

BFUG WG Internationalisation and Mobility Work Plan 2024-2027

Discussion on Tasks and Activities

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Overview: Work Plan 2024-2027

Activities

- WG meetings
- Peer-Learning Activities (PLAs) / Expert Hearings
- Glossary
- **Action Plan for Internationalisation and Mobility**
- Preparations in the run-up to the 2027 Ministerial Meeting
- *What else?*

WG Meetings and Peer-Learning Activities

Regular WG meetings once per semester; ideally in connection with peer-learning activities/expert hearings on the day before the actual WG meeting.

Activities BFUG WG on Internationalisation and Mobility	2025												2026												2027												
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WG Meetings																																					
WG Meeting 1, Moldova																																					
WG Meeting 2, Germany (+PLA/Expert Hearing)																																					
WG Meeting 3, tbd (+PLA/Expert Hearing)																																					
WG Meeting 4, tbd (+PLA/Expert Hearing)																																					
WG Meeting 5, tbd																																					
WG Meeting 6, tbd																																					
Peer-learning activities / expert hearings																																					
Planning and hosting 1st PLA, Germany (in conjunction with WG Meeting 2)																																					
Planning and hosting 2nd PLA, tbd (in conjunction with WG Meeting 3)																																					
Planning and hosting 3rd PLA, tbd (in conjunction with WG Meeting 4)																																					

Proposal:

- 6 WG meetings in total (on-site), online ad hoc meetings only if necessary
- 3 PLAs in conjunction with WG Meetings 2, 3 and 4

WG Meeting 2 and PLA in Germany

Proposed dates:

- 26 May (PLA) +
27/28 May (WG Meeting)

The image displays three pages of a draft program for a Peer-Learning Activity (PLA) titled "Internationalisation and Mobility". The program is scheduled for June 2025 and is organized by DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) in collaboration with the Bologna Hub and the European Commission.

Page 1: Overview and Day 1 Schedule

- Peer-Learning Activity: Internationalisation and Mobility**
- Date:** June 2025
- Venue:** tba
- Draft Programme**
- Day 1: June 2025**
- Peer-Learning Activity** (open to all registered participants)
- Registration** (8:30-9:00)
- Welcome** (9:00-9:15)
- Impulse** (9:15-9:45)
- Leuven revisited – Reflections on the Bologna mobility target** (The university perspective – Michael Goebel, EUA; The student perspective – tba, ESU)
- Panel Discussion** (9:45-10:45)
- Title:** tba
- Speakers:** tba
- Moderator:** tba

Page 2: Detailed Schedule (10:45-15:00)

- 10:45-11:15** Coffee Break
- 11:15-12:45** Breakout Sessions
- A: Inclusive and equitable mobility**
 - Equity, inclusion, and accessibility in mobility
 - Fostering mobility for underrepresented groups and addressing barriers related to socio-economic background, gender, disabilities, or minority status
 - Supporting mental health and well-being in mobility
 - Language and intercultural competence development; integration in local communities
- B: Greener mobility and sustainable internationalisation**
 - Environmental sustainability in mobility programmes
 - Raising awareness for sustainability throughout the mobility cycle (before, during, after)
 - Sustainability at system level
- C: Strategic combination of digitalisation and internationalisation in HE**
 - Virtual and blended mobility
 - Digitalisation of mobility processes
- 12:45-14:00** Lunch Break
- 14:00-15:00** Presentations and Discussion
- Internationalisation strategies and the future of mobility, Part II**
- Europe on the Move: Meeting the EU's mobility targets** (Speaker: tba, European Commission)
- The Dutch debate: "Balanced" internationalisation and management of international student flows in higher education** (Speaker: tba)
- Experience from (Eastern European country)** (Speaker: tba)
- 15:00-15:30** Coffee Break

Page 3: Detailed Schedule (15:30-16:30)

- 15:30-16:30** Presentations and Discussion
- Internationalisation strategies and the future of mobility, Part II**
- Austria's National Mobility and Internationalisation Strategy for Higher Education 2020-2030** (Speaker: tba)
- Germany's Bund-Länder strategy for the internationalisation of higher education institutions** (Speaker: tba)
- New challenges – new opportunities: Preliminary results from the DAAD scientific committee on the future of academic mobility** (Speaker: Annette Scheerol, University of Bonn, tbc)
- 16:30-16:45** Wrap-up
- David Akrami Flores, DAAD**
- 19:00** Dinner at Restaurant "tba"
- For invited guests and speakers and members of the BFUG Working Group for Internationalisation and Mobility**
- Facilitator:** David Akrami Flores, DAAD
- Language:** English (no translation)
- All times are CEST (UTC+2)**

Call to host future WG Meetings (and PLAs)

Proposed dates:

- WG Meeting 3, autumn 2025
- WG Meeting 4, spring 2026
- WG Meeting 5, autumn 2026
- WG Meeting 6, spring 2027



