

BFUG Board meeting Reykjavik, 3rd September 2024



BFUG Work Programme 2024-2027

Discussions and next steps

Government of Iceland
Ministry of Higher Education,
Science and Innovation

Our task today

It is expected that the BFUG will adopt the 2024-2027 Work Plan in the XCIII BFUG meeting in Budapest, the first BFUG meeting after the Tirana Ministerial Conference.

The Board is to agree on a draft Work Programme to be submitted to the BFUG meeting in Budapest later this month







Time frame for adoption and initial implementation of work programme 2024-2027

BFUG Board September 3rd submits proposal and secretariat calls for input and interest

BFUG September 26th-27th 2024 – adoption

13th October 2024 Call for interest in membership

20th October 2024 Draft ToR

3rd November 2024 consultation with members of working structures, followed by adoption of ToRs in written consultation

(Meeting of co-chairs)



Structure of discussion

Draft workplans to form basis of discussion – nothing set in stone, but we need a working proposal by the end of the meeting

Consider – nature of the work in the period ahead and how is it best handled in the BFUG and its structures

Call for a leaner structure – varied commitments but also possibility of varied working formats.

Propose to discuss frankly and openly, initial impressions before lunch, and according to the overview of commitments in table on pp.4-9 in the working document after lunch.



Implementation

‘We mandate the BFUG to ensure that policy commitments aiming at creating by 2030 an inclusive, innovative, and interconnected EHEA, mindful of the fundamental values, are properly monitored, including through a Bologna Process Implementation Report that assesses key developments.’ and ‘We commit to measuring progress in the implementation of the Principles and Guidelines to Strengthen the Social Dimension of Higher Education in the EHEA and ask the BFUG to report back on this in 2027.’



Future of Bologna Process

‘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.’



Fundamental values

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.'



Internationalisation and mobility

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' and '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'



Social Dimension

‘We endorse the document Indicators and Descriptors for the Principles of the Social Dimension of Higher Education in the EHEA15 as the first comprehensive and consolidated framework for the social dimension in the EHEA. Simultaneously, we promote the improvement of data collection, through participation in related initiatives, such as Eurostudent’



Learning and teaching

We commit to fostering flexible learning paths, which need to be flexible, properly delivered, quality assured, and recognised, in all higher education programmes. This also includes the recognition of prior learning, and new forms of education provision, such as micro-credentials. We need to ensure studentcentred learning is a reality for all students



Others

Global Policy Dialogue

BICG and TPGs

Long term secretariat

Outreach and dissemination

(Drafting committee – no need for discussion)

ECTS revision

ESG Revision

(Network on national correspondents on QF- no need for discussion)