



Advisory Group 1: EHEA International cooperation

Brussels (Belgium), 22 July 2016

The Bologna policy Forum: participation and organization

Bologna Policy Forum	Topics	Participation	Venue	Program	Comments
First Bologna Policy Forum, 29 April 2009 in Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium)	Recognition of qualifications. Exchange of teachers, researchers and students. Quality assurance.	<i>Annex2-1</i>	Ancient University of Louvain - the oldest higher education institution in the Benelux founded in 1425.	<i>Annex2-2</i>	Held the same day after the closing of the Ministerial Conference. BPF Communiqué was available in French.
Second Bologna Policy Forum, 12 March 2010 in Vienna (Austria)	"Building the Global Knowledge Society: Systemic and Institutional Change in Higher Education"	Same document Attendance of 11 Ministers and 1 deputy Minister from non EHEA countries	Hofburg Imperial Palace (Vienna) - former imperial palace of the Habsburg empire.	<i>Annex2-3</i>	Held the same day after the closing of the Ministerial Conference. Though An optional morning session was proposed to the non EHEA participants during the last session of the Ministerial Conference. BPF Communiqué was available in French.
Third Bologna Policy Forum, 26-27 April 2012 in Bucharest (Romania)	"Beyond the Bologna Process: Creating and Connecting National, Regional and Global Higher Education Areas"	Same document Attendance of 1 Minister and 4 deputy Ministers from non EHEA countries	Palace of the Parliament - the palace reflects the work of the country's best artisans.	<i>Annex2-4</i>	A World Bank Parallel Session held before the opening of the Ministerial Conference and belongs to the BPF agenda. Two plenaries sessions held in parallel with another Ministerial Conference sessions. No official and separated opening of the BPF.
Fourth Bologna Policy Forum, 14-15 May 2015 in Yerevan (Armenia)	Regional Initiatives of Cooperation Similar to the Bologna Model Mobility. Recognition. Quality Assurance.	Same document	Karen Demirchyan Sports and Concerts Complex	<i>Annex2-5</i>	Joint opening and closing BPF and Ministerial Conference. Two plenaries sessions held in parallel with another Ministerial Conference sessions.

General organizational findings

A Concept Paper was drafted for each BPF outlining the organizational process: a draft timeline, possible selection mechanisms for future participants, the language regime and a summary of the organizational inputs received from within and outside the EHEA.

Until the third BPF all the countries and organizations participating in the BPF were invited to nominate one contact person each for the follow-up. The network of contact persons has been engaged in all preparatory stages of the BPF.

The selection of non EHEA countries that were invited was endorsed by the BFUG on the proposition of the WG in charge of the BPF preparation and the host country, with consultation of the EU Presidency at the time of BPF.

A major concern was regarding the very weak attendance of EHEA Ministers: how given them a more prominent and active role within the BPF and how rethink the general agenda of the Bologna Conference to incite them to participate.

The language regime was English, with interpretation from and into several others languages according to the guests.

The number of delegates for non-EHEA countries' delegations (three to five) was a matter of discussion.

Colonne1	Colonne2	Colonne3	Colonne4	Colonne5		Attending the BPF
Country	BENELUX 2009	VIENNA 2010	BUCHAREST 2012	YEREVAN 2015		
ALGERIA					once	
AUSTRALIA					two times	
ARGENTINA					tree times	
BRAZIL						
CANADA						
CHINA						
COLOMBIA						
EGYPT						
GHANA						
INDONESIA						
IRAQ						
ISRAEL						
JAPAN						
JORDAN						
KAZAKHSTAN						
KYRGYZ R						
MALAYSIA						
MALI						
MEXICO						
MOROCCO						
NEW ZEALAND						
PAKISTAN						
PALESTINIAN A						
PHILIPINES						
SAUDI ARABIA						
SENEGAL						
SOUTH AFRICA						
THAILAND						
TUNISIA						
UAE						
USA						
TOTAL	14 countries attended on 20 invited	23 countries attended on 34 invited	19 countries attended on 45 invited	2 countries attended on 16 invited		



CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve, 28-29 April 2009

* * * PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAMME * * *

Monday 27 April Arrival and welcome in Leuven

All day	Welcome of delegations and transportation to Leuven	Brussels Airport / Leuven Train Station
13.00-21.00	Conference registration	University Library
18.00-19.45	Aperitif hosted by the Mayor of the City of Leuven Guided tours of Town Hall and Saint-Peter's Church	Town Hall
20.00-22.00	Welcome dinner hosted by the <i>Katholieke Universiteit Leuven</i>	University Hall

* * * CONFERENCE VENUES * * *

University Library (Universiteitsbibliotheek), Mgr.Ladeuzeplein 21, B-3000 Leuven

- 27 April 2009: registration
- 28 April 2009: plenary sessions I-III and parallel sessions

Town Hall (Stadhuis), Grote Markt 9, B-3000 Leuven

- 27 April 2009: reception and guided tour

University Hall (Universiteitshal), Naamsestraat 22, B-3000 Leuven

- 27 April 2009: welcome dinner
- 28 April 2009: registration (for those not registered yet)
- 28 April 2009: lunch

Abbaye de La Ramée, Rue de l'Abbaye 19, B-1370 Jodoigne

- 28 April 2009: official conference dinner

Aula Magna, Place Raymond Lemaire 1, B-1348 Louvain-la-Neuve

- 29 April 2009: plenary session IV and Bologna Policy Forum



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Tuesday 28 April Conference day 1 – Leuven

- From 08.00 *Registration (for those not registered yet) >> University Hall*
- 09.00-11.00 **Plenary Session I >> University Library (Grote Leeszaal, 1st floor)**
Chair: Minister Frank Vandenbroucke, Belgium/Flemish Community
Co-chair: Minister Ondřej Liška, Czech Republic
- 09.00-09.15 *Opening addresses*
➤ Marc Vervenne, Rector of the *Katholieke Universiteit Leuven*
➤ Minister Frank Vandenbroucke, Belgium/Flemish Community
➤ Minister Ondřej Liška, Czech Republic
- 09.15-09.35 *Welcome speeches*
➤ Ján Figel', European Commission
➤ Sjur Bergan, Council of Europe
- 09.35-10.10 *Presentations on progress of implementation*
➤ 2009 Bologna Process Stocktaking - Andrejs Rauhvargers, Latvia
➤ "The Bologna Process in Higher Education in Europe: Key indicators on the social dimension and mobility" – Jean-Louis Mercy, Eurostat
➤ "Higher Education in Europe 2009: Developments in the Bologna Process" – David Crosier, Eurydice
- 10.10-10.40 ➤ "Bologna with Students Eyes" – Ligia Deca, European Students' Union
➤ Preliminary results from the "Trends 2010" survey – Jean-Marc Rapp, European University Association
➤ "Lifelong Learning: Impediments & Examples of good practice" – Lars Lynge Nielsen, EURASHE
- 10.40-11.00 *Reflections by*
➤ Jan Sadlak, UNESCO-CEPES
➤ Bruno Curvale, ENQA
➤ Monique Fouilhoux, Education International
➤ Irene Seling, BUSINESSEUROPE
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee break

Tuesday 28 April Conference day 1 – Leuven (continued)

