

BFUG working structures: overview and synergies with the CG on GPD

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Rules of Procedure – EHEA Structures



Bologna Follow-Up Group (BFUG)

*The BFUG **oversees and directs the development of the EHEA** between Ministerial Conferences, ensures the **implementation of commitments** adopted by Ministers, develops its **work programme** on this basis and **prepares issues** for discussion and decision by Ministers.*

**BFUG
Board**

**EHEA
Secretariat**



Rules of Procedure – Work Programme



The BFUG develops and implements the EHEA work programme based on priorities adopted by Ministers.



The work programme is completed by the next Ministerial Conference, with the BFUG reporting its implementation to Ministers.



Parts of the programme may be assigned to Working Groups and similar structures, per their terms of reference adopted by the BFUG



All working structures report and submit proposals to the BFUG according to the programme's schedule.

Rules of Procedure – Minutes and documents



Rules of Procedure – Working Structures

Types of working structures

- Task Forces
- Working Groups
- Thematic Peer Learning Groups



Terms of Reference

- Developed based on the Communiqué, work programme, and BFUG discussions/decisions.



Role and Authority

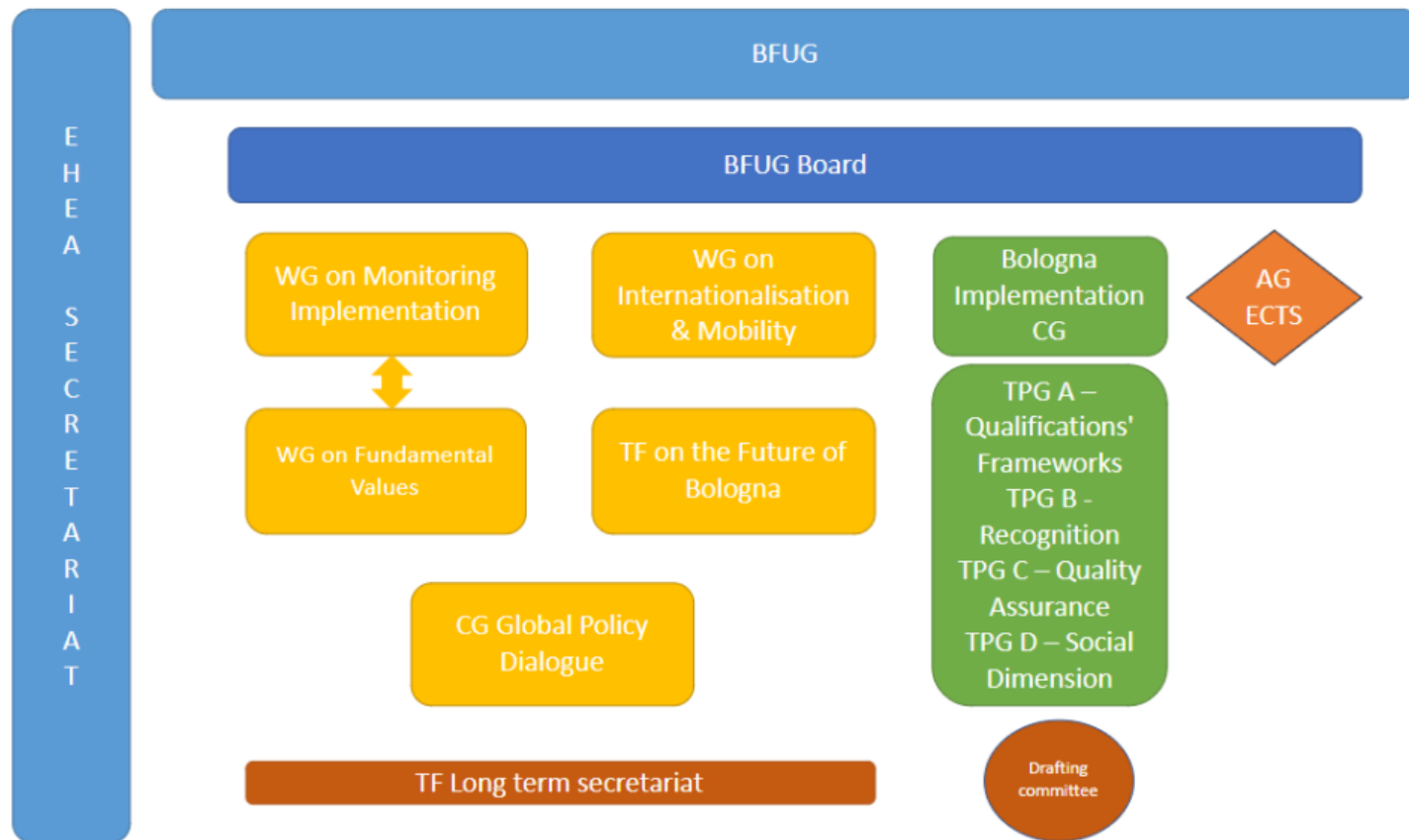
- No decision-making authority
- Submit proposals and provide advice to assist BFUG in decision-making
- Support development of recommendations, reports, instruments for Ministers to adopt



Participation

- BFUG and consultative members typically participate, but can appoint a representative with a suitable profile.
- Regular participation is required, preferably by the same person.
- Ministries, institutions, or organizations must stay informed of the group's work.

