

## WORK PROGRESS OF ADVISORY GROUP 3 "DEALING WITH NON-IMPLEMENTATION"

as of May 2017

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

- Key commitments concerning the non-implementation have been identified by AG3 and adopted by the BFUG in Amsterdam 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> March 2016.
- A model for a cyclic procedure and responsible body has been presented to the BFUG in Bratislava 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> December 2016; feedbacks were taken note of.

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

- The aim is to have a model of a cyclic procedure including indicators and a responsible body adopted by the BFUG.

### **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**

#### **b) the communiqué** (+/- 2,000 characters)<sup>1</sup>

The Ministers should adopt the procedure model including key commitments and indicators and should implement the responsible body as a permanent organ subordinated to the BFUG.

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<sup>1</sup> 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)

The Advisory group on Dealing with non-implementation is mandated to submit proposals for addressing the issue of non-implementation and incorrect implementation of key commitments (how to implement them best by respecting and reflecting the EHEA instruments and the EHEA culture).

### **Specific tasks** (from Terms of Reference)

- To develop an approach of dealing with non-implementation or incorrect implementation of the main principles and tools of the EHEA by respecting and reflecting the EHEA instruments and the EHEA culture;
- To identify key commitments concerning the non-implementation;
- To submit proposals to the BFUG for addressing the issue of non-implementation of key commitments (e.g. through peer learning, policy advice, assistance, action plans, minimum standards);
- To keep the Working Group on "Implementation – fostering implementation of agreed key commitments" informed and together put the above mentioned proposals into practice (in order to provide targeted support to member countries experiencing difficulties in implementing the agreed goals).

## Annex 2

### **Calendar**

#### a) Overview of meetings of AG3 "Dealing with Non-Implementation"

<b>Nr.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>
1	14 January 2015	Brussels (Belgium)
2	12 September 2016	Reykjavik (Iceland)
3	19 January 2017	Zürich (Switzerland)
4	7 June 2017	Strasbourg (France)

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

##### Working paper I and II, Amsterdam March 2016

Three key commitments (a three-cycle system (compatible with the QF-EHEA and scaled by ECTS); compliance with the Lisbon Recognition Convention; quality assurance that conforms to the European Standards and Guidelines) have been defined. Based on data from the Implementation Report, all countries will be looked at equally, as all are facing challenges.

Working paper I and II have been approved with a few remarks on necessary revision. Due to the BFUG's request, another proposal had been put forward to the next meeting.

##### Working paper III, Bratislava, December 2016

As agreed upon in the BFUG meeting in Amsterdam in March 2016, a cyclic procedure (an eight-step repeating process) has been proposed. This model would be aiming at improvement of the implementation of the three key commitments and work by a combination of peer-review and data analysis of public reporting.

Most delegations were in favour of the model, although concerns had been expressed by two countries. The BFUG asked AG3 to improve the proposal and present an updated version for the meeting in Malta. The revision should elaborate the details of the way in which the model might work in practise, and include proposing positive and negative incentives for countries.

AG3 provided a revised version of the paper with a new preamble, clear steps and improved wording together with sample letters for the Gozo BFUG meeting.