



The work of the Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue

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CG on GPD - Composition (2024-2026)



Co-chairs (3)

Italy, Republic of Moldova, UNESCO



Members (22 – 15 countries; 6 consultative members; EC)

Albania, Austria, Azerbaijan, EUA, Education International – ETUCE, ENQA, EURASHE, European Commission, ESU, France, Germany, Holy See, Italy, Kazakhstan, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Romania, Slovakia, UNESCO

Main Goals



Ensure dialogue and consolidate trust

Between EHEA and other macro-regions, countries, organisations



Identify themes to be addressed globally

Between regions, at intergovernmental level



Support mutual understanding on principles

Recognition, quality assurance, ethical international and academic cooperation



Fostering quality education for all

Contribute to achieving SDG 4.3

What have we done to date?



1st CG GPD meeting 30.01.2025 – online

17 participants from the Group's members countries

Discussion of the ToRs

First matching exercise: thematic areas and HE actors



2nd CG GPD meeting 21.02.2025 – online

17 participants from the Group's members countries

Interactive discussion on the topics to be addressed

Drafting of the list of HE actors to be involved



3rd CG GPD meeting 29-30.09.2025 – Bucharest

24 participants from the Group's members countries + external experts and online participants and speakers

Recognition and Quality assurance + digitalisation as cross-cutting topic

What have we done to date?



4th CG GPD meeting 17-18.02.2026 – Rome

20 participants from the Group's members countries + external experts and online participants/speakers

LLL from a global perspective + digitalisation as a transversal topic

Panel discussions, presentations and PLAs



5th CG GPD meeting 10.06.2026 – online

15 participants from the Group's members countries

Interactive discussion on the draft V1 of the GPS

Updates on the EHEA Ministerial Conference and the GPF in Iași–Chișinău



UPCOMING MEETING

6th CG GPD meeting 10-11.12.2026 – Paris

Focus on the right to education

Organised in conjunction with the UNESCO's Human Rights Day 2026

Meeting open to external experts and stakeholders

Global Policy Forum Statement Drafting committee



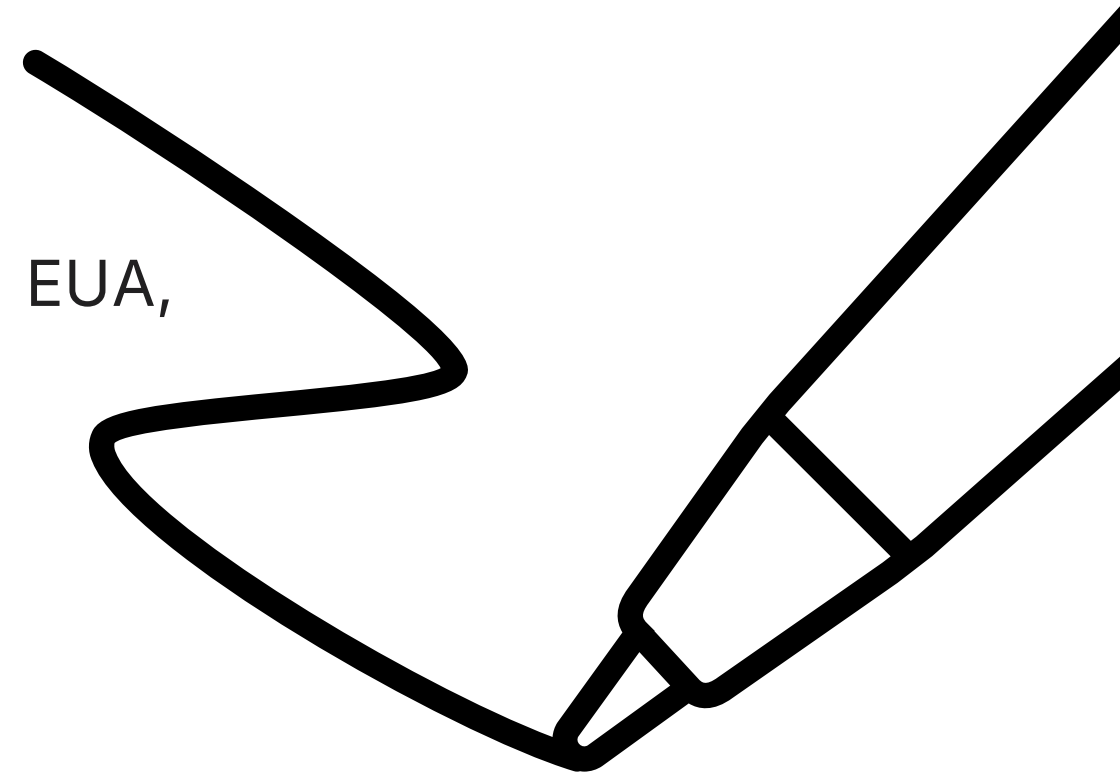
Drafting group: Italy, Republic of Moldova, UNESCO, EUA, Holy See, Malta, Norway, Romania



