Call for selecting the host of the 2030 EHEA Ministerial Conference and Global Policy Forum

The **Bologna Follow-Up Group** opens the **Call for hosting the EHEA Ministerial Conference and Global Policy Forum to be held in 2030**.

The 2030 Ministerial Conference will be the 14th Ministerial Conference of the European Higher Education Area and will follow the Iași-Chișinău Ministerial Conference, organised by Romania and the Republic of Moldova in May 2027.

Role and responsibilities of the country hosting the upcoming EHEA Ministerial Conference and Global Policy Forum

The host is expected to provide the necessary logistical and financial support to ensure the successful organisation of the events. The minimum logistical requirements include:

- Conference room fitting at least 80 ministerial delegations, with each delegation having at least 5 participants, equipped with all necessary facilities for a high-level ministerial meeting;
- Rooms for bilateral meetings and parallel sessions;
- Meals, local transport and social programme throughout the conference for all members of the ministerial delegations;
- Transport and accommodation for a selected number of keynote speakers;
- If desired, simultaneous interpretation for participants;

The country hosting the upcoming Ministerial Conference acts as a Vice-Chair of the Bologna Follow-Up Group. According to the EHEA Rules of Procedure, the Vice-Chair is a standing member of the BFUG Board and in particular ensures the liaison between the BFUG and the authorities of the hosting country of the Ministerial Conference and the Global Policy Forum, as well as continuity between BFUG Co-Chairmanships.

Pending the final approval by the ministers at the Iași-Chișinău Ministerial Conference, the host of the 2030 Ministerial Conference and Global Policy Forum would no longer host the rotating EHEA Secretariat, since the BFUG decided to move forward with establishing a long-term Secretariat in Bucharest (Romania). The host country would nevertheless be invited to second a staff member of the EHEA Secretariat, particularly for maintaining the liaison with the host country for the organisation of the ministerial conference in the proximity of the event.

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Procedure and calendar for the selection of the hosts

The EHEA members interested in hosting the 2030 Ministerial Conference and Global Policy Forum should send the application letter to the EHEA Secretariat (secretariat@ehea.info) no later than the 1st of February 2027.

An application can be submitted by one or more EHEA members. The application letter should be signed by the Minister(s) responsible for higher education of the respective EHEA member(s).

The EHEA Secretariat will forward the letters to the BFUG no later than two weeks before the CIII BFUG meeting to be held in Lithuania in February 2027.

Time frame	The election process
5th-6th of November 2026	BFUG adopts the Call for hosting the 2030 EHEA Ministerial Conference and Global Policy Forum;
1st of February 2027	Deadline for submitting applications to the EHEA Secretariat;
February 2027	Presentation of the applications at the CIII BFUG meeting in Lithuania
April 2027	Finalising the selection procedure at the CV BFUG meeting in Lithuania: • If only one application is received, through proclamation • If more applications are received, through voting in line with the EHEA Rules of Procedure
May 2027	The host(s) will be endorsed by the EHEA Ministers responsible for higher education at the 2027 Iași-Chișinău Ministerial Conference.

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