

BFUG4 1b
28 February 2005

MEETING OF THE BOLOGNA FOLLOW-UP GROUP

MONDORF, 1-2 MARCH 2005

The meeting will be held in Mondorf Parc Hotel, Mondorf, Luxembourg, starting at 1100 hrs. on the first day and ending not later than 1600 hrs. on the second day.

Draft Annotated Agenda

OPENING OF THE MEETING

Draft list of participants

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Documents: BFUG4 1a Draft agenda 01 Feb 05
BFUG4 1b Draft annotated agenda (this document)

Proposed action: Adopt the agenda.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BFUG AND BOARD MEETINGS

Documents: BFUG3 Minutes of the BFUG meeting 12-13 Oct 04
BFUGB5 Minutes of the Board meeting 09 Dec 04
BFUGB6 Minutes of the Board meeting 25 Jan 05
(sent by e-mail 12 Feb.)

*Proposed action: Approval of the minutes of the BFUG meeting on 12-13 Oct 2004.
Minutes of Board meetings for information.*

3. ENQA PROJECT ON QUALITY ASSURANCE

Document: BFUG4 3 Report on Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the EHEA

In the Berlin Communiqué, Ministers asked “ENQA through its members, in cooperation with the EUA, EURASHE and ESIB, to develop an agreed set of standards, procedures and guidelines on quality assurance, to explore ways of ensuring

an adequate peer review system for quality assurance and/or accreditation agencies or bodies, and to report back through the Follow-Up Group to Ministers in 2005". A status report was presented to the BFUG meeting on 12-13 October 2004, and subsequent progress has been reported to the Board meetings in December and January. ENQA Chair Christian Thune will present the final report from the project.

Proposed action: Advise the Board and the Secretariat on any further actions before the next BFUG meeting and on the advice to be given to Ministers in Bergen.

4. PROJECT ON AN OVERARCHING FRAMEWORK OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE EHEA

Documents: BFUG4 4 Report from the Bologna Working Group on Qualifications Frameworks
BFUG4 4a Recommendations from the Bologna seminar on Qualifications Frameworks, Copenhagen, 13-14 January 2005

A preliminary version of the report was discussed at the Bologna Follow-up Seminar in Copenhagen on 13-14 January. Based on the discussions at the seminar, that version has since been adjusted by the Working Group, to be presented at the BFUG meeting by WG Chair Mogens Berg. The final report is available under "Main Documents" at www.bologna-bergen2005.no,

Proposed action: Advise the Board and the Secretariat on any further actions before the next BFUG meeting and on the advice to be given to Ministers in Bergen.

5. THE STOCKTAKING PROJECT

Documents: BFUG4 5a Minutes of Stocktaking WG meeting 26 Jan 05
BFUG4 5b Template for the stocktaking report (to follow)

The stocktaking project has been organised with cooperation from EURYDICE. An expert has been hired by the Secretariat to assist in writing the final report.

Proposed action: Advise the Working Group with regard to further work before the next BFUG meeting.

6. NATIONAL REPORTS 2004-2005

Documents: All reports received by the Secretariat are available at <http://www.bologna-bergen2005.no/>

The deadline for submission of the national reports was 14 January 2005. By 28 February the Secretariat has received 42 out of 43 reports.

Proposed action: For information

7. GENERAL REPORT “FROM BERLIN TO BERGEN”

Document: BFUG4 7 Preliminary draft report “From Berlin to Bergen”

In its meeting on 14-15 November 2003, the BFUG asked the Secretariat to draft a general report on progress from Berlin to Bergen, to be presented to the Ministers in Bergen. The outline of the report is indicated by a preliminary draft to be further developed as reports from the various projects become available. Reports and recommendations from most Bologna Follow-up Seminars are available, see <http://www.bologna-bergen2005.no/>. Recommendations from seminars may be considered for possible inclusion in the draft Bergen Communiqué, cf. item 13.

*Proposed action: a) The BFUG may give advice concerning the general outline of the report.
b) The BFUG may give advice concerning the various recommendations from the seminars.*

8. CHALLENGES REGARDING MOBILITY

Document: BFUGB4 8 Challenges regarding mobility

In its meeting on 10 December 2004, the Communiqué Drafting Group recognised the need for an in-depth discussion of problems outside the competences of Ministers of Education that restrict mobility (financial, legislative, immigration regulations, etc.), and asked the Secretariat to prepare a document as a basis for discussion in the Board and the BFUG. The discussion document has been further developed on the basis of the deliberations in the Board meeting on 25 January. The BFUG may ask its members to raise the matter nationally before it is raised with the Ministers, cf. agenda item 13.

Proposed action: Decide if the matter should be followed up and raised with the Ministers in Bergen.

9. APPLICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE BOLOGNA PROCESS

By the 31 December 2004 deadline, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova and Ukraine had applied for participation (membership) in the Bologna Process. All the applications are in accordance with the prescribed procedure. Kazakhstan is not party to the European Cultural Convention and does therefore not meet the criteria for participation. After the deadline, Kosovo has also applied to join the Process in a letter dated 12.01.05.

Documents: BFUG4 9 Applications for participation in the Bologna Process
 BFUG4 9a Application letters from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia,
 Moldova, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Kosovo.
 BFUG4 9b Report from Armenia
 BFUG4 9c Report from Azerbaijan.
 BFUG4 9d Report from Georgia.
 BFUG4 9e Report from Moldova.
 BFUG4 9f Report from Ukraine.
 BFUG4 9g Report from Kazakhstan.
 BFUG4 9h Report from Kosovo.

Due to the considerable size of the documents 9 a-h, we ask you to download them directly from the web site <http://www.bologna-bergen2005.no/b/hind.htm>

Proposed action: Advise the Ministerial Conference.

10. POSSIBLE BOLOGNA PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER REGIONS

Document: BFUG4 10 Possible Bologna Partnership with other regions

In the Board meeting on 9 December 2004, the Secretariat was asked to consider how states outside Europe could form links with the Bologna Process. The Board discussed the matter on the basis of a preliminary document in its meeting on 25 January and asked the Secretariat to develop the document further and present it to the BFUG.

Proposed action: Advise Chair and Secretariat on further work.

11. CRITERIA FOR NEW CONSULTATIVE MEMBERS AND BFUG PARTNERS

Document: BFUG4 11 Criteria for new consultative members and BFUG partners

In the Board meeting on 9 December 2004, the Board had a first discussion on criteria for new consultative members of the BFUG. The Secretariat was asked to develop criteria for admission of organisations that could significantly contribute to the work of the BFUG. The Board considered the matter again in its meeting on 25 January and asked the Secretariat to present it to the BFUG for decision.

Proposed action: a) Advise the Ministerial Conference on criteria for new consultative members.
b) Decide on criteria for BFUG partners.
c) Ask the Secretariat to come back with proposals regarding consultative members and partners of the BFUG.

12. THE BERGEN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

Document: BFUG4 12 Preliminary programme for the Bergen Conference

Invitations have been sent to the Ministers responsible for higher education in the participating countries of the Bologna Process as well as the eligible applicant countries, to the European Commission and to the organisations that are consultative members of the BFUG. Other invitations are in the process of being sent.

Proposed action: For information and comment.

13. DRAFTING THE BERGEN COMMUNIQUÉ

Document: Draft Communiqué dated 08.02.05 and incoming comments at <http://www.bologna-bergen2005.no/b/hind.htm>
BFUG4 13 Working document for the BFUG meeting

Following the discussion in the BFUG on 12-13 October 2004, the Drafting Group and the Board have developed a draft communiqué for discussion in the BFUG, cf. the Minutes of Board meetings on 9 December and 25 January (item 2 on the agenda). This draft has been posted on the service page of the Bologna-Bergen web site for electronic consultation among the BFUG members. All comments will be posted on the web. Deadline for comments: 18 February.

Proposed action: Advise the Board and the Drafting Group on the further redrafting. A new draft will be prepared for the next meeting of the BFUG.

14. DRAFT DISCUSSION DOCUMENT FOR THE BERGEN CONFERENCE

Document: BFUG4 14 The EHEA – A common understanding or a legal instrument?

At the BFUG meeting on 13 September 2004, the Secretariat was asked to prepare a discussion paper for the Bergen Conference on what the Bologna process should lead to in 2010 and beyond and whether it should be institutionalised in a more formal way. The issue has since been discussed at the subsequent Board meetings.

Proposed action: Advise the Board and the Secretariat on the further development of the draft discussion document for the Bergen Conference.

15. TIME AND PLACE FOR THE NEXT MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

Document: BFUG4 15 Letter from Minister of Education and Skills Charles Clarke dated 11 November 2004 to Minister Maria van der Hoeven

The deadline for candidatures for the next Ministerial Conference in the Bologna Process was set to 31 December 2004. The United Kingdom is the only candidate country. In its meeting on 25 January, the Board recommended that the offer from the United Kingdom to host the next Ministerial Conference is accepted.

Proposed action: Advise the Ministerial Conference that the United Kingdom is the only candidate for hosting the next Ministerial Conference and recommend that the offer from the UK is accepted and that the Conference will be held in London in May 2007.

16. CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBERS AND CONSULTATIVE MEMBERS

Documents: None

Proposed action: For information

17. DATE AND PLACE FOR THE NEXT BFUG MEETING

It has previously been decided that the next BFUG meeting will be held on 12-13 April in Mondorf.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS