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

Report to the BFUG 14-15 March

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** |