3rd meeting of the Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue

29th of September 2025, 11:30 – 17:30 EEST

30th of September 2025, 09:20 – 16:30 EEST

Hybrid event

Romania and online

Location: National University of Science and Technology POLITEHNICA Bucharest

Preparatory note

In line with the Terms of Reference for the Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue (CG GPD) and with the information previously shared with the Group, the 3rd meeting of the CG GPD will **focus on** the topics of **recognition of qualifications and quality assurance (QA) from a global perspective, with digitalisation as a cross-cutting topic**.

The **main aim** of the meeting is to identify the **key elements** to prioritise for enhancing dialogue and cooperation at a global level on these topics. To this end, new regional and global developments in the field of recognition and QA will be presented to facilitate discussion among relevant actors.

The CG on GPD meeting will include two parts: **on the first part of day 1**, the meeting will focus on **structural and organisational matters**, with the participation of the CG on GPD members. The first part of the meeting would include discussions on the implementation of the CG on GPD Work Programme and next steps, including initial preparations for the Global Policy Forum and its statement, as well as the presentation of the supporting Erasmus+ project and input from other BFUG working structures.

The **second part of the meeting**, during the afternoon on day 1 and the entire day 2, would be open to external partners and include presentations and a **peer-learning activity** on the recognition of qualifications and quality assurance from a global perspective.

The CG on GPD meeting is organised **in conjunction with the SPHERE Bologna Symposium and Annual Conference**, organised by OBREAL and the European University Association at the National University of Science and Technology POLITEHNICA Bucharest between the 1st to the 3rd of October. This would allow the participation of external guests from EHEA neighbouring countries in the CG on GPD

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meeting, as well as the participation of CG on GPD members to the SPHERE events. Additional information on registration and practicalities for CG on GPD members for attending the SPHERE events would be sent separately.

Agenda

Day 1 – 29th of September 2025

Morning session – internal meeting for CG GPD members

11:30 - 12:00	**Arrivals and registration** **Coffee & Networking**
12:00 – 12:10	**Welcome remarks and introduction to the meeting** Elisa Petrucci, *Italy*
12:10 – 12:20	**Adoption of the agenda and of the 2ⁿᵈ CG GPD meeting minutes** Nina Puțuntean, *Republic of Moldova* Documents: 3ʳᵈ CG GPD meeting draft agenda 2ⁿᵈ CG GPD meeting minutes
12:20 – 12:35	**Presentation of the GLOBAL 2030 project objectives and activities** *Executive Unit for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding of Romania (UEFISCDI) – Oana Țînțar, project coordinator* Documents: GLOBAL 2030 presentation
12:35 – 12:40	**Foreword from the Ministry of Education and Research of Republic of Moldova – Global Policy Forum** – Nina Puțuntean, *Republic of Moldova*
12:40 – 13:30	**Updates and discussion on the CG on GPD next steps and activities** Elisa Petrucci, *Italy* and Noah W. Sobe, *UNESCO*

Proposed action:

- Discussion on the CG on GPD Work Programme, including thematic priorities addressed, the alternation of CG on GPD meeting formats and potential stakeholders
- The tentative list of stakeholders engaged in the Global Policy Forum and invited to participate
- The Global Policy Forum Statement: call for consultations and drafting process

Afternoon session – CG on GPD meeting with external partners	
13:30 – 14:15	***Lunch***
14:15 – 14:30	**Welcome addresses and tour de table** *Ministry of Education and Research of Romania,* Gigel Paraschiv – State Secretary for Higher Education (TBC) *POLITEHNICA University,* Horia Iovu – Vice-Rector Elisa Petrucci, *Italy;* Nina Puțuntean, *Republic of Moldova;* Noah W. Sobe, *UNESCO*
14:30 – 14:45	**Presentation of the CG on GPD priorities** Elisa Petrucci, *Italy;* Nina Puțuntean, *Republic of Moldova*

14:45 – 15:45	**Enhancing dialogue on recognition at a regional and global levels**
	
