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Report concerning the Independent Assessment of the Bologna Process

The Advisory Committee elected by the BFUG at the BFUG meeting in Sarajevo on June 24, 2008 to monitor the Independent Assessment and to advise the European Commission on it, consists of:

Gottfried Bacher	(Austria)
Luka Juros	(Croatia)
Věra Š'tastná	(Czech Republic)
Helle Otte	(Denmark)
Peter Greisler	(Germany)
Mihai Korca	(Romania)
Victor Chistokhvalov	(Russia)
Ligia Deca/Anita Liice	(ESU)
Thomas Estermann	(EUA)
Stefan Delplace	(EURASHE)

Marlies Leegwater is involved from the Bologna Secretariat.

Two meetings took place in Brussels at the office of the European Commission:

- August 7, 2008 to advise on selection of Tenders for Evaluation of the Bologna Process;
- September 30, 2008 to meet the research group selected and to advise on details of their plan presented in their Proposal.

The group studied the Tenders; the BFUG representatives appeared unanimous in their advice.

On September 16 the Commission signalled that their choice could become publicly known. The group chosen (in accordance with the advice) is a Consortium of CHEPS, INCHER-Kassel and ECOTEC.

During the September meeting various aspects were discussed with the researchers to ensure results as intended for the independent assessment: independent, analytical, covering all 46 countries, taking into consideration duration of membership of the process. There is confidence that the work will be done well.

Further appointments were made:

- The Consortium will make the approach of the research available for publication on the Bologna website.
- February 24, 2009, Consortium, Commission and Advisory Committee will meet for progress onto case studies after the desk research.
- September 30, 2009, meeting for advising on the basis of the interim progress report and to monitor preparation of end results.
- 1-2 December 2009 testing seminar with entire BFUG.

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