



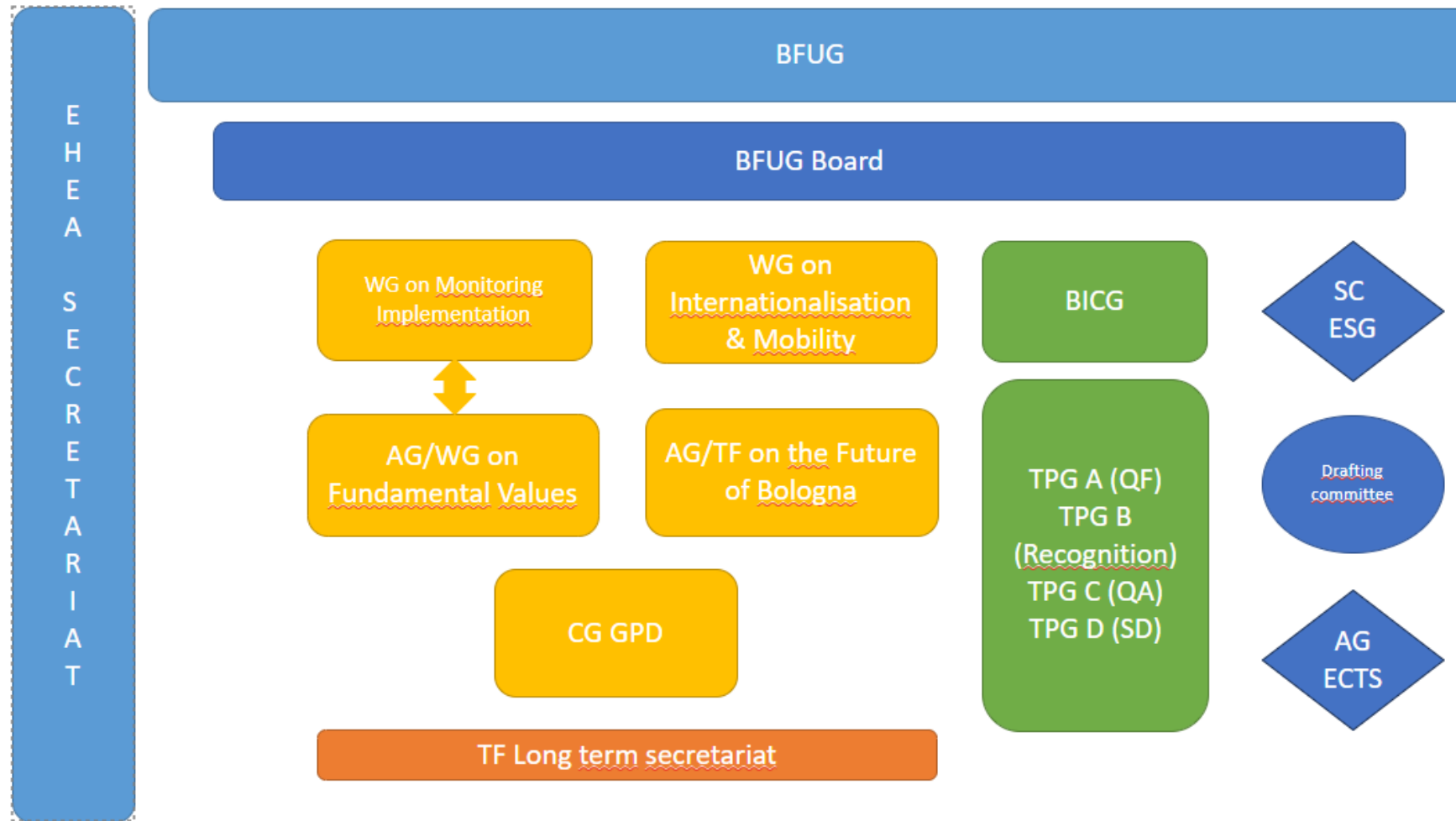
Proposal for the BFUG Work Programme 2024-2027