	Chaired by Noah W. Sobe, UNESCO
	   o Massamba Diouf, *President of the Addis Convention Committee* (video)
	   o Gonzalo Baroni Boces, *President of the Buenos Aires Convention Committee* (online)
	   o Luca Lantero, *President of the Lisbon Recognition Convention Bureau* (online)
	   o Dolly Seow-Ganesan, *President of the Tokyo Convention Committee* (video)

15:45 – 16:00	***Coffee Break***

16:00- 17:00	**Fostering synergies between regional quality assurance frameworks**
	
	    ○ Charles Kihampa, *President of AfriQAN* (online)
	    ○ Hazman Abdullah, *ASEAN representative (Malaysia)/ Quality Assurance consultant SCOPE-HE project (online)*
	    ○ Luis Miranda, *ENQA*

17:00 – 17:30	**Input from other BFUG working structures**
	
	    ○ Jingchao Shi, *France, TPG B on Lisbon Recognition Convention*
	    ○ Cristina Ghițulică, *TPG C on Quality Assurance*

17:30 19:30 20:00	**End of Day 1** **Transportation from the POLITEHNICA University to the dinner venue (optional)** **Informal dinner (optional)** Restaurant Mandaloun (Str. Nicolae G. Caramfil Nr. 89, București 014142)

Day 2 – 30th of September 2025

09:20	**Start of Day 2**
09:20 – 09:30	**Welcome remarks and introduction to the meeting** Nina Puțuntean, *Republic of Moldova*
09:30 – 11:00	**Global dialogue and peer learning on Recognition**

09:30 – 09:50	**Presentations from a global outlook**
	    ○ Elisa Petrucci, *Italy*
	    ○ Leila Loupis, *UNESCO*

09:50 – 10:10	**Presentations from a national perspective**
	    ○ Rauza Mendaliyeva, *Kazakhstan*
	    ○ Mohamed Boudour, *Algeria*

10:10 – 10:50	**Breakout session on fostering inter-regional cooperation on recognition**
10:50 – 11:00	**Plenary reporting**
11:00 – 11:30	*Coffee break*
11:30 – 13:00	**Global dialogue and peer learning on Quality assurance**
11:30 – 11:50	**Presentations from a global outlook**

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- o Luis Miranda, *ENQA*
- o Noah W. Sobe, *UNESCO*

11:50 – 12:10	**Presentations from a national perspective**

- o Andreas Snidal, *Norway*
- o Ahmad Abu-El-Haija, *Jordan*

12:10 – 12:50	**Breakout session on fostering inter-regional cooperation on Quality assurance**
12:50 – 13:00	**Plenary reporting**
13:00	*Official Family Photo*
13:00 – 14:00	*Lunch*
14:00 – 15:15	**Interactive session to identify main convergences between recognition and QA at the regional and global levels**

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- o Luca Lantero, *President of the Lisbon Recognition Convention Bureau*
- o Dolly Seow-Ganesan, *President of the Tokyo Convention Committee*
- o Charles Kihampa, *President of AfriQAN*
- o Anna Gover, *Director of ENQA* (online)
- o Olga Limón, *Executive Director of RIACES*

15:15 – 16:30	**Global dialogue and peer learning on Digitalisation, recognition and QA**

15:15 – 15:35	**Presentations from a global outlook**
	    o Catherine Dolgova-Dreyer, *Council of Europe*
	    o Yann-Mael Bideau, *European Commission*
	    o *UNESCO*

15:35 – 16:00	**Presentations from a national perspective**
	    o Luca Ferranti, *Italy*
	    o Petrişor-Laurenţiu Ţucă, *ARACIS, Romania*

16:00 – 16:20	**Plenary discussion**
16:20 – 16:30	**Wrap up and end of the meeting**
16:30 – 16:45	*Coffee break*
16:45 – 18:00	**Presentation of POLITEHNICA Bucharest continued by visit to research centres (optional)** o Ciprian Dobre, Vice-Rector

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