

Draft Terms of Reference for the Task Force on Future of Bologna, 2024-2027

Name of the working structure	Task Force on Future of Bologna
Work period	2024-2027
Co-chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belgium - Flemish Community: Liesbeth Hens • Germany: Lea Kröger/ Andrea Herdegen • Ireland: Orla Lynch/ Stephanie • Ukraine: Maryna Mruga
Composition	To be included later based on the final membership lists
Reference to the Tirana Communiqué	<i>'We also ask the BFUG to submit to us in 2027 proposals for the main priorities for the next decade, in close cooperation with higher education institutions, staff and students.'</i>
Main goals	<p>To take up the mandate of the Tirana communique to:</p> <p>Future-proof the work of BFUG and in so doing improve the attractiveness and relevance of the EHEA, through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - identifying the main priorities for the next decade, in close cooperation with higher education institutions, staff and students, in response to ongoing change, due to societal, economic, geopolitical, environmental and technological developments; - exploring new methodologies and ways of working for BFUG; - Improve the potential for the success and impact of the Bologna process
Outcomes	<p>Advice on the priorities and methodologies for BFUG up to 2040</p> <p>Opening up and testing new methodologies in the EHEA</p> <p>Lay the ground for future-proofing the BFUG and the Bologna process by fostering debate and dialogue on priorities</p>
Specific tasks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Summarise the outcomes of previous efforts successes and challenges 2. To pilot new working methods at the BFUG meetings, using emerging topics mentioned in the Tirana Communiqué: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LLL – shorter programmes etc.; • AI and digitalisation; • intensifying the international connectedness of higher education in a deglobalizing world; • climate change. <p>Agree a schedule to bring these themes into successive BFUG</p>

	<p>meetings for dialogue (1 theme per meeting).</p> <p>Engage the Board and other groups to test and strengthen the evidence base for the priorities and the methodologies. This could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a survey of groups and members of priority areas and good methodological practices; ○ providing a briefing paper on future priorities for use and feedback; ○ explore new ways of working in the BFUG that can enable the process to be more responsive and more evenly implemented; ○ offering future-friendly practices/work methodologies for the Board and groups to test; ○ engage experts/speakers on the cross-cutting themes who can engage with and provide insights to the BFUG and, potentially, the other working groups.
Meetings	TBC with wider group, but the expectations are one or two meetings per semester, one prior to the BFUG meeting and one after the BFUG meeting.
Liaison with other working structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Surveys working with co-chairs and the Board to bring priority themes and new methodologies into their work programmes and to feedback on how effective they are; - Liaison with the TF long term secretariat on working methods, task division, etc.
Contribution to enhancing mobility	
Correlation with initiatives outside the Bologna Process	
Reporting	We ask for a working session on all BFUG meetings in the working period.
Dissemination and enhancing knowledge sharing	
Tackling transversal topics	Fundamental values