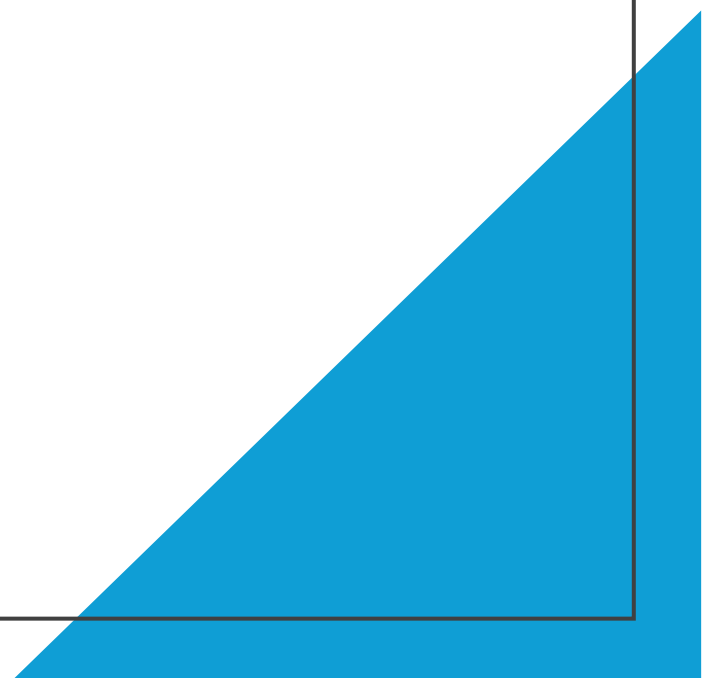


# Task Force for Establishing a Long-Term Secretariat

BFUG, Cyprus 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> March 2026



# BFUG Nicosia

## Long-term Secretariat

- Decision on whether or not to establish LTS (Go – no go decision) including financing

## Hosting arrangement

- Decision on a hosting country

## Outline of this session:

1. Report of the TF and presentation of the proposal of the LTS, regarding the go-no-go decision (8 min)
2. Presentation of the hosts (5 min each)
3. Q&A on the go-no-go decision & the hosting arrangement (15 min)
4. Vote on the go-no-go decision and membership fees, combining cast and collection of two ballots at once
5. Two counts of ballots
  1. Go-no-go vote
  2. Hosting opinion poll
6. (If time allows): discussions and suggestions for further work on LTS

# TF Meetings and topics of discussion:

- 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025:
  - Initial discussion on outcome of BFUG in Copenhagen: details on budget, fees, sustainability, contract for HoS, governance.
  - Request for additional information from candidates (23<sup>rd</sup> December; all responded by January 14<sup>th</sup> 2026)
- 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026
  - Discussion of additional information from candidates
    - No obstacle for establishment governance in DE or RO
    - Time limits for establishment feasible in all three candidate countries
    - CZ discussions continue on governance, financial independence and questions on the possibility of transfers of national public funds to DZS
- 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026
  - Preparation of report, Board and BFUG
  - Discussion of the possible implementation of the CZ proposal regarding governance and financial transfers. CZ to come back with a proposal.
- 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026: Germany withdraws their application to host
- 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026:
  - Reflections on the BFUG Board, discussions of proposals and preparation of report



# Copenhagen , December 2025

- BFUG concluded that the LTS is feasible, not only legally, from the point of organization and governance, but also financially, provided the readiness of the BFUG members to share the costs.
- The BFUG needs to formally decide on whether or not it should establish a LTS in view of its feasibility, sustainability and the services it would provide for the EHEA, in line with the process spelled out in the Tirana Communiqué.

# Information provided by the TF to the BFUG

- Overview of the BFUGs work on LTS hitherto
- Applications and additional information from potential hosts
- Online information session
- Opportunities for questions and discussions during previous BFUG
- Open access for BFUG members to ask questions via email
- Differentiated (banded) fee model, with potential fees for each band, as requested by the BFUG Board (Oslo, February 2026)

# Indicative annual contributions per country

	Members per group	Membership fee	Fee per group
Group 1	11	€ 21 965	€ 241 615
Group 2	8	€ 16 474	€ 131 792
Group 3	16	€ 10 983	€ 175 728
Group 4	12	€ 5 492	€ 65 904
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>		<b>€ 615 039</b>

# Proposed procedure

- Short presentations from proposed hosting countries
- Two secret ballots, conducted simultaneously but counted separately:
  - Ballot 1: Go-no-go on establishing secretariat. 2/3 Majority needed.
    - GO vote indicates participation in collective financing.
  - Ballot 2: (only counted if GO) Hosting country. Simple majority needed
- Votes are limited to the members of the EHEA.
- Each member has two votes
- No vote in absence (by proxy)

An internal structure within the Czech National Agency for Internationalisation and Research (DZS), without establishing a separate legal entity for the LTS.

Each BFUG member should join a consortium agreement governed by Czech public law. Agreement resembles an association yet not considered a private law agreement or an association as such.



Presentation CZ:

A non-profit association with a separate legal entity and own budget.

BFUG members should join the association as members, thus being represented in its General Assembly, and pay membership fees to the association.

Presentation RO:

Opportunity for  
last outstanding  
questions



Ballots