Discussion and adoption

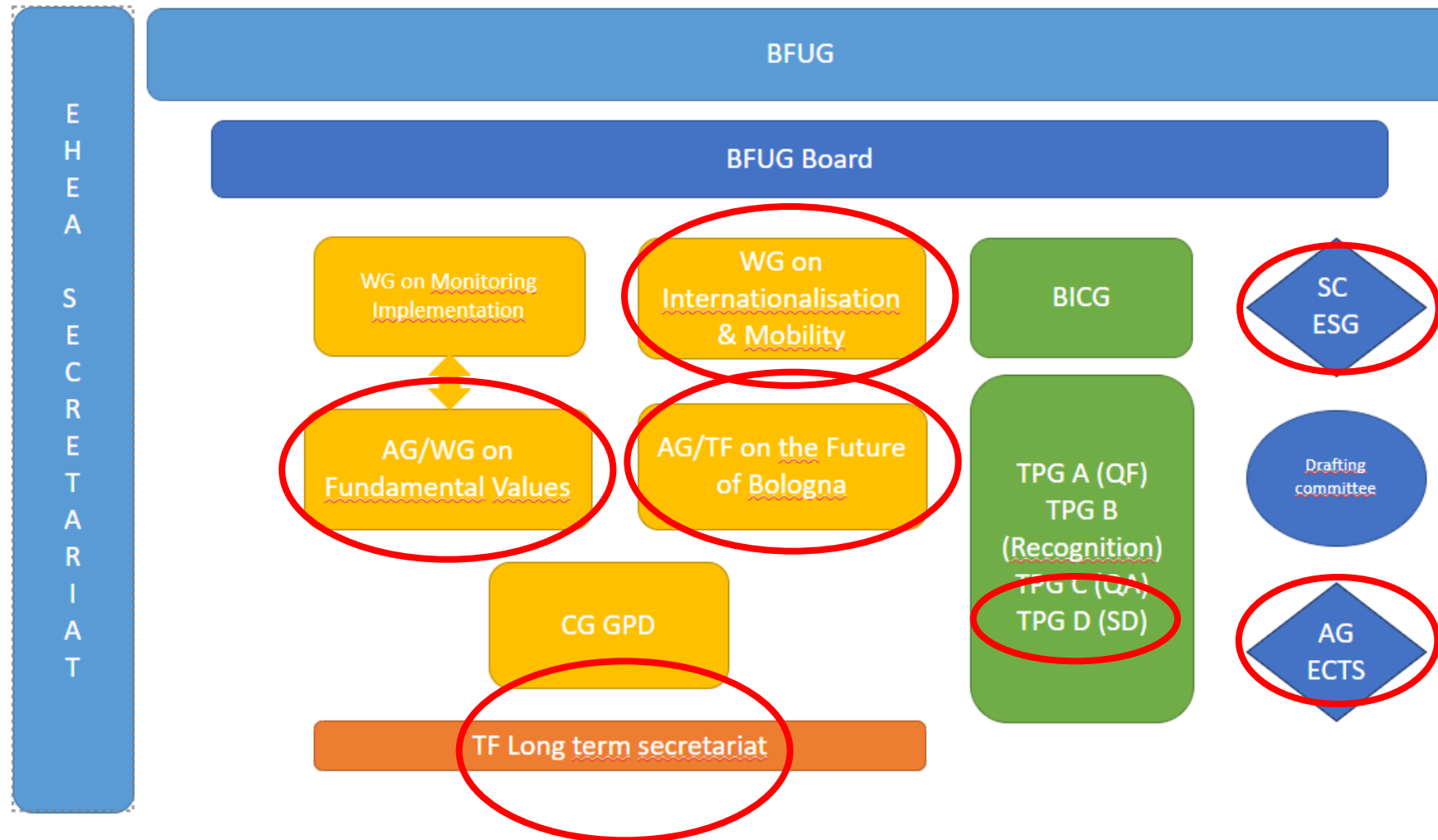
Proposal prepared by the BFUG Board in Reykjavik

