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

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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

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More info on the EHEA website

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

Meeting open to external experts and stakeholders

Recognition and Quality assurance + digitalisation as cross-cutting topic

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What have we done to date?

4th CG GPD meeting
17-18.02.2026 – Rome

16 participants from the Group's members countries

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

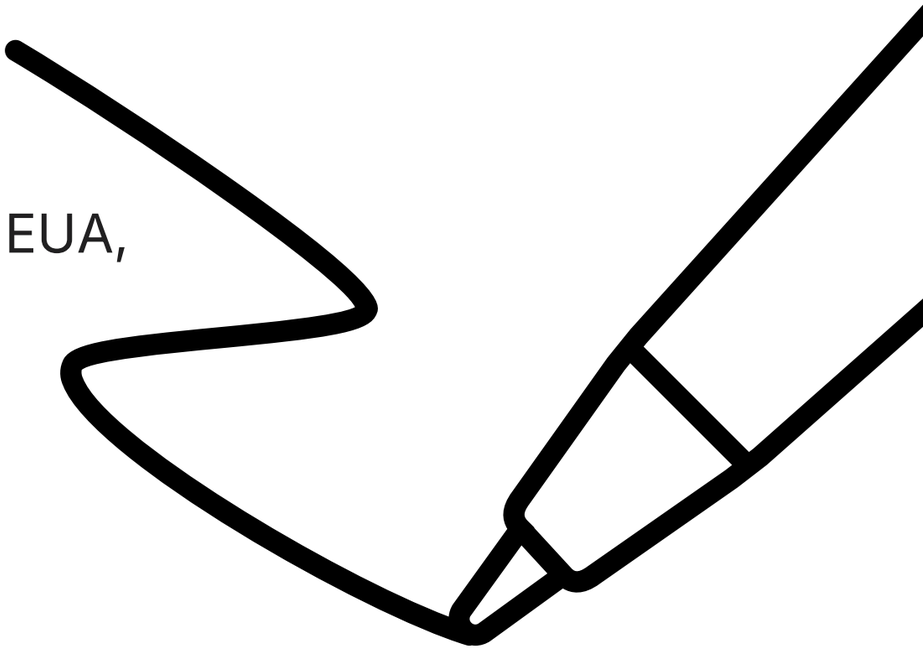
Organised in conjunction with the UNESCO's Human Rights Day 2026

Meeting open to external experts and stakeholders

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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

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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

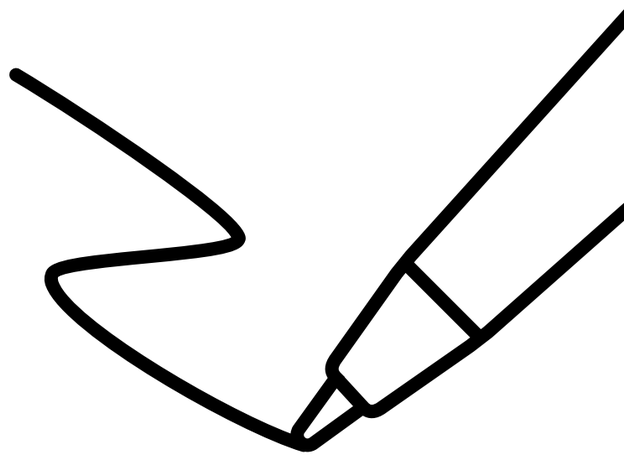
Objectives:

- 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

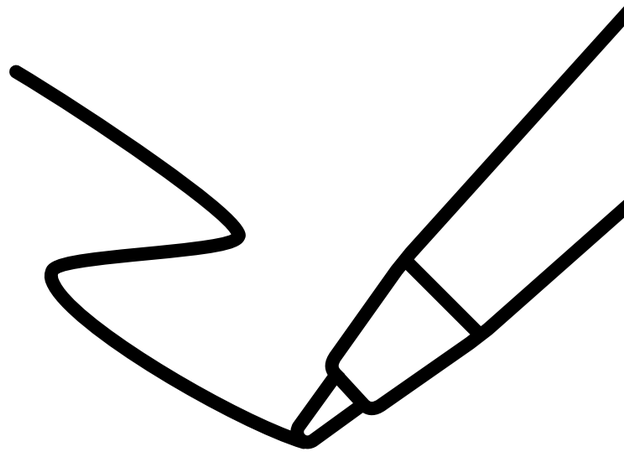
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2027 Global Policy Forum Statement

