

WORK PROGRESS OF ADVISORY GROUP 4 "DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENT REVISION"

as of May 2017

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

- a proposal for a revised version of the Diploma Supplement has been developed in consultation with external stakeholders;
- a finalised draft is presented to the BFUG members for consultation (see annex 3/4);

The renewed version takes into consideration the recent developments in higher education and the revision of the ECTS Users' Guide. The template is now focusing more on learning outcomes. The group examined thoroughly the possibilities of digitalization of the Diploma Supplement and the opportunity to develop or not a specific "doctoral Supplement".

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

Finalised version of the template and guidelines

Draft report discussed by the members of the group

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

Proposed input for

a) the 2018 Ministerial conference and

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

To propose ministers to adopt the renewed Diploma Supplement and its guidelines and to propose Council of Europe, European Commission and UNESCO to circulate the new version and to adopt it.

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)

The Advisory Group on the Revision of the Diploma Supplement is mandated to support the Council of Europe, the European Commission and UNESCO in reviewing the Diploma Supplement, in cooperation with stakeholders. A proposal for a revision should be presented for consultation to the BFUG by 2017.

The Advisory Group should give consideration to issues such as the following:

- Ensuring it reflects the recent developments in higher education;
- Taking account of the revision of the ECTS Users' Guide;
- Reflecting on the digitalization of the Diploma Supplement;
- Basing it more closely on Learning Outcomes, increasing its usefulness in recognition procedures;
- Ensuring coherence between a review of the Diploma Supplement and the possible development of a "Doctoral Supplement" within the European Research Area;
- Ensuring close cooperation with the Lisbon Recognition Convention Committee, the European Commission, the Council of Europe and UNESCO;

Following up on the adoption of the same revised version of the Diploma Supplement within the framework of the Lisbon Recognition Convention as well as that of the European Union (Europass) and taking account of relevant developments in other parts of the world.

Specific tasks (from Terms of Reference)

- to develop a proposal for a revised version of the Diploma Supplement;
- to consult with external stakeholders;
- to inform the Working group on fostering implementation of agreed key commitments on its progress;
- to present to the BFUG a finalised draft for consultation by its members;
- for the Council of Europe, European Commission and UNESCO to report back to the BFUG on the adopted version of the revised Diploma Supplement;
- to disseminate the adopted version of the revised DS and to promote its use.

Annex2

Calendar

a) Overview of meetings of AG4

Nr.	Date	Place
1	22/01/2016	Bucharest
2	25/05/2016	Berlin
3	23/06/2016	Tirana
4	27-28/10/2017	Vienna
5	27/03/2017	Brussels
6	14-15/09/2017	Tirana

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

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