Work Programme



Working structures

01.

WG on Monitoring (Implementation)

- Austria – Helga Posset, Ministry of Education
- Eurydice – David Crosier – Higher Education System and Policy Analyst
- Malta – TBC

02.

WG on Internationalisation and mobility

- Germany – David Akrami Flores - Head of Unit Policy Support National Agency for Erasmus+ University Cooperation at the DAAD
- Moldova – Rodica Crudu
- Netherlands – Arthur Belle – Senior Policy Officer at the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science
- Ukraine – Maryna Mruga, Ministry of Education and Science

Working structures



03.

WG on Fundamental Values

- **Malta** – Rose Anne Cuschieri, CEO at MFHEA
- **Romania** – Mihai Cezar Hâj, Expert at Executive Unit for Financing Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation

04.

TF on the Future of Bologna

- **Belgium – Flemish Community** – Liesbeth Hens – Coordinator of HE policy at the Ministry of Education and Training
- **Germany** – Lea Kröger – Desk officer EHEA and Internationalisation at the Federal Ministry of Education and Research
- **Ireland** – Orla Lynch – Principal Officer at the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science
- **Ukraine** – Maryna Mruga, State Expert on HE at the Ministry of Education and Science

Working structures



05.

TF on long-term Secretariat

- Czech Republic – Michal Karpisek, External BFUG expert for the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports
- EUA - Michael Gaebel – Director HE Policy Unit

06.

CG GPD

- Italy – Elisa Petrucci, Programme Specialist at CIMEA – MUR
- Moldova – Nina Putuntean, Head of the International Relation Office, Technical University of Moldova
- UNESCO – Noah Webster Sobe, Chief of Section for Higher Education

Working structures

07.

BICG

- **Finland** – **Maija Innola**, Ministry of Education of Finland
- **Bulgaria** – **Ivana Radonova**, Head of Policy in HE Unit at the Ministry of Education and Science
- **EUA** – **Maria Kelo**, Director of Institutional Development Unit

08.

TPG A

- **France** - **Sara Thornton**, Scientific Advisor at the Ministry for Higher Education and Research
- **Georgia** – **Ketevan Panchulidze**, Head of Qualifications Development Department at the National Center for Education Quality Enhancement
- **Latvia** – **Baiba Ramina**, Chairperson of the Board at the Academic Information Center

Working structures

09.

TPG B

- **France** – **Jingchao Shi** – Deputy Director at the French ENIC-NARIC
- **Italy** – **Chiara Finocchietti**, Director of ENIC-NARIC Italy
- **Ukraine** – **Maryna Mruga**, State Expert on HE at the Ministry of Education and Science

10.

TPG C

- **Armenia** – **Varduhi Gyulazyan**, Head of Institutional and Programme Accreditation at the National Center for Professional Education Quality Assurance
- **France** - **Sophie Guillet** - Head of the cooperation unit at the Hcéres and **Solange Pisarz** – Executive Director of the CTI
- **Romania** – **Daniela Cristina Ghitulica**, Director-General of the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in HE

11.

TPG D

- **ESU** – **Iris Kimizoglu**, President
- **Latvia** - **Elīza Dāldere**, Expert on HE at the Ministry of Education and Science
- **Malta** – **Jana Kazarjan**, Manager Research and Policy at Malta Further and Higher Education Authority (MFHEA)

