

WORK PROGRESS OF WORKING GROUP 1 "MONITORING"

as of May 2017

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

- *To analyse the implementation report 2015 with a view to optimize and further improve the methodology; – completed*
- *To analyse the experience in data collection and processing in the 2012-2015 period with a view to optimize and further improve the methodology resulting in improved coherence and integration of the data; – completed*
- *To report on the key issues in the Yerevan Communiqué and to identify the way in which they should be addressed (quantifiable indicators or qualitative analysis); - completed. The new issues emerging from the Yerevan communiqué have been identified and are included in the reporting. A number of new indicators have been developed in addition to updates of existing indicators.*
- *To integrate the fundamental values of the EHEA in the reporting; – completed. The issues of academic freedom and institutional autonomy have been defined as the main areas for the reporting on fundamental values, and a series of questions on these issues have been included in Questionnaire II. Data from other sources such as the Council of Europe Recommendation on Public Responsibility for Higher Education, the EUA Autonomy Scoreboard, ESU data on student participation and other relevant sources will also be included in the report.*
- *To specify the indicators to measure progress in the 2015-2018 period and data required with the agreement of the BFUG; – The draft structure of the 2018 report, including the indicators, was presented to and agreed upon by the BFUG in Bratislava in December.*
- *To define the survey questionnaire which should be based on a refined 2012-2015 questionnaire; – completed.*
- *To allow collecting of information from the Bologna countries; – completed*

The data collection has been split into two parts, and is going ahead as planned. The first questionnaire, a prefilled excel-questionnaire focusing on the exiting indicators and based on the data for the 2015 report was sent out in February. The deadline for this questionnaire was 21 April. A second online-questionnaire covering the new thematic indicators from the Yerevan communiqué and the indicators within the established themes requiring new information was sent out at the end of March. The deadline for this questionnaire is 9 June.

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

- *To specify the indicators to measure progress in the 2015-2018 period and data required with the agreement of the BFUG – A first discussion on the new and updated indicators was held in the WG at the meeting in Riga in April. The final indicators will be presented to and agreed upon with the BFUG.*
- *To assist Eurydice in their drafting of the overall report for approval by the BFUG in advance of the 2018 Ministerial Conference. – The WG will assist Eurydice in their drafting of the overall report once the data collection is completed and the data collectors have started analysing the data. For the autumn BFUG a very first draft of the report focusing on the key issues will be available, but this will be a very first draft only and not a completed and "polished" report.*

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

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**Proposed input for
a) the 2018 Ministerial conference and**

- *To prepare an overall report on the implementation of the Bologna Process for 2018, integrating data collected by EUROSTAT, EUROSTUDENT and Eurydice. - The Implementation report will be ready for the ministerial meeting in 2018.*

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

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

Annex 1

Purpose and/or outcome (from Terms of Reference)

- To continue to provide reliable, comparable data and to take stock of progress towards realising the European Higher Education Area;
- to make further progress in the construction of a structured and standardised monitoring system consisting of indicators and qualitative analysis;
- To allow for comparisons to be made between countries and to allow for monitoring implementation and other changes over time within countries as well as between countries;
- To prepare for 2018 an overall report on the implementation of the Bologna Process and on the fundamental values of the EHEA, integrating data collected by EUROSTAT, EUROSTUDENT and Eurydice.

The report 2015-2018 will constitute a strong evidence base on the progress of implementation for the period 2018-2020.

Specific tasks (from Terms of Reference)

- To analyse the implementation report 2015 with a view to optimize and further improve the methodology;
- To analyse the experience in data collection and processing in the 2012-2015 period with a view to optimize and further improve the methodology resulting in improved coherence and integration of the data;
- To report on the key issues in the Yerevan Communiqué and to identify the way in which they should be addressed (quantifiable indicators or qualitative analysis);
- To integrate the fundamental values of the EHEA in the reporting;
- To specify the indicators to measure progress in the 2015-2018 period and data required with the agreement of the BFUG;
- To define the survey questionnaire which should be based on a refined 2012-2015 questionnaire;
- To allow collecting of information from the Bologna countries;
- To assist Eurydice in their drafting of the overall report for approval by the BFUG in advance of the 2018 Ministerial Conference;
- To prepare an overall report on the implementation of the Bologna Process for 2018, integrating data collected by EUROSTAT, EUROSTUDENT and Eurydice as well as ESU and EUA.

Annex 2

Calendar

a) Overview of meetings of

Nr.	Date	Place
1.	16.02.2016	Oslo
2.	13.09.2016	Berlin
3.	26.04.2017	Riga

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

The draft proposal of the 2018 Implementation report was circulated to the BFUG members for comments and the working group discussed the ways how they should be taken into account. The key points that the new structure attempts to address are:

1. Ensure that the priorities of the Yerevan Communiqué are well addressed;
2. Maintain coherence with previous reports so that progress and developments can be tracked;
3. Add new sources of information to enrich the reporting where appropriate;
4. Ensure that the overall length of the report does not exceed the 2015 edition – by shortening or removing less relevant sections to make room for new issues;
5. Add country sheets in an appendix to provide a picture of core implementation issues.