

Background note

Proposal for the Rules of Procedure of the Bologna Follow-Up Group

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The Ministerial Conference in Tirana in May 2024 adopted Part I of the Rules of Procedure, including annexes, which are the Rules of Procedure for the European Higher Education Area (RoP-EHEA). According to Article IV.3 of the RoP-EHEA, the Bologna Follow-Up Group adopts Part II of the Rules of Procedure, which are the Rules of Procedure for the Bologna Follow-Up Group and its' sub-structures (RoP-BFUG).

The proposal for the Part II – RoP-BFUG has been elaborated by the Task Force on the Review of the Rules and Regulations for the Governance of the European Higher Education Area in tandem with the Part I - RoP-EHEA.

The draft Part II – RoP-BFUG has been sent to the EHEA Secretariat by the former Albanian Secretariat as part of the handover process.

As the provisions related to the establishment of a long-term Secretariat are not applicable for the 2024-2027 cycle, it is proposed that those points which were subsequent to the establishment of such a Secretariat for this working period (marked in yellow and strikethrough) are eliminated from the Part II -RoP-BFUG for the time being.

As several discussions have taken place in relation to the Rules of Procedure, the co-chairs do not intend to re-open the document for amendments.

Proposed action: adopt Part II – RoP-BFUG.