- 11.30-13.00** **Plenary session II >> University Library (Grote Leeszaal, 1st floor)**
Chair: Minister Ronald Plasterk, Netherlands
Co-chair: Minister Marie-Dominique Simonet, Belgium/French Community
- Comments by heads of delegations
on the Draft Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve Communiqué –
identifying the issues to be discussed in the parallel sessions
- 13.00-15.00 Lunch and family picture >> University Hall
- 15.00-16.00** **Parallel sessions >> University Library**
- Discussions by heads of delegations on remaining issues
- Group 1 >> Grote Leeszaal, 1st floor
Chair: Minister Marie-Dominique Simonet, Belgium/French Community
- Group 2 >> Tentoonstellingszaal, ground floor
Chair: Minister Frank Vandenbroucke, Belgium/Flemish Community
- Group 3 >> Oostaziatische Bibliotheek, 2nd floor
Chair: Minister Ondřej Liška, Czech Republic
- Group 4 >> Mercierzaal, 1st floor
Chair: Minister François Biltgen, Luxembourg
- Group 5 >> Kleine Leeszaal, 1st floor
Chair: Minister Ronald Plasterk, Netherlands
- 16.00-16.45 Coffee Break
- 16.45-18.00** **Plenary session III >> University Library (Grote Leeszaal, 1st floor)**
Chair: Minister François Biltgen, Luxembourg
- Feedback from parallel sessions and discussion towards finalising the
Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve Communiqué
- 18.00 Transportation to the hotels
- 19.00 Transportation from the hotels in Leuven to Abbaye de La Ramée
- 20.00 Reception and official conference dinner hosted by the Benelux Ministers
- From 22.30 Transportation back to the hotels in Leuven

Wednesday 29 April Conference day 2 – Louvain-la-Neuve

07.45 Transportation from the hotels in Leuven to Louvain-la-Neuve

09.00-10.00 Plenary session IV >> Aula Magna

Chair: Minister Ondřej Liška, Czech Republic

Co-chair: Minister Frank Vandenbroucke, Belgium/Flemish Community

Welcome address

- Bernard Coulie, Rector of the *Université catholique de Louvain*

Finalisation and adoption of the Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve Communiqué

Information on the next ministerial conferences

- Minister Johannes Hahn, Austria
- State Secretary Károly Manherz, Hungary
- Minister Ecaterina Andronescu, Romania

Closing statements

- Ján Figel', European Commission
- Minister Frank Vandenbroucke, Belgium/Flemish Community
- Minister Ondřej Liška, Czech Republic

10.00-10.30 Coffee break and family picture

10.30-13.00 Bologna Policy Forum

Chair: Minister Marie-Dominique Simonet, Belgium/French Community

Co-chair: Minister Ondřej Liška, Czech Republic

Opening addresses

- Minister Marie-Dominique Simonet, Belgium/French Community
- Minister Ondřej Liška, Czech Republic
- Georges Haddad, UNESCO
- Ján Figel', European Commission

Introduction to the discussion

- Minister Marie-Dominique Simonet, Belgium/French Community

10.50 Exchange between the Ministers of the 46 Bologna countries and colleagues from different parts of the world

12.50 *Summary of the debate and closing statement*

- Minister François Biltgen, Luxembourg

13.00 Press conference

Closing lunch hosted by the *Université catholique de Louvain*
>> Cercle du Lac (Ministers) and Foyer du Lac (delegations)

13.00-17.00 Transportation of delegates by bus
to the airport, Bruxelles Midi railway station and Leuven

Program of the second Bologna Policy Forum – Vienna (Austria)

Thursday 11 March 2010

(Ministerial Conference - First Session all the day)

20.30: “Celebrating Cooperation” – Festive Evening Event

Friday 12 March 2010

(Ministerial Conference – Second Session till 13.00)

08.00-15.00: Registration

10.15: Information Session on the European Higher Education Area (presentations and speeches) for international delegations taking part in the Bologna Policy Forum (optional)

Opening statements

- Barbara Weitgruber, Co-Vice Chair of the Bologna Follow-Up Group, Austria
- José Manuel Martínez Sierra, Director General for International Affairs, Ministry of Education, Spain
- Stamenka Uvalic-Trumbic, Chief, Section for Reform, Innovation and Quality Assurance, UNESCO

European Union – Contribution to internationalization

- Odile Quintin Director General for Education, Training, Culture & Youth, European Commission

