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BFUG Working Group "Reporting on the Implementation of the Bologna Process"

Report to BFUG Board meeting in Zagreb, 15 Jan 2013

BFUG Working Group "Reporting on the Implementation of the Bologna Process" has held one meeting on 16 November, 2012 in Riga. Unfortunately due to changes of staff and some resulting miscommunication, no EUROSTAT representative attended the meeting. However contacts have been re-established after the meeting:

At the meeting WG members

* discussed the strong and weaker points of the 2012 report and
* gathered ideas to further enhance the 2015 Bologna Process Implementation Report,
* produced a timeline of the Working group’s work.

Members of the WG agreed that the Report was comprehensive, useful, well-structured and with relevant chapter content.

The following points were made:

* Report was somewhat lengthy, the next report therefore should be produced as concise as possible.
* The next report should be made less process-oriented and more outcome-oriented;
* The Working Group should be more independent from the BFUG. It should enjoy greater autonomy and political interference should be minimised.
* The report should focus more on employability, in particular at Bachelor’s level where the link with industry should be enhanced;
* The chapter conclusions should be in more similar format in the 2015 Report
* Complementing Report with best practice examples (not only WHAT has been achieved but also HOW.

New indicators were suggested and discussed among them indicators in the areas mentioned in Bucharest Communique - employability, social dimension, lifelong learning, internationalisation, portability of grants/loans, and student and staff mobility. Working group asked EURYDICE, EUROSTUDENT and EUROSTAT to check possibility to offer indicators in these areas taken into account measurability, data availability as well as possibility to develop several categories with a view to use the indicators as scorecard indicators.

The WG chairs will work closely with the data collectors on the developing of new indicators and the Working group will meet in Jul 2 in Luxembourg.

**Annex**

**BFUG WG Reporting on the Implementation of the Bologna Process**

**Timeline for the production of the integrated report  
on the implementation of the Bologna Process**

**2012-2015**

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| **2012** | | *Ongoing Eurostat data collection* | *Eurostudent data collection* |
| 16 November in WG meeting in Riga | WG Implementation: indication of new information needs for 2015 Implementation report according to the Bucharest communiqué; approving timeline, |
| **2013** | |
| 14-15 March | BFUG: present results of the first meeting of Working group |
| *May – August* | *Definition of indicators and development of questionnaire by Eurydice, Eurostat and Eurostudent* |
| 2 July WG meeting in Luxembourg | WG Implementation: discussion of indicators, preliminary selection of indicators |
| 7-8 Nov BFUG Vilnius | BFUG: presentation of the plans for preparing the 2015 Report |
| *September-December* | *Pre-test of questionnaire by Eurydice* |
| 15 November WG meeting in Riga | WG Implementation: finalisation of questionnaire prepared by Eurydice |
| **2014** | |
| *January – April* | *Data collection by Eurydice through the questionnaire which will be filled by BFUG representatives in consultation with national stakeholders*  *Data collection by Eurostat of statistical information from countries of the EHEA not participating in the regular data collections* |
| *May- November* | *Analysis of material, drafting of integrated report, integrating data from Eurostat, Eurostudent and Eurydice and consultation with the relevant working groups* |
| 2 July  WG meeting in Riga | WG Implementation: first discussion of the structure of the implementation report, draft chapters. |
| October *(Date not set yet)* | BFUG meeting   * presentation of the results/ drafts. |
| 5 November WG meeting in Luxembourg | WG Implementation: Second discussion on the draft report, finalization of the scorecard indicators and discussion of issues for inclusion of recommendations and conclusions. |
| *End of year* | *Draft integrated report and conclusions to be sent to BFUG* |
| **2015** | |
| January | BFUG: discussion of draft integrated report and of the conclusions prepared by the WG Implementation in October |
| January-February WG meeting in Riga  ***(if necessary)*** | WG meeting : last amendments to final report |
| *March* | *Print-ready electronic version of the integrated report provided to BFUG* |
| **May 2015** | **Presentation of final integrated report to the ministerial conference** |

**Terms of reference**

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**Reporting on the Implementation of the Bologna Process**

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| **Name of the working group**  **Reporting on the Implementation of the Bologna Process** |
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| **Composition**  Austria, Belgium/Flemish Community, Finland, France, Germany, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Moldova, Norway, Romania, Turkey, UK, Ukraine, BUSINESSEUROPE, EC, EI, ENQA, EQAR, ESU, EUA, EURASHE, EUROSTAT, EUROSTUDENT and EURYDICE |
| **Purpose and/or outcome**  To further refine the methodology of monitoring and measuring progress:   * to provide reliable, comparable data and to take stock of progress towards realising the European Higher Education Area and the strategy “Mobility for better learning”; * to make further progress in the construction of a structured and standardised monitoring system consisting of indicators and qualitative analysis; * to allow for comparisons to be made between countries and to allow for monitoring changes over time within countries as well as between countries;   To prepare an overall report on the implementation of the Bologna Process for 2015, integrating data collected by EUROSTAT, EUROSTUDENT and EURYDICE. |
| **References to the Bucharest Communiqué**  **Improvement of data collection ... to underpin political goals**  We welcome the improved quality of data and information on higher education. We ask for more targeted data collection and referencing against common indicators, particularly on employability, the social dimension, lifelong learning, internationalisation, portability of grants/loans, and student and staff mobility.  We ask EUROSTAT, Eurydice and EUROSTUDENT to monitor progress in the implementation of the Bologna Process reforms and the strategy “Mobility for better learning” |
| **Specific tasks**   * to analyse the experience in data collection and processing in the 2009-2012 period with a view to optimize and further improve the methodology; * to identify the key issues to be covered by the report and the way in which they should be addressed (quantifiable indicators or qualitative analysis) according to the call of ministers to “more targeted data collection and referencing against common indicators, particularly on:   + employability,   + the social dimension,   + lifelong learning,   + internationalisation,   + portability of grants/loans, and   + student and staff mobility.” * to specify the indicators to measure progress in the 2012-2015 period and data required; * to define the survey questionnaire which should   + be based on a refined 2009-2012 questionnaire where possible to ensure continuity;   + allow collection of information from the Bologna countries including the areas ministers underlined above. * to assist Eurydice in drafting the overall report for approval by the BFUG in advance of the 2015 Ministerial Conference. |
| **Reporting**  Minutes of working group meetings will be made available by the Bologna Secretariat.  BFUG should also receive regular reports and updates.  To allow for good communication with BFUG as a whole and for the necessary consultations, progress reports should be submitted at least 15 days before each BFUG meeting. In between BFUG meetings, updates can be circulated by the Bologna Secretariat via e-mail.  The final report will be presented and discussed at the BFUG meeting in January-February 2015. |
| **Meeting schedule**  [dates and locations are just tentative, will be decided at a later stage]  First meeting: Riga, 16 November 2012  Second meeting: Luxembourg, 2 July 2013  Third meeting: Riga, 15 November 2013  Fourth meeting: Riga, 2 July 2014  [Probably no need for meeting in January 2014 – Data collection will have just started]  Fifth meeting: Luxembourg, November 5, 2014  Sixth meeting: Riga (January-February of 2015, to be announced if necessary) |
| **Additional remarks** |