

Work Progress of AG1

as of May 2017

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Terms of Reference – Outcome/tasks fulfilled by May 2017 (+/- 2,000 characters)

Following the mandate from Yerevan, AG1, in its 6 meetings, has addressed how the EHEA and non-EHEA countries can work productively together and give added value and a policy focus to existing collaborations and networks and the transnational institutional architecture. The Bratislava BFUG asked us to reach concrete objectives.

We have established a deep dialogue with groups from Latin America, the Mediterranean, the Arab States and North Africa and ASEAN (SHARE) and we have reached agreement about issues of common concern with non-EHEA countries.

It is agreed that the EHEA needs to have a strong voice in the international arena at a time of continual globalisation and internationalisation of Higher Education.

At the Alcalá meeting in January the group examined the possibility of establishing an International Alliance as a structure for internationalisation of the Bologna Process. If there was a consensus for an international dialogue and exchanges with other organisations, positions were contrasted regarding such an Alliance. In the following weeks 2 of the 3 chairs left their positions and new chairs were nominated. Another meeting was held in Paris last April, the group worked on the project for the Bologna Policy Forum, and on the topics. Among those expressed by several countries:

- Inclusiveness and citizenship as one of the role for HE in our societies
- Migration issues as integration in HE, this a major issue in several countries, it is also an issue for recognition of skills and competences (this could be a topic of Inclusiveness)
- Academic freedom\Freedom of expression: this topic could also be linked to the “role and function of HE in changing societies”
- Mobility
- Quality/recognition: those can be included in the role of HE and Inclusiveness
- Attractiveness of academic careers was also mentioned.

Terms of Reference – Tasks to be finished until autumn 2017 (+/- 1,000 characters)

To have further discussion with the other Working Groups to ensure that the proposals from AG1 articulate well with their recommendations. This will be achieved as a follow up to Malta, at the meeting of all the Co-Chairs in Paris on June 29 and, if necessary, through one-to-one discussions with other chairs. To have a further meeting of AG1 to decide the format for the Bologna Policy Forum (keynotes, invited speakers, to support the Communiqué and the Statement).

Additional results (not aimed at in Terms of Reference) (+/- 1,000 characters)

Proposed input for a) the 2018 Ministerial conference

AG1 proposes to have a Bologna Policy Forum joined to the ministerial conference

We propose the overarching topic to be Inclusiveness and role of HE in our changing societies

This topic is large enough and allows to discuss the main themes already identified: mobility, migration, recognition, quality.

b) the communiqué (+/- 2,000 characters)¹

¹ It is possible to propose input for either the conference or the communiqué or for both.

Annex1

Purpose and/or outcome (from Terms of Reference)

- To enhance the international dimension of the EHEA;
- To define a roadmap and engage in a policy dialogue with non EHEA partners in order to carry out a cooperation strategy based on shared issues, identifying concrete issues and topics to discuss with non-EHEA members;
- To define the scope of the BPF in general – lining out a sustainable approach for its continuation, regarding purpose, participants, preparation, organization and follow-up and prepare the next 2018 Bologna Policy Forum in connection with the Ministerial conference.

Specific tasks (from Terms of Reference)

- To identify the weaknesses and the strength of the four previous BPF and draw a sustainable approach for the BPF in general;
- To identify the different regions and specific issues to cooperate with and to work out an agenda;
- To develop policy dialogues with the different regions of the world identified;
- To organise brainstorming and relevant proactive actions to define a vision and action plan for the next BPF 2018;
- To organise events or participate at relevant events proposed by other stakeholders in and outside the EHEA;
- To prepare the programme of the BPF 2018.

Annex2

Calendar

a) Overview of meetings of AG1

Nr.	Date	Place
1st	12/01/2016	Paris
2nd	18/05/2016	London
Task Force Meeting	20/06/2016	Brussels
3rd	14/10/2016	Nizhny Novgorod
4th	30-31/01/2017	Alcala de Henares
5th	28/04/2017	Paris

- b) Proposals made to the BFUG (in written or at meetings)
and results of the discussion in the BFUG (max. 1,000 characters)