Meetings:

1. First meeting: 19 January 2026
2. Second meeting: 15 April 2026
3. Third meeting: 18 May 2026

Beginning of September 2026: last round of consultations of the draft V1 of the Global Policy Forum Statement with CG GPD members



Coordination Meetings with the Macro-regions

First meeting: 13 May 2026, online

Participants: Presidents of Regional Conventions; Representative from Associations of higher education institutions; Representatives from Regional Quality Assurance Frameworks; Representatives from Regional Higher Education Areas; GPFS drafting team's members; EHEA Secretariat; Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI) as coordinator of the GLOBAL 2030 project.

Objectives:

- Present and discuss two key documents:
 - the **Global Policy Forum Statement**
 - the **EHEA Roadmap for international cooperation to 2030 and beyond**



Coordination Meetings with the Macro-regions

Second meeting: 22 October 2026, online

Participants: representatives attending the first meeting in May 2026 and macro-regional stakeholders invited to the GPF in Iași-Chișinău

Objectives:

- Provide information on the organisation of the GPF and on the EHEA Iași-Chișinău Ministerial Conference (26 and 27 May 2027)
- Present and discuss two key documents:
 - the **Global Policy Forum Statement**
 - the **EHEA Roadmap for international cooperation to 2030 and beyond**



2027 Global Policy Forum Statement

Process & Structure



Shaped through sustained consultation

- **Drafting team** (Italy, Republic of Moldova, UNESCO, EUA, Holy See, Malta, Norway, Romania) – 3 meetings, Jan–May 2026
- **Macro-regional stakeholders** consulted at the May & October 2026 coordination meetings
- **CG GPD members** – final round of consultation on draft V1

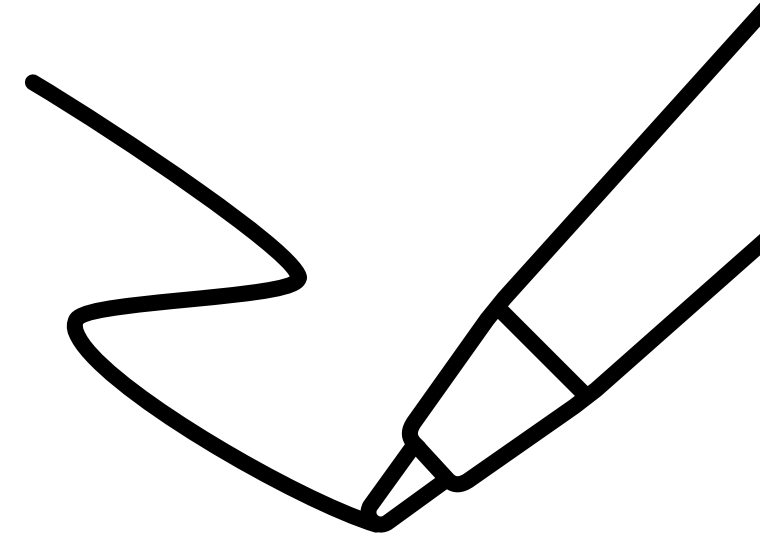


Structure

- Introduction – Vision – Actions – Outlook



Beginning of September 2026: last round of consultations of draft V1 completed with CG GPD members



