

**MEETING OF THE BOLOGNA FOLLOW UP GROUP
VIENNA 6-7 APRIL 2006**

The meeting will be held at the Parkhotel Schönbrunn and will commence at 10:00 on Thursday 6 April and will close with buffet lunch at 13:00 on Friday 7 April.

Draft Annotated Agenda

Day One – 6 April

- 1. Welcome and introduction to the meeting (10:00-10:15)**

- 2. Adoption of agenda (10:15 – 10:20)**

Documents: BFUG8 1a Draft agenda
BFUG8 1b Draft annotated agenda (this document)

Proposed action: Adopt the agenda

- 3. Minutes of the last BFUG and Board meetings (10:20-10:35)**

Documents: BFUG7 Minutes of the BFUG meeting Manchester 12-13 October 2005.
BFUGB11 (Board) Minutes of the Board meeting Vienna 25 January 2006

Proposed action: Approve the minutes of the last BFUG meeting; note for information the minutes of the last Board meeting.

- 4. BFUG work programme: progress reports from working groups (10:35-16:00)**

Documents: BFUG8 4a (i) Update from Stocktaking Working Group
BFUG8 4a (ii) Draft National Report Template
BFUG8 4b Update from Qualifications Frameworks Working Group
BFUG8 4c(i) External Dimension Interim Report
BFUG8 4c(ii) External Dimension General Working Plan.
BFUG8 4d Update and discussion paper from Social Dimension and Data on Student Mobility Working Group.
BFUG8 4e(i) and (ii) External Dimension:

international cooperation; Mexico (i) and China meetings (ii).

The Chairs of the four working groups on Stocktaking, Qualifications Frameworks, the Social Dimension and Data on Staff and Student Mobility and the External Dimension will be invited to give an update on their activities and progress. There will also be an update from the Holy See's Seminar on "The Cultural Heritage and Academic Values of European Universities and the Attractiveness of the EHEA" and recent meetings in China and Mexico.

Stocktaking update (10:35-11:30)

Proposed Action: Note and offer any comments on the progress and workplan for the Stocktaking Working Group and agree indicators for the next stocktaking exercise.

Coffee Break (11:30 – 12:00)

Qualifications Frameworks update (12:00 – 12:30)

Proposed Action: Note and offer any comments on the progress and workplan for the Qualifications Working Group.

External Dimension & feedback on Holy See seminar update (12:30 – 13:00)

Proposed action: Note and offer any comments on the External Dimension's interim report and workplan.

Lunch Break (13:00 – 14:30)

Social Dimension and Data on Staff and Student Mobility update (including a discussion on the social dimension) (14:30 – 15:30)

BFUG are being asked if they agree whether the objectives, strategies and actions described in the update paper are at the core of the social dimension.

The selection of prioritized objectives, strategies and actions in the paper will guide the collection of data and identification of possible key indicators for taking stock after London 2007.

Proposed Action: Offer comments on the suggested definition and priorities for the social dimension and note the progress and workplan for the Social Dimension and Data on Staff and Student Mobility Working Group .

External dimension: international cooperation, Mexico, China meetings update (15:30 – 16:00)

The UK and Austria will give a short report on their involvement in recent meetings about the Bologna Process in China and Mexico.

Proposed action: Note the feedback from those meetings.

5. BFUG work programme: topics for discussion

Portability of grants and loans (16:00 – 17:30)

Documents: BFUG8 5 Paper on Portability of grants and loans.

This item was initially discussed at BFUG7 in Manchester, where it was agreed that further work on this proposal was needed. It was agreed that the Netherlands, in conjunction with other interested countries, would produce a more detailed paper for discussion at BFUG8 in Vienna.

Aldrik in't Hout will present proposed terms of reference for a Bologna Working Group on the portability of grants and loans.

Coffee Break (16:30-17:00)

Portability of grants and loans (continued).

Proposed action: Offer comments on the proposed terms of reference for the Working Group and agree a way forward.