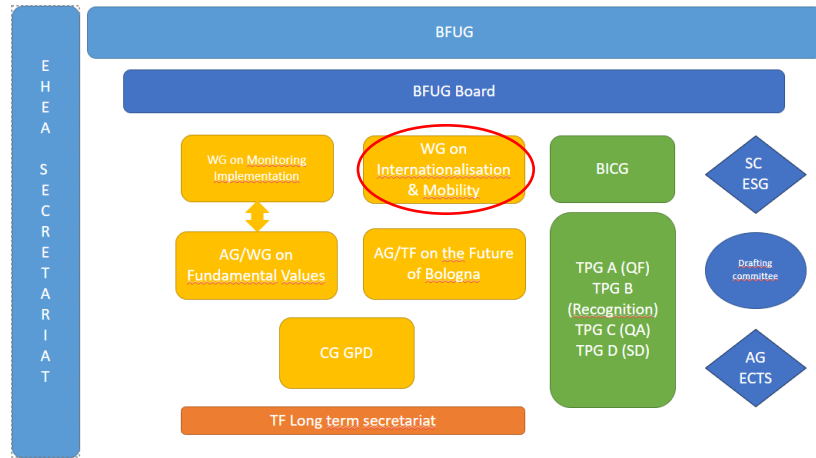
- Focus on commitments in Tirana Communiqué
- Call for a leaner structure and lighter load
- A wish and need to move from technical discussions to give more time to relevant policy debates of interest to BFUG and its members
- Timeframe is tight but adapted to allow BFUG Working Structures apply for Erasmus+ projects

Proposal 2024-2027



Changes proposed

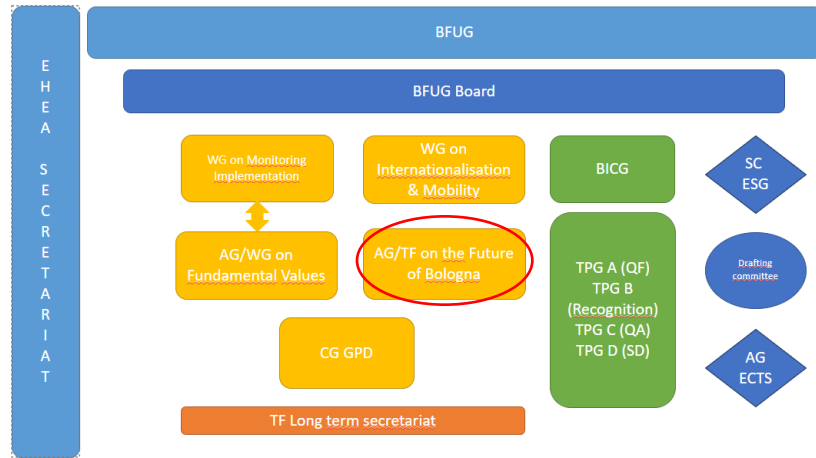




‘We mandate the BFUG to prepare an action plan to stimulate mobility and internationalisation of higher education and to support measures for achieving a greener, more inclusive, and more balanced mobility’
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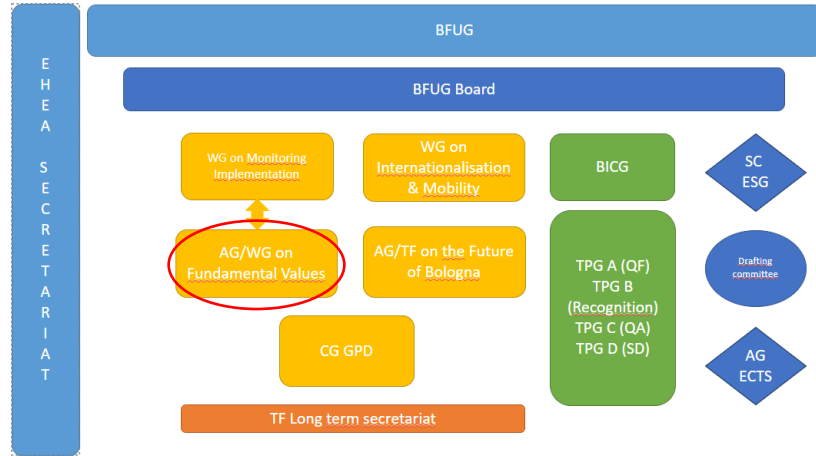
‘We will support higher education institutions in their exploration of practices and benefits of blended mobility and virtual exchanges, and in fostering the internationalisation of the curricula. We commit to supporting transnational cooperation, including for joint programmes and joint degrees, through better implementation of the key commitments and by removing undue administrative and legal barriers’

- Mobility is at the very core of EHEA.
- Targets are not met for a variety of reasons
- Not so much WHY but HOW
- Support for internationalisation and overcoming barriers to mobility



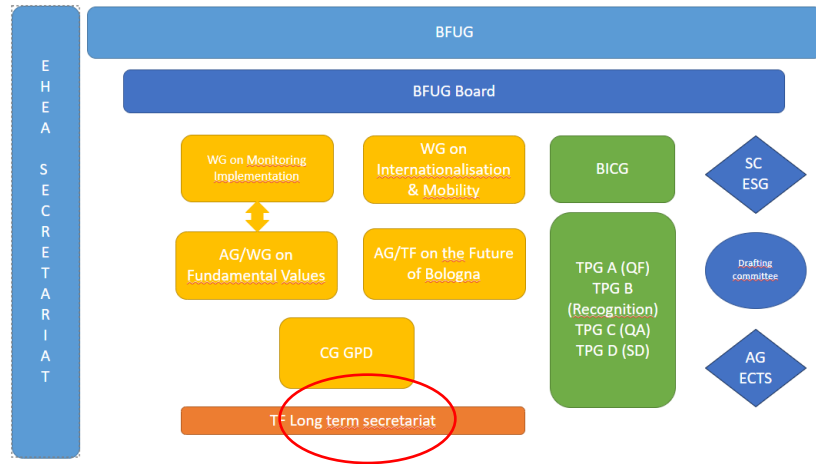
‘We also ask the BFUG to submit to us in 2027 proposals for the main priorities for the next decade, in close cooperation with higher education institutions, staff and students.’

- Need to bring back relevance and policy debate
- Organise debates on topics relevant to the BFUG, within the BFUG
- Outreach and relevance to stakeholders
- Future proof development and possible expansion of key commitments



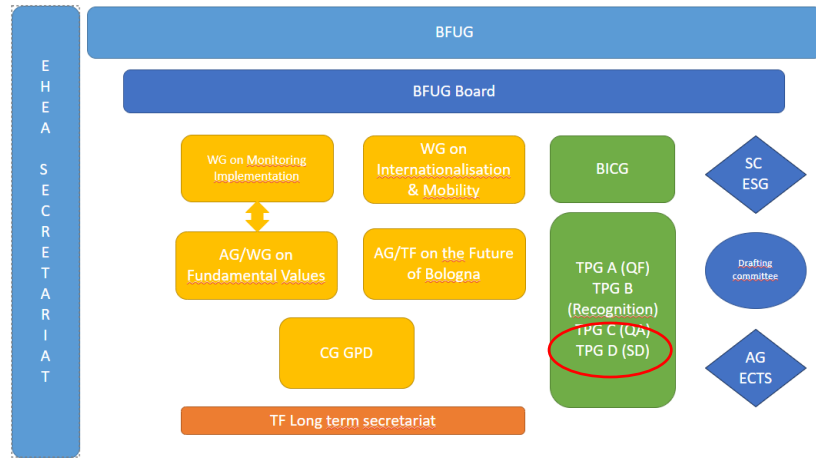
‘We welcome the work on creating a technical monitoring framework, and we ask the BFUG to report back to us at our 2027 Ministerial Conference.’

- Finalising technical monitoring framework
- Monitoring FV
- Develop indicators that eventually can be used in monitoring report
- Raise awareness and promote FV