2027 Global Policy Forum Statement

Introduction and vision



Sets the context and collaborative process policy dialogue & reaffirms the importance of inter-regional cooperation

- GPF as a platform for dialogue and GPS a common statement of future commitments



Envision higher education as an international space for cooperation

- Fostering critical thinking, innovation and the capacity to tackle complex societal, economic and environmental challenges



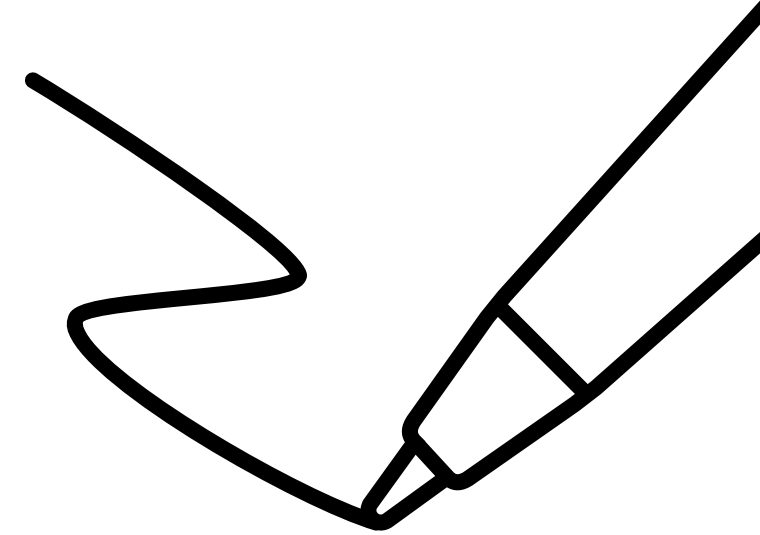
Ethical digital transformation & AI

- Human-centred, transparent use of AI in teaching, research and recognition of qualifications



Aligned with the global agenda

- Supports UN SDG 4: inclusive, equitable quality education and lifelong learning for all



2027 Global Policy Forum Statement

Three Key Commitments & Outlook



Quality, recognition & mobility

- Strengthen regional QA cooperation, Recognition Conventions and qualifications frameworks; foster inter-institutional research cooperation



Lifelong learning, inclusion & the right to education

- Flexible pathways and micro-credentials; remove barriers for refugees and displaced learners; safeguard HE continuity in crisis contexts

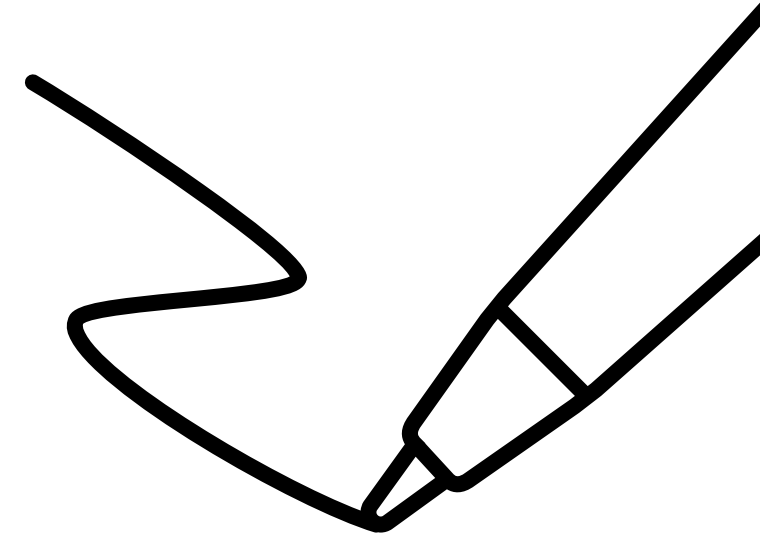


Ethics, digitalisation & AI

- Human-centred, ethical digital transformation; strengthen academic integrity and counter education fraud



