

Updates from the NewFAV2 project

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BFUG, WG on Fundamental Values and the NewFAV2 Project

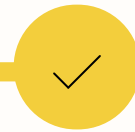
The ERASMUS+ NewFAV2 project was funded to support the work of the WG on Fundamental Values on monitoring and promoting fundamental values, similar to projects of other working structures or the previous project on FV.

The project is led by the Co-chairs of the WG on Fundamental Values

The work is carried out in constant consultation with the WG on FV members.

All key strategic choices (e.g. NO selection, liaising with public authorities) are done in close contact with BFUG





The project team is responsible for:

- Implementing the data collection process (Limesurveys, desk research, training and coordination of NOs), data cleaning, clarifications, data analysis with coordination from WG on FV at each step
- Drafting the report based on data collection
- Providing a final version of the report based on the feedback received.

Completed steps

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National operators

- Contacting NOs (ongoing with the confirmed NOs)
- Contacting BFUG representatives for alternatives (as needed if proposed NOs refuse)
- Contracting of the NOs within the project
- Training of the National Operators:
 - Asynchronous pre-recorded training materials prepared by the team and shared with the NOs on the 2nd of February
 - First online Q&A session conducted on 12th of February
 - NOs participated in mock pre-filling of the survey on 12-16 of February
 - Second online Q&A session conducted on 17th of February

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Limesurvey

- Preparing templates for all questionnaires: public authorities, stakeholders, open platform
- Testing the functionality of the questionnaires in the project team and with NOs (through mock activity)



Role of NOs

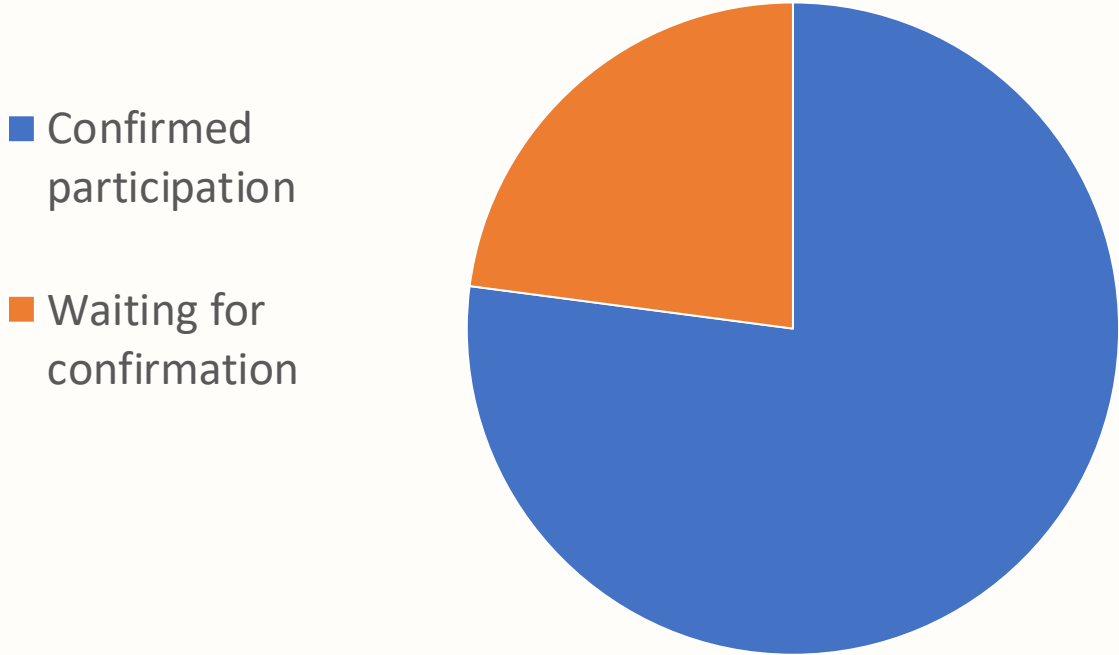
- Pre-fill the de jure section (excluding the outlook section) of the questionnaire using existing data sources (e.g., Eurydice reports, EUA Autonomy Scorecard, ESU reports, Scholars at Risk, databases, press reports).
- Respondents (public authorities/stakeholders) must verify, amend, or complete the pre-filled data but may opt for a blank questionnaire if preferred.
- Cross-check information for each indicator and clarify factual contradictions.
- For the "de facto monitoring," gather information from external reports, databases, and media, then cross-check against respondent inputs.
- Their objective is to ensure accuracy and neutrality
- National operators do not interpret information; they focus solely on rigorous collection, verification, and cross-checking.
- Fact-check that evidence aligns with answers without adding subjective analysis.

