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STOCKTAKING WORKING GROUP: UPDATE FOR BOLOGNA BOARD: 13 JUNE 2006

Introduction

1. This paper provides a short progress report from the Stocktaking Working Group since the last BFUG meeting and highlights the next steps.

Progress report since BFUG8

2. Following the discussion at BFUG8, the draft indicators and national report template were revised and reissued for any further comments. No further substantive points were raised. The final version of the indicators and the national report template were circulated to BFUG under cover of a letter from the Chair on 11 May 2006. Copies have also been posted on the Bologna website for ease of reference.

3. The letter from the Chair included a reminder of the deadline for completion of the national report templates and updates for the Eurydice report "Focus on the Structure of Higher Education in Europe", and asked for BFUG's cooperation in meeting those deadlines.

4. The Secretariat is responsible for collating the Eurydice updates from the 14 non Socrates countries. So far, we have received one partially completed questionnaire and three requests for an extended deadline. One general reminder has been issued, but no further updates have been received.

Next steps

5. The Secretariat will continue to encourage all non Socrates countries to complete the Eurydice questionnaire.

6. The next Stocktaking Working Group meeting will take place in Helsinki on 11 October. The main topic for discussion will be preparing an outline of the stocktaking report for discussion at BFUG9 later that week. In producing an outline for discussion, the Working Group will take heed of the points raised at the last BFUG meeting that the stocktaking report should not duplicate the work of other groups.

Updated timeline

7. An updated timeline for the Stocktaking Working Group is included below for information.

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BOLOGNA STOCKTAKING WORKING GROUP

Timeline – updated June 2006

Time and Place	Action	Parties involved
13 June 2006, Vienna	Interim report on the stocktaking project to BFUG Board meeting	Stocktaking WG Chair
June – December 2006	Data collection	Stocktaking WG (EURYDICE, EUA, ESIB)
1 September, Helsinki	Interim report on the stocktaking project to BFUG Board meeting	Stocktaking WG Chair
11 October 2006 Helsinki	WG meeting: elaboration of outline for report	Stocktaking WG
Oct 12 – 13 2006 Helsinki	Discussion at BFUG of suggested outline for the stocktaking report	Stocktaking WG Chair
15 December 2006	Deadline for reporting of data to Stocktaking WG Deadline for National Reports	Ministers, EURYDICE, EUA, ESIB, Member States
January 2007	Preliminary analysis of results	Stocktaking WG
23 January 2007, Berlin	Interim report on the stocktaking project to BFUG Board meeting	Stocktaking WG Chair
12-13 February 2007 (Norway tbc)	WG meeting: going through results; discussing first draft of report	Stocktaking WG
End of Feb/Beginning of March 2007	Amendments to first draft report according to WG meeting decisions	Stocktaking WG Chair, expert
1-2 March 2007, Berlin	BFUG meeting: discussion of draft stocktaking report	BFUG
March 2007	Checking national scorecards with countries	Stocktaking WG, BFUG national representatives
29-30 March 2007	WG Meeting: finalisation of stocktaking report	Stocktaking WG
17-18 April 2007, Berlin	BFUG approval of final Stocktaking report	BFUG
17-18 May 2007	Ministerial Conference	