

Updates on the organisation of the Ministerial Conference and Global Policy Forum

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Background

The 2027 Ministerial Conference and Global Policy Forum is organised by the Ministries of Education and Research of the Republic of Moldova and Romania, with the support of the EHEA Secretariat. The organisation of the conference and forum is supported also through Erasmus+ Programme funds, within the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and National Academic Recognition Information Centres (NARIC) (ERASMUS-EDU-2024-EHEA-NARIC) call, through the following projects:

- Support for the 2024-2027 Moldovan-Romanian EHEA Secretariat: *Delivering together for a renewed Bologna Process* (EHEA-SEC-4-BP)
- Support for the Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue (GLOBAL 2030)

At the XCV Bologna Follow-Up Group (BFUG) meeting, hosted by Poland in Warsaw, between 24th-25th of February 2025, there were **approved the date** for the ministerial conference, as well as the **roadmap** for the organisation of the conference:

- BFUG XCVII meeting (15 – 16 December 2025, Denmark): Discuss the **save-the-dates text** and the proposed **list** of invited countries and organisations from outside EHEA
- BFUG XCIX meeting (9 – 10 March 2026, Cyprus): Discuss the **invitation** and the draft **agenda** (only with timings)
- BFUG CI meeting (November 2026, Ireland): Discuss the **Practical Information Note** and the **draft agenda**
- BFUG CIII meeting (early Spring 2027, Lithuania): Discuss the **final agenda**

Save the date

At the XCVII BFUG meeting, hosted by Denmark in Copenhagen, between 15th and 16th of December, the BFUG approved the **Save the date** announcement and the **invitees list from non-EHEA**, including Papua New Guinea and East Timor, proposed by Poland.

Sending the Save the date announcement is in progress. Delegations are encouraged to confirm receiving the message, and, for non-EHEA invitees, to already express their interest in participating.

Invitation and draft agenda

The **invitation** is annexed to this document. It also includes the next steps, so that those invited would know what to expect in terms of further information. The proposed size of the delegations is **6 members for EHEA** members, consultative members and BFUG partners, and **4 members for non-EHEA** countries and organisations.

The **draft agenda** describes how the Ministerial Conference and Global Policy Forum works are distributed on the two days of the conference, as well as dinners, cultural events and the social program.

After the XCIX BFUG meeting in Cyprus, the EHEA Secretariat will send the invitation to the EHEA members, consultative members and partners. For the non-EHEA members, the Moldovan and Romanian authorities will send the invitations through diplomatic channels, via the embassies, for the countries included in the list.

The BFUG Board members are invited to discuss the invitation text and the draft agenda of the 2027 Ministerial Conference and Global Policy Forum.