6. Initial proposals for 2007 Ministerial Event (17:30 – 18:00)

Documents: BFUG8 6 Bologna Process – Conference of Ministers responsible for Higher Education London May 2007

The UK will provide an update on plans for the London conference. The outline proposals are based on comments from BFUG7 and at BFUGB11 (Board).

Proposed action: Note and offer comments on the outline programme.

7. Candidates for 2009 Ministerial Conference – information (18:00 – 18:15)

Documents: BFUG8 7 Letter from Barbara Weitgruber to those countries that had expressed an interest. BFUGB11 3a (Board). Letter from Croatia indicating expression of interest.

BFUGB11 3b (Board) Letter from the Slovak Republic indicating expression of interest.
BFUGB11 3c (Board) Letter from Benelux Countries indicating expression of interest.

Following discussion at the January BFUGB11 (Board) meeting in Vienna and in collaboration with the countries concerned, it has been agreed that the countries concerned will take this forward amongst themselves.

Proposed action: Note that the countries concerned will take this forward amongst themselves.

8. Candidates for Bologna Board (18:15 – 18:30)

Documents: BFUG8 8. Election of Board Members

Four countries expressed their candidature for the three places on the Board by the 10 March deadline. In line with the agreed procedure, the Secretariat will distribute voting slips to the national BFUG members. Each country will have two votes and may not vote for themselves. The slips will be collected at the end of this agenda item and the result will be announced the following day.

Proposed action: Agree by vote, the three new countries to join the Board for the period August 2006 to May 2007.

Day Two – 7 April (08:30-13:00)

9. BFUG work programme: progress reports from projects

European register of Quality Assurance Agencies (08:30 -09:15)

Documents: BFUG8 9a Report of E4 Group on Quality Assurance

ENQA will provide an update on their project.

Proposed action: Note and offer any comments on the progress made.

Principles for doctoral programmes (09:15 – 10:00)

Documents: BFUG8 9b EUA Report: Doctoral Programmes Follow Up 2005-2007

EUA will provide an update on their project.

Proposed action: Note and offer any comments on the

progress made.

10. BFUG work programme

National action plans for recognition (10:00-10:30)

Documents: BFUG8 10. Draft guidelines for national action plans for recognition.

The Bergen Communiqué contained a reference to countries producing action plans to improve the quality of the process associated with the recognition of foreign qualifications. ENIC-NARIC have produced draft guidelines to assist countries with this task.

The Council of Europe will introduce this item.

Proposed action: Note the action being taken by the ENIC-NARIC network to help countries to develop their action plans.

Coffee Break (10:30-11:00)

11. Contribution from the European Commission: From Bergen to London (11:00 – 11:30)

Documents: BFUGB11 8 (Board) European Commission contribution to the Process. Bergen to London.

The European Commission will present their paper on their contribution the Bologna Process over the period 2005-2007.

Proposed action: Note the actions the EC will take to support Bologna over the period 2005-2007

12. Capacity building: feedback from Council of Europe – Austrian Bologna Process Information Seminar for new accession countries. (11:30 – 11:45)

Documents: BFUG8 12 Council of Europe: Austrian Bologna Process Information Seminar.

An introductory meeting for the countries new to the Bologna Process took place on 26 January. The meeting was arranged jointly by the Council of Europe / Austrian Presidency.

Proposed action: Note the outcome of the introductory meeting.

13. Consultative members – contribution to the Bologna Process (11:45 – 12:45)

Documents: BFUG8 13a EUA's Contribution to the Bologna Process
BFUG8 13b Update on ESIB actions
BFUG8 13c Council of Europe's Contribution to the Bologna Process 2005-2006
BFUG8 13d Education International's contribution to the Bologna Process

Consultative members will be invited to provide a short 5 minute feedback on their contributions to the Bologna Process.

Proposed action: Note the contents of updates given by consultative members.

14. Any other business (12:45 – 13:00)

Date of next Board meeting (BFUGB12)- 13 June 2006, Vienna.

Date of next BFUG meeting (BFUG9) - 12-13 October 2006, Helsinki.

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