Outlook: continued role of the CG GPD within the BFUG framework – deepened EHEA/non-EHEA cooperation via the Roadmap, the SDGs and the Recognition Conventions



EHEA Roadmap for International Cooperation to 2030 and beyond



Further strengthen global cooperation in higher education

- Identifies policy areas and future trajectories in a medium-long-term perspective
- Two decades after the 2007 external-dimension strategy for a changed global landscape



Built through consultative process

- Discussed in the meetings with the GPS drafting team and CG GPD members
- Presented and discussed at the May & October 2026 coordination meetings with macro-regional stakeholders

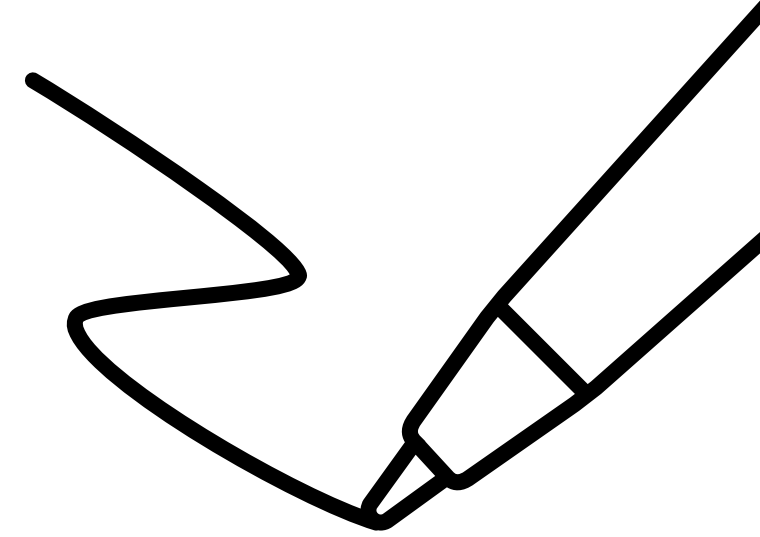


Structure in three parts

- Overview and aim of the document – Setting the scene – Defining joint vision and priorities



Draft 1: last round of consultations of draft V1 completed with CG GPD members



EHEA Roadmap for International Cooperation to 2030 and beyond

Six Policy Areas, Two Pillars



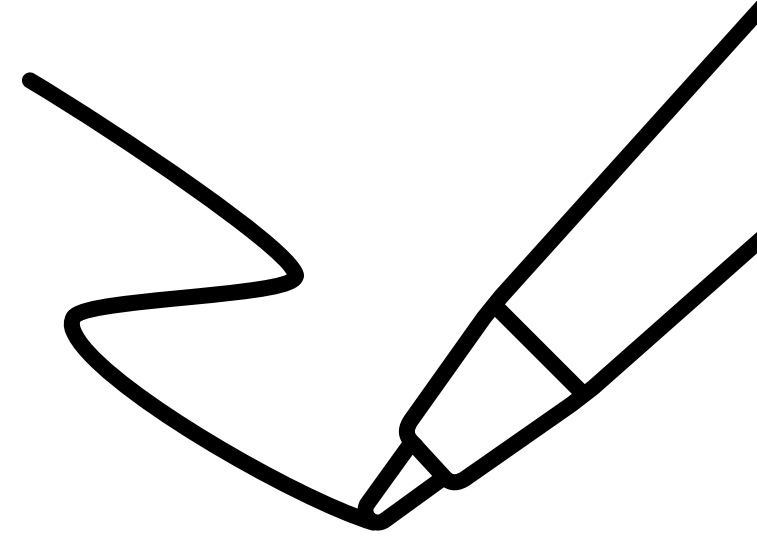
Co-creation & community-building

- 1 Models & mechanisms of cooperation
- 2 Trust, recognition & comparability
- 3 Lifelong learning & flexible pathways
- 4 Inclusion & sustainable social transformation

