implementation of key commitments for the 2018 Implementation Report.

AG3, WG1 and WG2 on implementation of key commitments should be mandated by the BFUG to use the information on implementation of key commitments collated by WG1, to identify the countries where lack of implementation justifies activating collegial support and hinders their meeting the key commitments the Bologna Process. The list of countries will be circulated to the Co-Chairs of the BFUG.

The BFUG Co-Chairs should be mandated to contact the BFUG members of the countries thus listed, requesting them to identify a contact person (can be the BFUG members) with whom WG2 can launch a cooperative process of peer-support.

The cooperative process will involve identifying which events organised under the remit of WG2 would be most useful to support better implementation of the key commitments, and encourage attendance from those countries particularly in need of such support. Peer-reviews



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and peer-support should also be discussed. Should a listed country wish to engage in further peer-reviews or peer-support, this should be examined and organised with selected members of WG2.

To oversee this work and ensure a sound process, WG2 should appoint one of its co-chairs as responsible for coordinating this activity.

b) Long-term response

In 2018, participation and level of implementation of key commitments will be evaluated and presented by WG1. In 2016-2018 AG3 will concentrate on developing procedures for dealing with countries which have not made progress on the implementation of key commitments at that point, despite the immediate response actions identified in section a) above.

Recommendations for BFUG processes to deal with a lack of implementation will be presented to the BFUG prior to the Ministerial Conference in Paris in 2018, with the aim for them to be adopted by the Ministers at that meeting.