

Interim report of the Stocktaking working group to BFUG board

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Scope of stocktaking 2007.

Ministers

- Request to continue in the same fields
- Request for widening (list of tasks)

BFUG/ WG

- use same indicators as far as possible
- do not enlarge scorecard too much

Simple count of tasks yields 14 -16 indicators

Scope of stocktaking 2007.

WG Conclusions:

- Not more than 12 indicators are feasible,
- Some indicators have to be merged
- Some issues have to be shifted to the textual part of the report



Principles of revising previous indicators

- Shifting grades for 2005 criteria down 1 level (i.e. “green” of 2005 is “light green” in 2007,
- Adding new higher requirements for “green”,
- Checking what actually should be “red” in 2007;
- Switching from 2 cycles to 3 cycles
- Taking into account that in some areas complete achievement of goals is expected in 2010, not 2007 (QFs, QA Standards and guidelines)

List of indicators for 2007 scorecard

Degree system

1. Stage of implementation and student enrolment in three-cycle system (*merged 2005 indicators*)
2. Access from first cycle to second cycle and from second cycle to third cycle
3. Implementation of the national QFs

Quality assurance

4. Stage of development and key elements of QA system (*merged*)
5. Level of student and international participation, co-operation and networking (*merged*)
6. Implementation of Standards and guidelines for QA

List of the agreed indicators for the *Bologna scorecard 2007*



Recognition

7. Incorporating LRC principles in national legislation
8. Stage of implementation of diploma supplement
9. Stage of implementation of ECTS

Lifelong learning

10. Creating procedures for the recognition of prior learning
11. Creating flexible learning paths

Joint degrees

12. Awarding and recognition of joint degrees

Cooperation with partners



EURYDICE

- Meeting Nov 29, permanent e-mail contact
- **Eurydice** will participate in WG as of second meeting.
- questionnaire in March 2006, gathering answers end of May, 2006.
- Eurydice has mechanisms to accommodate updates until early 2007.
- Eurydice:
- designs its questionnaire
- collects the information in the 31 countries represented in the Eurydice network



EURYDICE – Secretariat – Stocktaking WG - cooperation

BFUG Secretariat has to collect

- information for the other countries by
(sending of the questionnaire, reminders,
etc.),
- additional information after Eurydice first
analysis,

Eurydice processes information for ALL
countries



EURYDICE – Secretariat – Stocktaking WG - cooperation



Eurydice can accommodate questions on most indicators except:

- implementation of LRC,
- flexible learning paths and
- recognition of prior learning

(Approval by the EU Commission needed)

Cooperation with partners

QF WG provided advice on the principles and format of the new indicator for implementation of national qualifications frameworks

EUA - present in WG.

Informed on methodology of Trends V, will ensure cooperation.

ENQA - survey among its *members* on the national plans for implementation of S&G. Results in March.

Not all national agencies are ENQA members: → ENQA survey will be used to formulate the quality assurance part in the template for National reports.

Cooperation with partners

ENIC/NARIC

- provided advice regarding indicators on implementation of Lisbon Recognition Convention
- will assist in information gathering

Council of Europe

- new electronic tool for information gathering and generation of reports on conventions

Expert will participate as of Feb meeting

Some issues – not dramatic but must be taken into account

- All trains leaving early (EUA, Eurydice, ENQA surveys)
- Eurydice can only check what is in the legislation, not the “progress”
- Not all national QA agencies are ENQA members - separate survey needed,
- The funding for the expert is not yet available
- There is some danger that there may be two different qualifications frameworks in Europe - may affect stocktaking group work
- Non-Eurydice countries and report timing

Members of both Eurydice and ENQA

Austria, Belgium Flemish Community, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom (20)

Members of Eurydice but NOT ENQA

- Belgium French Community, Bulgaria, Greece, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Switzerland, Turkey (13)

Neither Eurydice nor ENQA

- Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Holy See, Moldova, Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, FYR Macedonia, Ukraine (13)

Work to be done before the BFUG April meeting

- The 2007 stocktaking indicators will be discussed and final draft formulated,
- A list of questions with addressees will be compiled
- Stocktaking – related parts of the draft template for national reports will be prepared together with Bologna Secretariat
- Consultations with a view of including the new stocktaking – related issues in the Eurydice survey (almost done)
- Consultations with other stakeholders



Thanks for your attention!