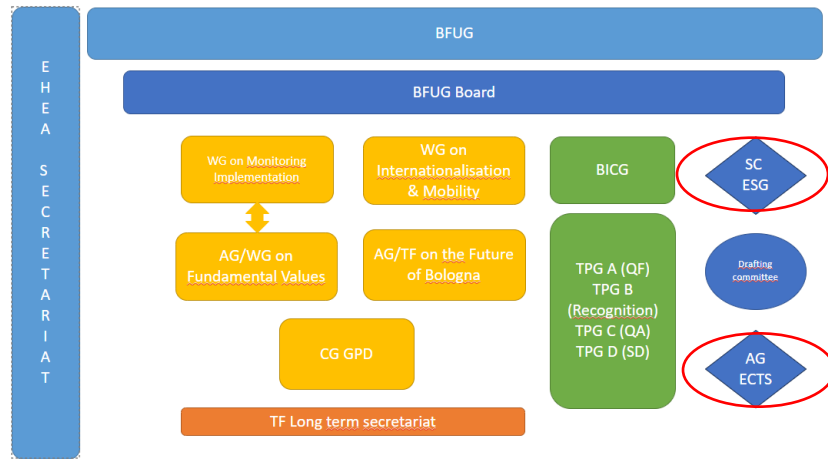
‘We mandate the BFUG to continue working on the possibility of establishing a long-term, independent, internationally staffed Secretariat to create effective support for the BFUG, and to evaluate the feasibility and sustainability of the related proposals, models, and terms of reference in Spring 2026, to be presented for adoption and implementation at our 2027 Ministerial Conference.’

- Work based on the Roadmap developed by the TF on R&R
- Small group for effective and concise process
- Co-chairs not potential hosts
- Potential hosts to be involved at relevant point in the group to ensure local knowledge



‘We, together with stakeholders and communities, commit to tackling the socio-economic challenges, such as the rising cost of living and difficulty to access student housing, that have impacted access to higher education and student life as a whole. We will intensify our efforts to ensure the recognition of qualifications held by refugees and to remove barriers to their enrolment in higher education.’

- The important policy development has been completed with Principles and Guidelines and development of indicators
- Focus now on promoting and strengthening the Social Dimension in EHEA
- Ready to employ TPG Model; specifically developed for promotion and support of implementation
- Can include SCL



- Additional structures
- ECTS – technical group of experts chaired by European Commission
- ESG - Process coordinated by the original authors of the ESG (E4).

To support the implementation of the ECTS, including learning outcomes, we invite the BFUG to review the ECTS Users' Guide 2015 by 2027, to strengthen its key features and adapt it to current developments, including micro credentials

We invite the authors of the ESG to propose a revised version by 2026 to the BFUG, to be adopted by us at our 2027 Ministerial conference, as well as an adjustment, where required, of the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes.

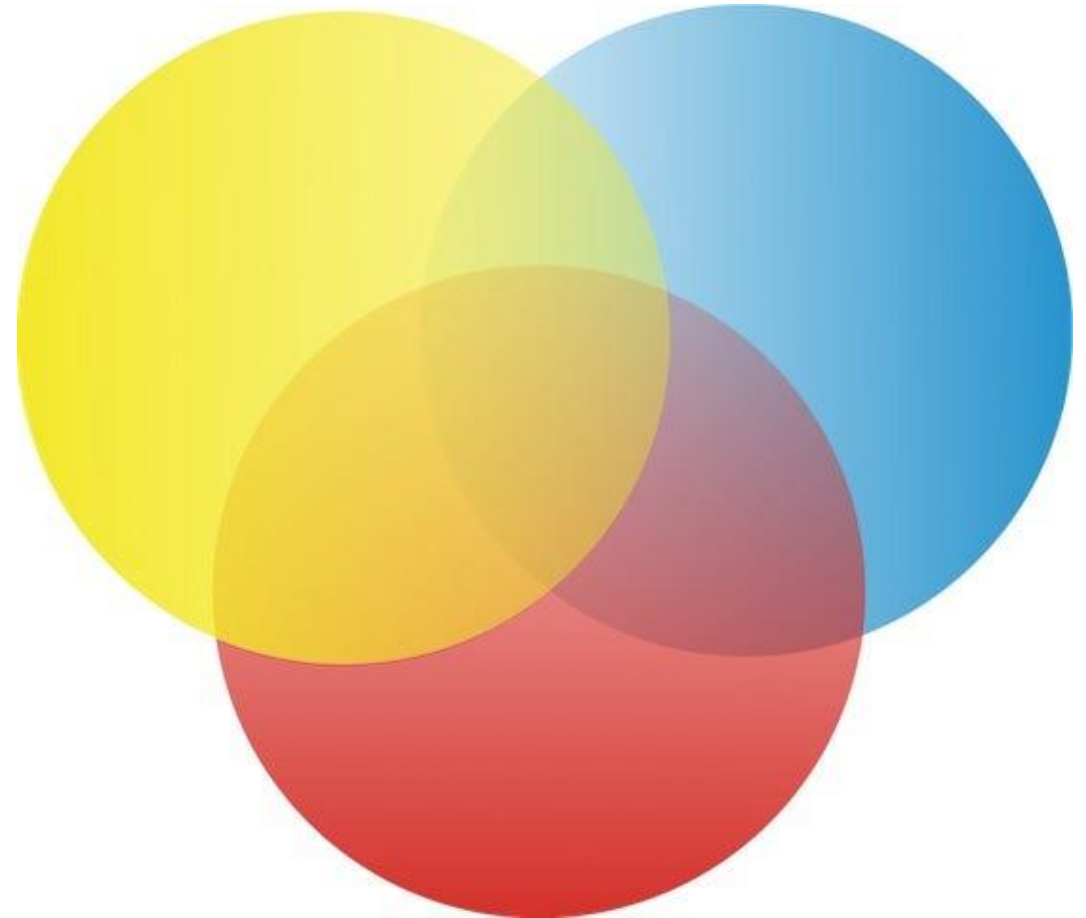
What about learning and teaching?