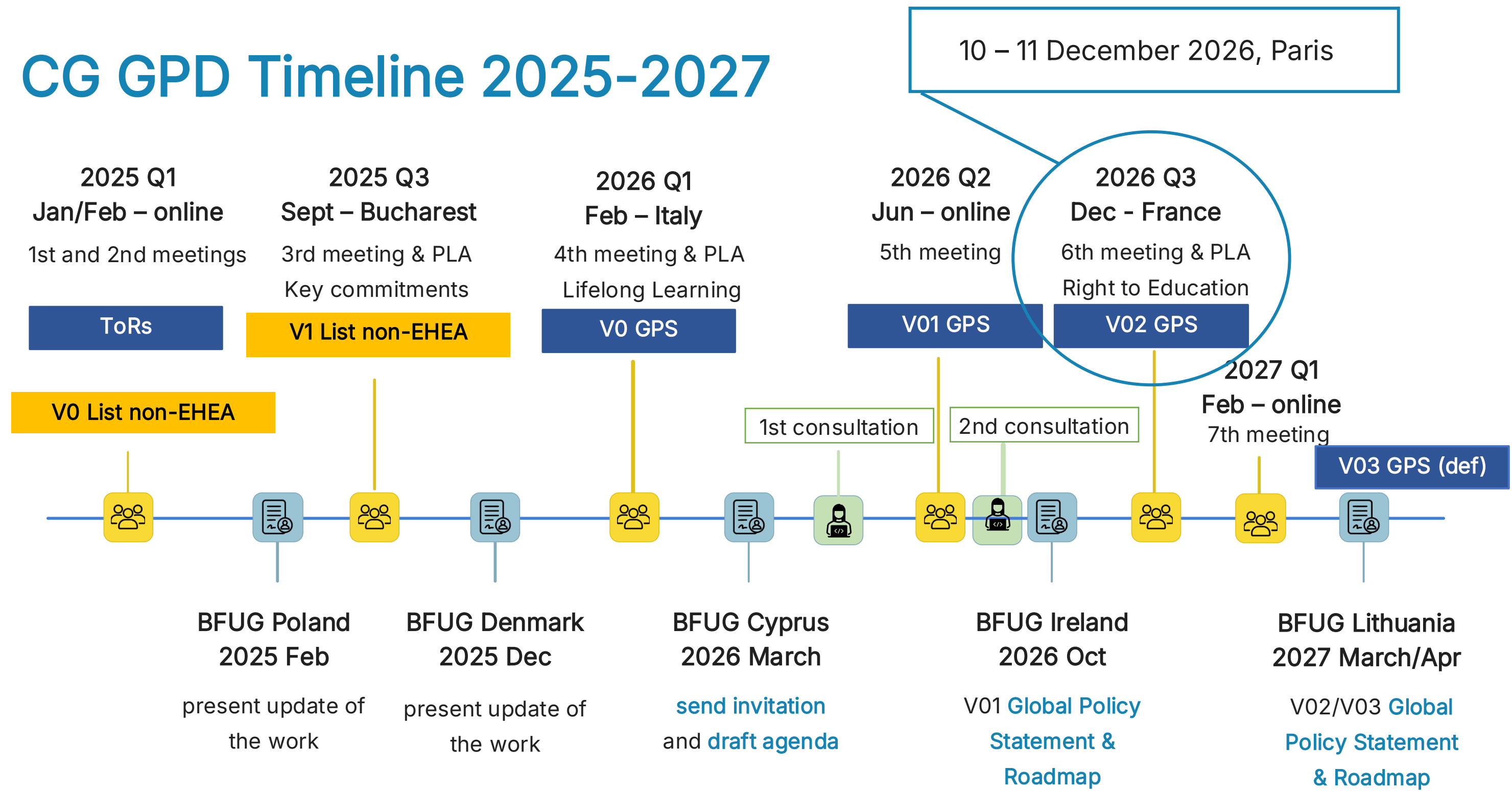


Human-centred solidarity & digital transformation

- 5 Ethical, equitable digital transformation
- 6 Academic transparency & integrity



CG GPD Timeline 2025-2027





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