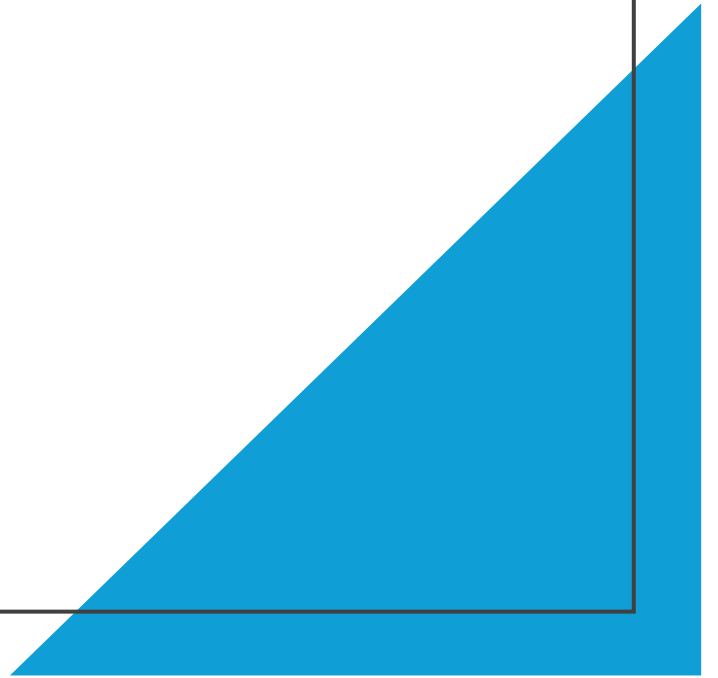




## Task Force for Establishing a Long-Term Secretariat

BFUG Board, Oslo, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026

# Update on the work since Copenhagen



# 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

# Open issues: Governance

To be presented in Nicosia, Finalised autumn 2026

- Association - General assembly:
  - Aligned with BFUG
  - Non-paying members excluded from voting on GA issues.
  - Non paying members status in GA: no status or observers/associates
- Association - Executive board – more complex
  - BFUG Board – frequent turnover
  - Subset of Board, but most long-term members do not have member status
  - Subset of Board with additional BFUG members
  - Separate Board with members appointed by BFUG with specific tasks

# Open issues: Financing

- Fee levels:
  - Two models to be presented (fixed fee or banded fee)
  - Decision in Nicosia
- Non-payments
  - Delayed payments if non-payment is temporary due to well-established reasons
  - Commitment to establish LTS by BFUG and eventually Ministers is implemented through financial contributions

# Open issues: CZ proposal

- Governance:
  - No legal form established, needs agreement between BFUG and DZS
- Finances
  - Legal basis of fee needs to be defined
  - BFUG is not a legal entity: Contracts with each member or a consortium agreement?
  - Do all members have a legal basis for transferring financial contributions to DZS?
  - Currently being clarified in collaboration with CZ colleagues and information shared before the Nicosia BFUG

# Plans for BFUG

## BFUG Nicosia 9-10 March

### Long-term Secretariat

- Decision on whether or not to establish it (Go – no go decision)

### Hosting arrangement

- Decision on a hosting country

**1 hour time slot**

### Decisions on the establishment of the LTS, and the hosting arrangement

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