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

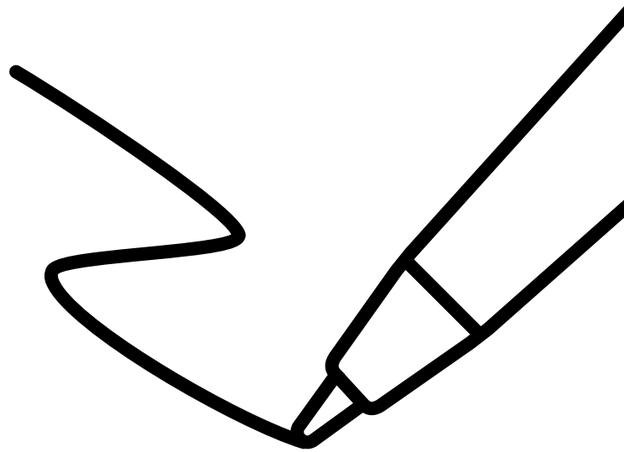
– Supports UN SDG 4: inclusive, equitable quality education and lifelong learning for all

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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

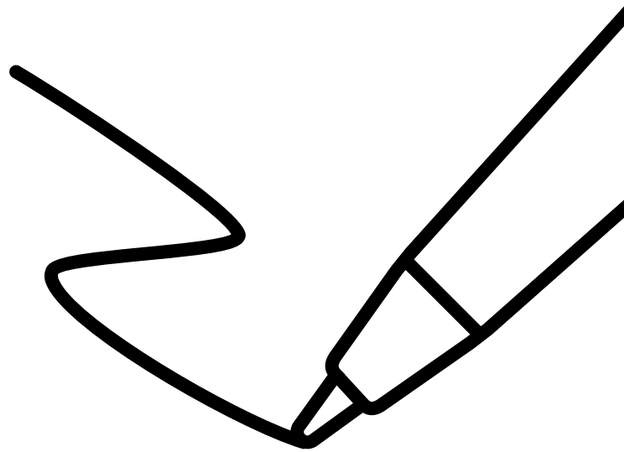
– Human-centred, ethical digital transformation; strengthen academic integrity and counter education fraud

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

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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

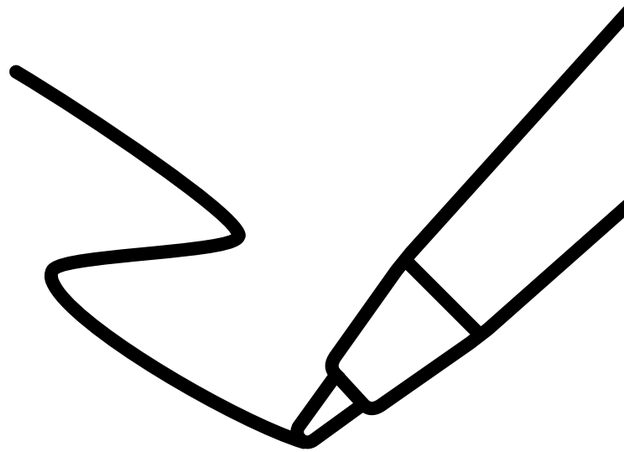
- Overview and aim of the document – Setting the scene – Defining joint vision and priorities

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

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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

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CG GPD Timeline 2025-2027

10 – 11 December 2026, Paris

2025 Q1
Jan/Feb – online
1st and 2nd meetings

ToRs

V0 List non-EHEA

2025 Q3
Sept – Bucharest
3rd meeting & PLA

V1 List non-EHEA

2026 Q1
Feb – Italy
4th meeting & PLA
Lifelong Learning

V0 GPS

1st webinar

2026 Q2
Jun – online
5th meeting

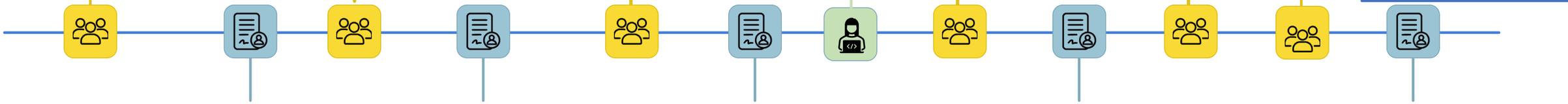
V01 GPS

2026 Q3
Dec - France
6th meeting & PLA
Right to Education

V02 GPS

2027 Q1
Feb – online
7th meeting

V03 GPS (def)



BFUG Poland
2025 Feb
present update of the work

BFUG Denmark
2025 Dec
present update of the work

BFUG Cyprus
2026 March
send invitation and draft agenda

BFUG Ireland
2026 Oct
V01 Global Policy Statement

BFUG Lithuania
2027 March/Apr
V02/V03 Global Policy Statement

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