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ADVISORY GROUP 2: SUPPORT OF THE BELARUS ROADMAP

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The Advisory Group 2 met three times in 2016. Subjects discussed and defined in the Roadmap ranged from introduction of a qualification framework, introduction of the three cycles, quality assurance regimes, implementation of ECTS and learning outcomes, student participation in the governance of higher education, fundamental values, and the obligatory work-placement system in Belarus.

A new education code is foreseen to be adopted by the Belarus Parliament in September 2017 and now discussed between different Ministries in Belarus. The revised Education Code should introduce the three cycles (4-year BA, 2-year MA) with few exceptions like in other countries concerning e.g. medical studies, military degrees.

As a baseline of the status of implementation of Bologna-Reforms and the possibility to measure progress, Belarus filled out the 2015 questionnaire this summer. The results have been discussed in the last meeting of AG 2.

So far, the following issues need to be worked on:

- Revised Education Code should introduce the three cycles;
- Introduction of a national qualification framework is ongoing. Assistance to introduce a generic QF-EHEA using the Dublin descriptors and not an occupational standards framework;
- Quality assurance and especially external quality assurance is still to be developed. EQAR and ESGs are so far not discussed or in use in Belarus;
- Institutional autonomy, academic freedom, and participation of independent student organisations;
- Promote and assist to create a national structure (e.g. a national BFUG) with all stakeholders involved in the implementation of Bologna reforms.

Work ahead

The next meeting is planned to be held in Berlin on January 24-25 in Berlin. The meeting will be organised in three parts:

1. Implementation of Bologna reforms at institutional level at the Humboldt- University and the Technical University Berlin. AG 2 and rectors of universities in Belarus are invited.
2. Information meeting on the implementation of Bologna reforms between AG 2 members, rectors of Belarus universities and the Belarus-German Parliamentary Group (tbc).
3. Regular meeting of the AG 2.

A follow-up meeting and a Peer-Learning-Activity organised by the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) will follow in May 2017 in Minsk.

In January 2018 a first draft of the co-chairs of the AG 2 on the Belarus Roadmap will be presented to the Bologna Follow-up Group.