ASEMUNDUS – An example of cooperation in the framework of ERASMUS MUNDUS

Siegbert Wuttig German Academic Exchange Service

The Bologna Process: Actions taken and lessons learnt

- Pavel Zgaga, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- Radu Mircea Damian, Council of Europe
- Ann Fritzell, Education International
- Marek Frankowicz, European Association of Institutions in Higher Education
- Bert Vandenkendelaere, European Students’ Union
- Michael Gaebel, European University Association

Closing statements

- José Manuel Martínez Sierra, Director General for International Affairs, Ministry of Education, Spain
- János Csirik, Co-Vice Chair of the Bologna

13.00 Joint Lunch *(including in the Ministerial Conference program)*

14.30 Bologna Policy Forum – Part One

- Opening statement by Androulla Vassiliou - EU Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism & Youth
- Key note by Juan Ramon de la Fuente - President of the International Association of Universities

Parallel working groups on:

- The role of higher education in the global knowledge society: How do systems and institutions of higher education deal with the challenges of responding to multiple expectations?
- Brain drain – brain gain – brain circulation: a matter of perspective or different realities? What does it mean for societies in general and for higher education systems?
- Cooperation and competition – which is winning out or can they coexist in international higher education?

17.00 Coffee break

17.30 Bologna Policy Forum - Part Two

18.30 End of conference



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Agenda point: 4a.i.

THIRD BOLOGNA POLICY FORUM

Beyond the Bologna process: Creating and connecting national, regional and global higher education spaces

Bucharest
26-27 April 2012

Draft Detailed Programme¹

25 April 2012

20.30 Cocktail and Welcome Buffet Dinner

26 April 2012, Palace of the Parliament

09:00 – 12:00 Bilateral meetings (optional)

11:00 – 12:00 Arrival and registration

12:00 – 13:30 **EHEA Ministerial Conference²**

Official Opening – Plenary Session

Chair: Daniel Petru Funeriu – Minister for Education, Research, Youth and Sport in Romania

Speakers:

- Daniel Petru Funeriu, Romanian Minister for Education, Research, Youth and Sport in Romania (10 min)
- Morten Østergaard, Danish Minister for Science, Innovation and Higher Education (5 min)
- Misir Mardanov, Azeri Minister of Education (5 min)

¹ Rooms for bilateral meetings will be available during the duration of the event, in addition to the explicit bilateral meetings' timeslots already inserted in the agenda. Scheduling in advance is required.

² Both EHEA and non-EHEA delegations will be invited to attend this opening session.



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- Androulla Vassiliou, European Union Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth (5 min)

Bologna Process implementation and challenges ahead – Interactive panel

Chair: Germain Dondelinger (Chair of the Reporting WG)

- Eurydice speaker (tbc) - Bologna Process implementation report – main conclusions and way forward (15 min)
- Reactions and discussion with the heads of delegation of the BFUG Consultative members (roundtable – 8 consultative members: Council of Europe, UNESCO, EUA, EURASHE, ESU, ENQA, EI and Business Europe). (50 min)

13:30 – 15:00 Luncheon

15:00 – 16:30 **Information and mutual exchange session 1**

Format: Plenary session

Title: The Bologna Process – challenges from internal and external perspectives

Speakers:

- Hilligje Van 't Land (IAU) - *Introduction of the 2009-2012 Bologna Process developments: challenges for the EHEA in a global setting* – 10 min

Moderated panel

Moderator – Hilligje Van 't Land (IAU) – tbc

Interactive panel discussion with both EHEA and non-EHEA governmental^[L1], institutional, student and faculty representatives^[L2] (8 panelists or less?) based on a set of opening questions posed by the moderator – 45 min

Moderated discussion with questions from the audience – 35 min^[L3]

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee Break

16:45 – 17:00 Family photo EHEA heads of delegation
Family photo EHEA and non-EHEA heads of delegation

17:00 – 18:30 **Information and mutual exchange session 2**

Format: Plenary session

Theme 1 - Qualifications Frameworks and their role in academic and professional recognition



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Chair: CoE - tbc

Interactive panel discussion with participants from the United States, Australia, South Africa, Chile^[L4] and Ireland – 5 panelists (tbc)^[L5] – 30 min

Main questions to be addressed by speakers:

Why has a QF been developed for higher education in your country?

