

# Review of the ECTS Users' Guide

BFUG Board, 5 February 2026



# Changes/issues addressed since the BFUG

- Use of ECTS outside higher education
  - Clarified voluntary/optional nature
  - Emphasised the need for QA to underpin awarding of credits
  - Level accompanying credit is key for transparency
  - Clarified recognition between levels – possible, but always in recognising institution's autonomy
  - Clarified that only formally recognised providers may award credits – applies to any level
- ECTS credits for non-formal and informal learning
  - Clarified that formal education providers award credits after validation – not non-formal providers themselves

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- Standard format for grading scheme description
  - Creates transparency and allows understanding of different grading schemes
  - Standardised description, included or attached to Transcript of Records
  - Describes each local grade
  - Maps local grade to ECTS reference grade (A-E or F)
  - Includes grade distribution information
- Grade conversion
  - Clarified that conversion should be performed only if necessary
  - Two routes: grade distribution (= ECTS 2015 approach) or via reference grade (if distribution not available)
  - All guidance gathered in Annex 2

# Timeline: Next Steps

When	What	
Week of 2 February 2026	Draft 3	uploaded and emailed to BFUG
5 February 2026	BFUG Board	update on process
<b>5-20 February 2026</b>	<b>Comments in writing</b>	<b>based on draft 3</b>
2 March 2026	Draft 3.1 (if needed)	uploaded and emailed to BFUG
<b>9/10 March 2026</b>	<b>BFUG</b>	<b>discuss and endorse final draft</b>
<i>Before ministerial</i>	<i>Technical corrections: links, definitions imported from other documents</i>	
Q2 2027	Iași-Chișinău Ministerial Conference	

Thank you!