- Important topic but proposed to be tackled by institutions and to be presented to the BFUG for information
- EUA Proposing to coordinate a project under this umbrella



Transverse topics – Future of Bologna?

- *We ask the BFUG to consider in its work the wider and longer-term impact of the digital transition on higher education in the EHEA, including AI, and in particular with regard to the key commitments and the use of Bologna Process tools.*
- *Reciprocal referencing of qualifications frameworks and credit systems, ratification and implementation of the UNESCO Global Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education, as well as the second generation regional recognition conventions, and alignment and mutual understanding of quality assurance principles.*
- *How do we tackle?: ‘we commit to ensuring that we have, or will devise, and will publish appropriate action plans to address any remaining implementation gaps, and to promoting knowledge-sharing activities related to the EHEA’. TPGs?*



Can we improve work at home? Future of Bologna?

- *We will intensify our efforts to ensure the recognition of qualifications held by refugees and to remove barriers to their enrolment in higher education.*
- *- We will support higher education institutions in strengthening their contribution to society and their local communities, responding to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and the green transition in the area of higher education, to the ongoing digitalisation and the combination of physical and online learning and teaching.*
- *- We will also promote more robust and transparent quality assurance of transnational education delivered worldwide, in line with the ESG, to protect the interests of students.*
- *- We are committed to countering diploma and accreditation mills, fraudulent qualifications and academic cheating services, made more accessible through developments in the digital field.*



Guidelines for work load

- Outcome focused with specific tasks and deliverables from the start (to initially discuss in breakout)
- Working structures should usually foresee one meeting per semester unless the work format calls for other arrangements (e.g., in short-term taskforces). In case more meetings are needed, the BFUG should endorse the change.
- Sub-groups created by BFUG working structures are not entitled to secretarial support from the EHEA Secretariat.



Timeline

- BFUG meeting – adoption of the Work Programme (working structures, co-chairs, links to Tirana Communique)
- 30th September– 13th October – Call for membership
- By 20th October – Draft o ToRs by co-chairs
- By 3rd November – consultation with members of the working structures and Draft 1
- Early November – potential coordination meeting with co-chairs in Chişinău and Draft 2
- Mid November – Draft 3 ToRs presented to the BFUG
- 22nd of November – BFUG adoption of the ToRs and the list of members by online procedure



Networking session

- One hour
- Six groups (Monitoring, IM, FV, GPD, Future of Bologna, BICG), moderated by proposed co-chairs
- Rotation after 20 mins (or keep your spot)
- Brainstorm outcomes and activities of the working structures to support future co-chairs in drafting ToRs, based on the discussions on the Work Programme
- Consider potential projects supporting the work