Work Programme

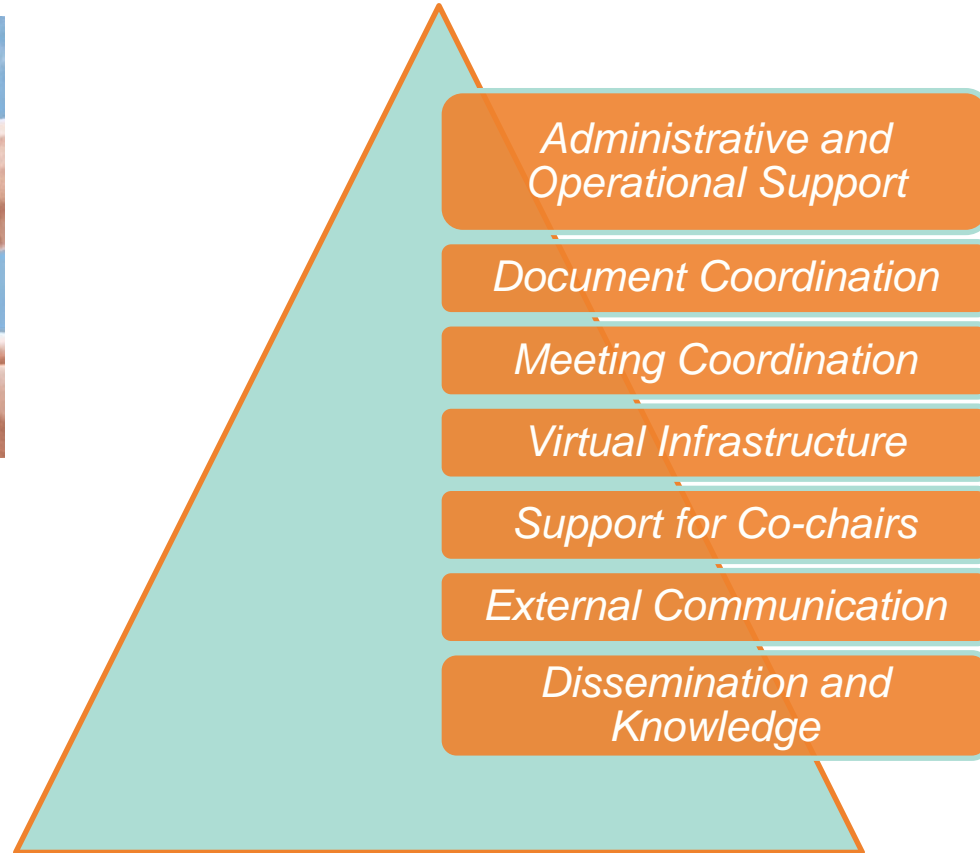


The BFUG in September 2024 adopted the Work Programme including the working structures, co-chairs, reference to the Tirana Communiqué and main outcomes.

*The working structures are required to operationalise the commitments of Reference, in order to ensure **an outcome-based approach and make it possible to assess the activity of each working structure.***

*The BFUG members were consulted on the draft Terms of Reference, including membership in the working structures. **After the consultation with the working structures and incorporating the feedback from the BFUG, the ToRs were sent for online (silence) adoption procedure last week.***

Relation with the Secretariat



EHEA newsletter



Welcome to the First Newsletter of the 2024-27 Working Period!

So, we end a very busy 2024 in the European Higher Education Area, with a promise of even busier times ahead. The working structures of the previous period have all finished their tasks, delivered their reports, and the Ministers have communicated their commitments in the [Tirana Communiqué](#) and given a steer on the work of the next period.

Draft Schedule of topics for BFUG meetings

This document has been prepared based on the information provided in the draft Terms of Reference of the working structures, previous practice and the discussions during the Coordination meeting between the co-chairs of the working structures. It provides a tentative overview of possible arrangements for topics to be addressed during the BFUG meetings of the 2024-2027 work period and their progression between BFUG meetings. It is aimed that the document is discussed with the co-chairs of the working structures during the XCIV BFUG Board meeting and then presented to the BFUG for discussion and agreement at the XCV BFUG meeting.

BFUG number	BFUG XCV	BFUG XCVII	BFUG XCIX	BFUG CI	BFUG CIII	BFUG CIV	Comments
Host	Poland	Denmark	Cyprus	Ireland	Lithuania	Lithuania	
Period	Spring 2025	Late Autumn 2025	Spring 2026	Autumn 2026	Early Spring 2027	Late Spring 2027	
WG on Monitoring		Focus of BPIR - discussion	Focus of BPIR - decision		Draft BPIR 1	BPIR Final Report	
WG on Internationalisation and Mobility				Draft I Action Plan on Mobility	Draft Action Plan on Mobility II		Discussion on barriers to mobility in BFUG XCIX?
WG on Fundamental Values	Comprehensive framework and monitoring tool with indicators presented to the BFUG	Selection of indicators to be used by the WG on Monitoring for the BPIR			Draft Implementation report on FV	Final Implementation Report on FV	Depending on the BFUG regarding focus of BPIR

Synergies

With other BFUG working structures

- TPGs (A, B, C)
- WG on Internationalisation and Mobility,
- TF on the Future of Bologna
- Any other BFUG working structure as appropriate

Identification of stakeholders

- EU initiatives (Europe on the Move, Global)
- UNESCO's Campus Africa
- The Global Convention on Recognition
- ASEAN Roadmap
- 2025 ENLACES initiative





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Thank you!

