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Higher Education Area

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The EHEA – status quo (vadis?)

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Main role:

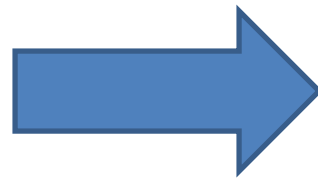
“...to provide **neutral support** to further the **consolidation** of the European Higher Education Area under the **exclusive authority of the BFUG and its Chairs and Vice-Chairs.**”

Functions:

- Administrative and operational **support for BFUG, its sub-structures** (WG and networks) and the **Board** (minute-taking, background documents drafting, assisting chairs in planning the meeting, communication etc.);
- Create and maintain the **EHEA permanent website and electronic archives;**
- Act as an **internal and external contact point for the EHEA**, while **ensuring external representation** on behalf of the Chairs or based on direct requests;
- Organise the 2012 Ministerial Conference and Bologna Policy Forum.

The EHEA unfolded

Bologna action lines



EHEA Objectives/ HE priorities

Pre-Leuven (as listed in the 2007-2009 Work Plan)	Post-Leuven (as listed in the 2009 – 2012 Work Plan)
Mobility	Social dimension: equitable access and completion
Degree structure (?)	Lifelong Learning
Employability	Employability
Recognition (?)	Student centered learning and the teaching mission of higher education
Qualifications frameworks (?)	Education, research and innovation
Lifelong Learning	International openness
Quality Assurance (?)	Mobility
Third cycle	Data collection
Social dimension	Multidimensional transparency tools
Global dimension	Funding
Stocktaking	
Beyond 2010 (?)	

BFUG Workplan

Working groups:

- International openness: The European Higher Education Area in a Global Context
- Mobility
- Qualification frameworks
- Recognition
- Reporting on the implementation of the Bologna Process
- Social dimension
- Transparency tools

Networks:

- EHEA Information and Promotion Network
- Network of NQF Correspondents
- NESSIE (Network for Experts of Student Support in Europe)
- Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) network

Current BFUG debates

Alden Biesen BFUG meeting (25-26th of August 2010) - highlights:

- ✓ Reporting on the implementation of the Bologna Process – questionnaire feedback
- ✓ Additional working methods within the EHEA
- ✓ Language regime of the ministerial conferences
- ✓ Permanent EHEA website
- ✓ Possible themes of the next Bologna Policy Forum
- ✓ The EHEA mobility benchmark and its links with the similar EU initiatives
- ✓ Progress towards implementation of national qualifications frameworks (NQF) in all EHEA countries (with 2012 as a deadline for NQFs to be in place and ready for self certification)
- ✓ ECTS and DS label – report from the European Commission
- ✓ Accession criteria (postponed)

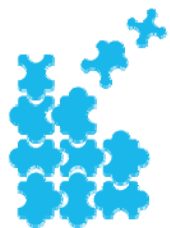
The 2012 Bucharest Ministerial Conference and Bologna Policy Forum (27-28th of April)

Q: What do we know so far?

A: TETT (Too Early To Tell...)

Safe guesses or ongoing discussions:

- ❖ the two events might be intertwined, both in terms of schedule and content;
- ❖ there will be only one!
One Report regarding the implementation of the Bologna Process (EUROSTAT, EURYDICE, EUROSTUDENT) to be complemented by a special WG report for Transparency Mechanisms and by the EHEA Mobility Strategy;
- ❖ possible input from the research community doing work on the Bologna Process (tbc).



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Thank you!