What was the process for developing it?

What were the challenges in developing it?

Do you believe it is accomplishing its intended goal? How do you know?

Q & A with the public: 15 min

Theme 2 – Challenges and perspectives of interregional mobility

Chair: Bernd Wächter (ACA) - tbc

Interactive panel discussion with participants from DAAD, Mercosur, African Union and ASEAN Secretariat - – 30 min

Main questions to be addressed by speakers:

What is the role of mobility in the frame of the higher education reform/ integration agendas?

How do we ensure sustainability and equitable partnerships in academic mobility, while remaining internationally competitive?

Q & A with the public: 15 min

18:30 – 19:00 Transfer to the hotels from the Palace of Parliament

20:00 – 20:30 Transfer to the Festive Evening Event from the hotels

20.30 Festive Evening Event / Official dinner

27 April 2012, Palace of the Parliament

08:00 - 09:00 Transfer from the hotels to the Palace of Parliament
Bilateral meetings (optional)

09:00 – 10.30 **BPF Official Opening**



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Format: Plenary session

Chair: Morten Østergaard, the Danish Minister for Science, Innovation and Higher Education

Welcome words:

Daniel Petru Funeriu, Romanian Minister for Education, Youth and Sport (5 min)

Androulla Vassiliou, European Union Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth (5 min)

Keynote speech (Shri Kapil Sibal, Indian Minister of Human Resources Development, tbc) – 30 min

Discussion – 50 min

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.30 **BPF Thematic parallel sessions**

Chaired by the ministers responsible for higher education in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Denmark and Romania and co-Chaired by 4 non-EHEA ministers - countries tbc)

Parallel session 1: Global academic mobility: Incentives and barriers, balances and imbalances

Co-Chairs (tbc): Denmark and China or a sub-Saharan country (Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria or Senegal)

Parallel session 2: Global and regional approaches to quality enhancement of HE

Co-Chairs (tbc): Romania and Colombia or Brazil

Parallel session 3: Public responsibility for and of HE within national and regional context

Co-Chairs (tbc): Armenia and Canada

Parallel session 4: The contribution of HE reforms to enhancing graduate employability

Co-Chairs (tbc): Azerbaijan and Egypt or Tunisia



Main questions for the debates will correspond to the questions at the end of the BPF background paper chapters.

- 12:30 – 12:45 Transfer from the parallel sessions rooms to the plenary hall
- 12:45 – 13:00 **Adoption of MC Communique by the EHEA members**
Chaired by Daniel Petru Funeriu, Romanian Minister for Education, Youth and Sport
- 13:00 – 14:00 **Discussion and adoption of the BPF Statement**
Plenary session
Chaired by Daniel Petru Funeriu, Romanian Minister for Education, Youth and Sport
- 14:00 – 15:00 Press conference³
- 14:00 – 15:30 Luncheon⁴
- 15:30 Departure of participants

³ The press conference is an invitation only event.

⁴ For the participants with early flights, shuttles will be available for transfer to the Bucharest airport.