Selection of National Operators

- National Operators (NOs) selected for the NewFAV2 project to support EHEA-wide monitoring of fundamental values.
- National Operators were proposed by the project team to be selected in coordination with BFUG members as requested in the last BFUG meeting.
- The consultation process began with the FV WG members.
- **Selection:**
 - National Operators were identified based on previous work with project team members and desk research.
 - National Operator profile provided the criteria for selection.
 - Where WG FV or BFUG members expressed opposition, National Operators were replaced with other recommended experts.
 - Where National Operators refused to participate or were not available, a new round of suggestions was discussed with BFUG



Status of the NO recruitment – as of 19th of February



Confirmed participation	37
Waiting for confirmation	11

Training of National Operators

- During February 2026 NOs received a link for a folder with asynchronous pre-recorded sessions and met for two Q&A sessions with the project team. Goal: Build capacity for accurate, consistent implementation across EHEA systems
- Pre-recorded sessions covered the following topics:
 - Introduction of the training and the project by the NewFAV2 team
 - Understanding of the fundamental values, their role and definitions
 - Understanding the monitoring framework and indicators
 - Using the LimeSurvey instrument (pre-filling, interpreting responses)
 - Approaching de facto questions and interpreting data from the open platform responses of academic community
- During two online sessions NOs had a chance to discuss the most pressing questions, procedural or related to questionnaire
- Mock activity – a selection of questions of different types from the actual survey. Purpose – experience the platform + the format





Questions were divided into 3 questionnaires

A. For public authorities

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A survey with 49 questions

- The "**de jure**" as part of the WG on Fundamental Values monitoring process (complementary to the BPIR process, with BPIR questions excluded from this exercise)
- will support FV Monitoring Report 2027

B. For stakeholders

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A survey with 137 questions

- Addressed to national stakeholders: includes ALL "**de jure**" questions (pre-filled by NO) and "**de facto**" questions
- will support FV Monitoring Report 2027

C. For academic community

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A survey with 38 questions

- Only "**de facto**" questions, no pre-filling
- will support FV Monitoring Report 2027

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An optional survey with 38 questions

- The "**de facto**" as part of WG on Fundamental Values monitoring process
- will support FV Monitoring Report 2027

Academic freedom

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Q1.3. If the concept of academic freedom mentioned is defined in different legal instruments in the respective system, are these definitions consistent?

Select all that apply

- Yes, they are fully or mostly consistent.
- No, there is a contradiction between constitution and laws.

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Q1.5.2. To what groups do these protections apply?

Select all that apply

- Tenured staff (permanent contract)
- Non-tenured staff (fixed term contract)
- Students
- Unspecified in the legislation



Next Steps

FV monitoring (February – June 2026)

- Prefilling surveys by the NOs – by 6th of March (with flexibility for NOs joining the training process later)
- Sending the survey to public authorities – by 9th of March
- Public authorities will have time to validate / change the content – by 30th of March
- Together with NOs identifying **national stakeholders**:
 - ESU members for student unions OR local student unions (if any)
 - EUA / EURASHE members for national rectors conferences representatives OR local equivalent organisations (if any)
 - EI/ETUCE – for trade unions OR local trade unions (if any)
- Sending the survey to national stakeholders – by 9th of March
- Opening the online platform for input from academic communities – 9-12 March
- Coordinating data collection by NOs, regular checking in, advising in choosing national stakeholders (if required), organising a training for preparing the final contribution – April

Next Steps

Data processing (July - October 2026)



- Data analysis, data cleaning
- Contacting respondents for clarifications (if needed)

Report on FV (November 2026 - January 2027)



- Drafting the report
- Consultations (WG FV/BFUG)
- Integrating the feedback

BFUG consultation/validation (according the BFUG Work Plan)



- BFUG Meeting Lithuania (early spring 2027) - draft FV monitoring report
- BFUG Meeting Lithuania (late spring 2027) - final FV monitoring report

Q&A

Open for questions!

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Thank you!

