

Work dealing with the feasibility to improve information on study programs in the EHEA

BFUG WG on Mobility and Internationalization

During the 2nd meeting of the WG on Mobility and Internationalization WG M&I, held in Berlin on 15-16 April 2013, it was agreed to establish, within the WG, an informal sub-group/task force to focus on possible guidelines to improve information on study programs in the EHEA, considering the creation of a common template with core information and make a draft proposal – to be discussed by the WG M&I- for further implementation of the proposed actions.

Following exchange of views between the voluntary members of the task force, namely EUA, EC, France, Italy, BE-fr and BE-fl and the discussion at the BFUG Board in Tbilisi on the need to stop the proliferation of new sub-groups and ad-hoc groups, it was agreed the following:

It would be convenient to provide guidance to countries and institutions on how to describe study programmes with a view to increase the mobility and attractiveness of the EHEA, especially for non-EHEA students. This work should be done considering existing tools at European (EUA Master Study, ECTS User's Guide) and national levels as well as on the existing European and national study portals. The ambition of the work to be done is clearly limited for the associated costs.

Outcome

The main outcome of the work to be done would be to provide guidance to harmonise description of study programmes at national level. This guidance could remain optional to be adopted and implemented by national organisms promoting higher education and by institutions.

Tasks

- Examine the existing templates to describe courses at European and national level. Links with ACA can be helpful for this.
- Analysis and synthesis of the information to check the feasibility to propose either harmonization guidance or even a common template. The result should be approved by the WG and by the stakeholder organisations, i.e. national agencies and HEI.
- Promotion of the outcome at national level with agencies and ministries in charge of the information provided by study programmes.