Fourth Bologna Policy Forum

14-15 May 2015 / Yerevan (Armenia)

14 of May

11:00 - 11:40 **Official Opening of the EHEA Ministerial Conference (MC) and Fourth Bologna Policy Forum (BPF)**

Joint MC and BPF Plenary Session 1

Chair: Armen Ashotyan, Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia

Speeches

(11:40 – 16:30 MC continued)

<p><i>(EHEA Ministerial Conference 16:30 - 18:30)</i></p>	<p>Bologna Policy Forum 16:30 - 18:30</p> <p><u>Regional Initiatives of Cooperation Similar to the Bologna Model</u></p> <p>BPF Session 1</p> <p>16:30 - 17:15</p> <p>1. Outlook in ASEAN Cooperation: Steps, Challenges and Implementation. Keynote Speaker: Leenawaty Limantra, Rector, Ma Chung University, Indonesia</p> <p>2. Latin America Countries' Cooperation Keynote Speaker: Rafael van Grieken, ANECA Director General, Spain</p> <p>3. Regional Cooperation in MENA (Middle East and North Africa) Region Keynote Speaker: Nina Arnhold, Senior Education Specialist, The World Bank</p> <p><u>Interactive Panel on Regional Initiatives of Cooperation Similar to the Bologna Model</u></p> <p>17:15 - 18:30</p> <p>Panel Represented by: EUA, Association of Arab Universities (AAU), Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), The World Bank, Kyrgyz Republic</p>
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	<p>Panelists: EUA - Michael Gaebel, Director, Higher Education Policy Unit AAU - Sultan Abu Orabi, Secretary, Jordan ASEAN - Leenawaty Limantra, Rector, Ma Chung University, Indonesia The World Bank - Nina Arnhold, Senior Education Specialist Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p>Topics for the Panel Discussion: •How to make the dialogue and cooperation in the region permanent and ongoing? •How can higher education respond to demographic developments?</p>
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15 of May

<p><i>(EHEA Ministerial Conference 09:00 - 10:30)</i></p>	<p><u>Common Trends in Higher Education: Structural Reforms and Mobility</u></p> <p>BPF Session 2</p> <p>09:00 – 09:45</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Erasmus+ (2014-2020): The International Dimension–Support to Modernisation and Internationalisation <p>Keynote Speaker: Klaus Haupt, Head of Unit, Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), European Commission</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Internationalisation in Quality Assurance: Challenges and Priorities for the Future <p>Keynote Speaker: Padriag Walsh, President of the ENQA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Recognising External Quality Assurance Across Borders - Results from the RIQAA Project <p>Keynote Speaker: Colin Tück, Director of EQAR</p> <p>Interactive Panel on Common Trends in Higher Education: Mobility, Recognition and Quality Assurance Issues</p> <p>9:45-10:30 Panel Represented by: EC, ENQA, EQAR, Egypt,</p>
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	<p>Libya</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>EC - Klaus Haupt, Head of Unit, EACEA</p> <p>ENQA - Helka Kekalainen, Vice-President</p> <p>EQAR - Colin Tück, Director</p> <p>Egypt - Ashraf Mansour, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, German University in Cairo</p> <p>Libya - Taeib El Bahloul, Faculty of Arts, Tripoli University</p> <p>Topics for the Panel Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Solutions to overcome barriers to mobility and recognition •QA in the HEIs: standards, external QA and independent QA bodies <p>Moderator: Karine Harutyunyan, Deputy Minister of Education and Science, Republic of Armenia</p>
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(10:30 – 11:45 MC continued)

11:45 – 13:00 Discussion of the Fourth Bologna Policy Forum Statement

Joint MC and BPF Plenary Session 4

- Introduction of the Fourth Bologna Policy Forum Statement by Gayane Harutyunyan, Head of the BFUG Secretariat, Republic of Armenia

Chair: Jet Bussemaker, Minister of Education, Science and Culture of the Netherlands

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 15:15 Closing Session

Joint MC and BPF Plenary Session 5

Chair: Armen Ashotyan, Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia

(14:30 - 14:40 Adoption of the Yerevan Ministerial Communiqué by the EHEA Member Countries)

14:40 - 14:50 Adoption of the Fourth Bologna Policy Forum Statement

(14:50 - 15:00 Presentation of the 2018 Ministerial Conference by the French Republic)

15:00 - 15:15 Official Closing of the Ministerial Conference and the Fourth Bologna Policy Forum