

Replies to Questionnaire on Format and Timing of BFUG and Ministerial Meetings

Question	Possible Answers	Summary of Answers
What do you think about the frequency of BFUG meetings?	1 = OK 2 = more 3 = less	36 members approve the present arrangement of one meeting per half year and 2-3 in the last six months before each ministerial conference. 2 members would like to have more meetings. Members generally agree that the number of meetings should vary according to the subjects to be treated and the time before the next ministerial meeting.
What do you think about the duration of BFUG meetings?	1 = 1 day 2 = 1,5 days 3 = 2 days 4 = should vary according to agenda	Only 1 member would like to see the duration of BFUG meetings reduced, particularly for those who have long travel journeys. 12 members think a meeting of 1,5 days is OK , particularly because it makes social relations possible. A member fears that longer meetings would not be efficient. 1 member suggests 2-day meetings. A majority of 24 agree that the duration should vary according to the agenda , with a free evening between two working sessions for the exchange of opinions, facilitating cooperation and building general rapport between BFUG representatives.
The next ministerial meeting will take place on 28-29 April 2009. What would you consider the best time for a Ministerial meeting after that (regardless of its nature, celebration or regular Ministerial meeting or combination of both)?	1 = first half of 2010 2 = second half of 2010 3 = first half of 2011 4 = second half of 2011 5 = first half of 2012 6 = second half of 2012	11 members chose the first half of 2010 to conclude the first phase of the Bologna Process and to celebrate the 10-year anniversary. They would see that moment as a time to make an overview of the progress realized in ten years and compare it with the initial goals. It would also be the time to draw the first lines of action for the future. 15 members (same reason as above) chose the second half of 2010 for such a meeting so that the ministerial summit of Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve would not be too close to the following one. They think that preparing such a meeting takes a lot of time and would therefore expand the period between the two summits. 10 members chose the first half of 2011 , most of them for the same reason as explained before, but one of them to launch a new "Bologna Process". 3 members opted for the second half of 2011 , without any comment. 1 member expressed no preference as to the dates. When two representatives of one country expressed their opinions, both their advices were taken into account.