

Update note

2027 Iași – Chișinău Communiqué Drafting Committee

According to article IV of the Bologna Follow-Up Group Rules of Procedure, *the Drafting Committee starts its work during the first semester of the year preceding the Ministerial Conference and the Global Policy Forum. It is composed of the Co-Chairs of the three semesters before the Ministerial Conference, the Vice Chair, and one consultative member who is proposed by the consultative members and subject to the approval of the BFUG.*

Consequently, the Drafting Committee (DC) for the 2027 Ministerial Communiqué should be established and start its work in January 2026.

The composition of the 2027 Ministerial Communiqué Drafting Committee stands as follows:

Nr.	Country/Organisation	Role
1.	Cyprus	BFUG Co-chair 1st semester 2026
2.	Norway	BFUG Co-chair 1st semester 2026
3.	Ireland	BFUG Co-chair 2nd semester 2026
4.	Montenegro	BFUG Co-chair 2nd semester 2026
5.	Lithuania	BFUG Co-chair 1st semester 2027
6.	North Macedonia	BFUG Co-chair 1st semester 2027
7.	Romania	BFUG Vice-chair
8.	European Students' Union (ESU)	Proposal from the BFUG consultative members, pending BFUG's approval

The Rules of Procedure also stipulate provisions regarding the chairing arrangements for the Drafting Committee: *The BFUG may appoint the chair(s) or leave it to the Drafting Committee to decide on the chairing arrangements at its first meeting.*

From a historical perspective, the chair for the 2018 Paris and 2020 Rome Communiqués were the respective BFUG Vice-chairs (France and, respectively, Italy). For the 2024 Tirana Communiqué, the co-chairs (Albania – BFUG Vice Chair, Holy See – BFUG Co-chair during the semester of the Ministerial Conference, ESU – consultative member) were determined by the Drafting Committee at its first meeting.

Furthermore, the Rules of Procedure include a reference to the DC Roadmap, with the DC *submitting a roadmap for its work to the BFUG for approval*. This roadmap should be presented to and approved by the BFUG at the XCIX BFUG meeting in Cyprus (9th-10th of March 2026).

In this sense, the first DC meeting should take place before the XCVIII BFUG Board meeting in Norway (5th of February 2026). In order to organise this meeting, the **EHEA Secretariat kindly asks the members of the Drafting Committee to submit their representatives for the DC by the 7th of January 2026.**

Proposed actions for the BFUG:

- Agree on the consultative member representative in the Drafting Committee
- Invite the Drafting Committee to agree on the co-chairing arrangements or discuss the co-chairing arrangements
- Invite the Drafting Committee to present the roadmap at the XCIX BFUG meeting in Cyprus (9th – 10th of March 2026)