

Networking session on the future working structures

Background document

I. Objectives

The networking session is scheduled immediately after the discussion on the 2024-2027 Work Programme, with the objective of incentivising BFUG members to have a more in-depth discussion in break-out groups on the expectations regarding the activities of the 2024-2027 BFUG working structures.

After closing the call for expressions of interest in co-chairing the proposed working structures (22nd of September 2024 EOD), the BFUG members representing countries or consultative members having volunteered to co-chair the proposed working structures will be invited to moderate the break-out sessions (nevertheless, the BFUG might decide not to establish all proposed working structures or to approve all proposals for interest in co-chairing).

The discussions in the break-out session will be used to collect input from the BFUG members, supporting the co-chairs of the working structures, once they are agreed by the BFUG, to draw up the first draft of the Terms of Reference for their group.

While the focus of the session is to discuss the activity of the groups, the participants can also reflect on the partnerships and activities of potential projects that could support their work. A similar activity took place at the BFUG 63 in Vienna (see [here](#)), to discuss projects, however in that case the Work Programme had already been agreed upon before the Ministerial Conference in Paris.

II. Format

The session is scheduled to last one hour and uses the World Cafe format. Six groups will be created in different parts of the meeting room for the following working structures proposed in the [Draft Work Programme](#): WG on Monitoring (implementation), WG/AG on Fundamental Values, CG on Global Policy Dialogue, WG on Internationalisation & Mobility, AG/TF on the Future of Bologna, Bologna Coordination Implementation Group (including the four proposed TPGs). Due to their specific nature, no groups will be organised for the TF on long-term Secretariat or the Advisory Group on ECTS.




Each breakout group is moderated by the proposed co-chairs of the respective working structures. The breakout groups will use flipcharts and post-it notes to brainstorm their ideas.

At the beginning of the session, the participants will be invited to choose their breakout group. The session is divided into three intervals of 20 minutes each, and as such, each participant can join three groups, should they so wish. After each set of 20 minutes, the moderators will announce the expiry of the dedicated time. However, participants can choose to remain in the current breakout group if they want to.

For delegations with 2 representatives, we advise that they split in different groups to ensure a better coverage.

III. Guiding questions

BFUG participants are invited to discuss on the following three guiding questions:

-  Considering the Tirana Communique commitments, which should be the main objectives of the working structure?
-  What should be the main outcome(s) of the working structure?
-  What activities can be deployed to address the focus and achieve the outcome(s) (potentially including via Erasmus+ funded projects)?