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Subject: <u>Information details concerning the candidacy of Italy to hold the 2020 Ministerial Conference and the Secretariat of the BFUG</u>

1. Details concerning the Secretariat

The Secretariat will be composed by a multilingual team of 7 people with international skills and competencies and we foresee to involve and to contract a group of international experts (around 7) with competencies and skills on the Bologna Process, coming from different countries also Italy, with modalities to be agreed together with yourself and the EC. Please consider the proposal list below:

N°	Function	Tasks
1	Secretary General	Organisation and management of the Secretariat; relations with governments and international organisations and management of relations to the Italian Government.
1	Personal assistant	Support to organisational activities of the office and to the Secretary General
1	Responsible for communication activities	Dissemination of BFUG activities, relations with the media and implementation of the social media strategy and instruments.
1	Responsible for the web communication	Content management of the existing website and of new web initiatives from the Italian side.
1	Responsible for event management	Management of different events and meetings and coordination of the Ministerial Conference.
2	HE junior experts	Support to senior experts in drafting and preparation of supporting documents for the Secretariat; management of technical and institutional processes and outcomes; follow activities of the different advisory and working groups.

In addition to above staff we will also consider:



N°	Function	Tasks
7	National/International senior Bologna	High level technical support to strategic decisions and to directions in order to
	Experts	implement all the activities of the Secretariat.

The supporting structure within the Ministry will imply myself as liaison officer with the Government/host country and at least two highly skilled persons of my office in charge to facilitate the work of the Secretariat. The Secretariat will be an independent entity and its activities will be guided and influenced by the BFUG. The Secretariat will be placed in Rome, supervised by the Department of Higher Education and Research - General Directorate for Students, Development and Internationalization of the Higher Education of the Italian Ministry, in collaboration with the Conference of Italian University Rectors (CRUI), the conferences of the Directors of the Higher arts and music education institutions and with the Italian ENIC-NARIC centre (CIMEA). We will pay particular attention at the involvement of different EHEA members and stakeholders during the time of the activities of the Italian Secretariat, also in order to facilitate the dissemination of the activities, outcomes and results.

2. Details concerning the 2020 Ministerial Conference

Concerning the place of the Ministerial Conference, our idea is to select the most reachable one: for this reason our proposal will be most probably to organise the Conference either in Rome or in Naples. In both cases other important aspects are related to security measures and logistical issues: right now it is not possible to provide further details on the exact venue because we do not have all relevant information on the mentioned aspects, but we are going to check the possibilities in the two indicated cities. It is our intention to host the Bologna Policy Forum as well. We think this will be a great opportunity in order to involve all relevant stakeholders from EHEA Countries and from Countries that are not part of the European Cultural Convention, also with the aim to increase policy dialogue on key topics and to raise the attention on Higher Education reforms beyond the Bologna area.

3. The future of the Bologna Process beyond 2020: the Italian vision

We would like to start from the contents and reflections provided within the document approved in Yerevan and drafted during the Italian co-presidency of the Bologna Process in 2014 entitled: "The Bologna Process revisited: The future of the European Higher Education Area". This document is based on the high quality work already done since now, however we think that more efforts could be done to improve the indications and to follow the directions provided within the mentioned document. There are other topics that are crucial for Italy and, in our vision, for the higher education sector at global level that could be summarized as follow:

- migrants and refugees crisis and related challenges to the EHEA (i.e. recognition of qualifications and competences, equality of rights and inclusivity to access HE, etc.);
- the contribution of the EHEA to the global society in order to contribute to relevant Sustainable Development Goals of UN general Assembly, as approved in 2015 and in particular to:
 - societies and communities;
 - other countries and Regions out of EHEA with a special focus to Africa and the Mediterranean basin,
 - other sectors (i.e. VET, research, professional skills and capacities, etc.) and
 - other relevant international processes (OECD, UNESCO);
- possibly a focus on the 3rd cycle and on research sector, with a special attention on the reconciliation at international/national level between Higher education and Research developed on Public Research Institution.

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