EHEA action plan on Internationalisation and Mobility and Glossary

Develop an EHEA action plan on Internationalisation and Mobility, considering the experience of the 2012 action plan adopted at the Bucharest Ministerial Conference, that:

- *Supports the EHEA members in developing and implementing internationalisation policies that enable all learners to acquire international and intercultural competencies.*
- *EHEA mobility targets in light of greatly varying mobility numbers in different countries, between credit and degree mobility and different cycles, and identify the barriers to mobility as well as offering recommendations for the removal of these barriers. This would also consider the changes approaches towards mobility and internationalisation, including virtual and blended learning experiences.*
- *Provide concrete recommendations for member countries to develop or enhance policies that collectively strive for 1) more inclusive, 2) more balanced, and 3) greener mobility’.*
- *Includes a glossary of the key terms in the area of internationalisation and mobility, to ensure common understanding of terminology.*

Glossary

The work will be divided in two phases:

Phase one: Identify all the relevant themes and topics, including barriers to and benefits of mobility, to be included in the action plan and to provide definitions for these themes in a glossary to promote common understanding.

Phase two: develop the action plan itself

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Glossary												
set-up of sub-team "Glossary"												
Draft the first version of the glossary												
Presentation and Discussion of Glossary draft at WG Meeting 2												
Feedback from the entire WG												
Refine the glossary												
Adoption of glossary at WG Meeting 3												
Presentation to the BFUG												

Glossary

Next steps

- circulate call among WG members for expression of interest to take part in the sub-group for the glossary
- set-up subgroup for glossary
- work on first draft version of glossary (Mar-May 2025)
- present draft version in the WG Meeting 2 (May/Jun 2025)
- collect feedback from the entire WG and refine glossary (Jun-Sep)
- adoption of final glossary at the WG Meeting 3 (Oct 2025)
- presentation of glossary to the BFUG (Nov 2025)

EHEA action plan on Internationalisation and Mobility

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Action Plan for Internationalisation and Mobility																								
circulate call among WG members for declaration of interest to participate in the drafting committee decision on set-up and lead (max 2 pers.) of the drafting committee at WG Meeting 2																								
Drafting Committee Meeting 1, online																								
Preparation of Table of Content for Action Plan (define structure/ cluster topics to be included)																								
Drafting Committee Meeting 2, in conjunction with WG Meeting 3																								
Discussion: table of content /structure for Action Plan with the entire WG																								
Work on chapters for different sub-topics of the action plan (e.g. in sub-groups within the drafting committee)																								
Drafting Committee Meeting 3, online																								
Merging different chapters for a first draft version																								
Drafting Committee Meeting 4, in conjunction with WG Meeting 4																								
Presentation of first draft version at WG Meeting 4 and discussion																								
Feedback from the WG members																								
Drafting Committee Meeting 5 (online) to discuss feedback and agree on next drafting steps																								
Refine the draft action plan																								
Ad hoc meeting of WG co-chairs and drafting committee on refined version of the draft (before Adoption of the draft action plan version to be presented to the BFUG at WG Meeting 5)																								
Presentation at BFUG Meeting (by lead of drafting committee)																								

EHEA action plan on Internationalisation and Mobility

Next steps (in chronological order)

- circulate call among WG members for expression of interest to take part in the drafting committee for the action plan (possibly combined with call for glossary)
- decision on set-up and lead (2 pers.) of the drafting committee at WG Meeting 2 (May/June 2025)
- based on the first draft version of the glossary, drafting committee will cluster the relevant topics, define the general structure and prepare a table of contents for the action plan
- presentation and discussion of action plan structure/content at the WG Meeting 3 (Oct 2025)
- work on chapters for different sub-topics of the action plan (Oct-Dec 2025); merge sub-chapters for a first draft version; streamline wording etc. (Jan-Mar 2026)
- presentation and discussion of first draft version of the action plan at the WG Meeting 4 (Spring 2026)
- collect feedback from the entire WG and refine action plan
- adoption of version to be presented to the BFUG at the WG Meeting 5 (autumn 2026)
- presentation of action plan to the BFUG (autumn 2026)

Preparations in the run-up to the 2027 EHEA Ministerial Conference

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Preparations in run-up to Ministerial Meeting and follow-up activities																																					
distribution of tasks among co-chairs and other members at WG Meeting 5																																					
Report on the work of the WG (final adoption at WG Meeting 6)																																					
Contribution to the Communiqué																																					
Contribution to the Ministerial Meeting (Presentation of the action plan at Ministerial)																																					
Possible dissemination activities: After adoption, presentation of the action plan in public online event																																					

Next steps

- co-chairs prepare overview of To-Dos for input to EHEA Ministerial (mid-2026)
- Discussion and distribution of tasks at the WG Meeting 5 (autumn 2026)
- Preparation of report on the WG activities (late 2026/early 2027)
- Input for the 2027 Communiqué (early 2027)