

WORK PROGRESS OF ADVISORY GROUP 2 "SUPPORT FOR THE BELARUS ROADMAP"

as of May 2017

Chairs: Frank Petrikowski (Germany), Friedrich Bechina (Holy See)

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

The roadmap adopted during the Erevan Conference in 2015 is the basis used for the work of the advisory group. Progress made concerning the different issues of the roadmap is examined by the members of the group. Political meetings between Belarusian Parliamentarians and the German-Belarus parliamentarian group have been organised; peer-learning activities, seminars, and conferences on different areas have been organised with European and Belarusian stakeholders, HEIs, rectors, etc. Furthermore the members of the group meet regularly external independent stakeholders.

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

The report of the chairs will be drafted and discussed by the members of the group.

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)¹

Peer support needs substantial time, staff and money. It would be important to establish such an offer systematically and not by some member countries only.

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 Support for the Belarus roadmap is mandated to follow up on the implementation of the Belarus roadmap and report on the progress made for the 2018 ministerial conference.

Specific tasks (from Terms of Reference)

- To follow up on the Belarus roadmap together with the Belarusian authorities;
- To review a timetable for implementing the higher education reforms, building on the milestones set out in the Belarus roadmap;
- To assist the Belarusian authorities in implementing the roadmap and in developing specific policy areas;
- To assist in peer-learning activities and to facilitate cooperation;
- To report to the BFUG on the state of play of implementation of the roadmap before the beginning of 2018.

Annex2

Calendar

a) Overview of meetings of AG2

Nr.	Date	Place
1	19/01/2016	Chisinau
2	2-3/06/2016	Minsk
3	4-5/10/2017	Rome
4	23-25/01/2017	Berlin
5	18/05/2017	Minsk

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

The roadmap and milestones within is reviewed during each meeting and progress made is identified. Many issues of the roadmap remain to be fulfilled. The main outline of the draft report will be also presented to the BFUG in the coming meetings.