An overview of the Bologna Process 2016

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What is the Bologna process?

• The Bologna process is a voluntary process launched with the Bologna Declaration in 1999.

• Implemented in 48 states, which are forming the European Higher Education area (EHEA).

• Every 2 or 3 years ministerial conferences are taking place, which are assessing the progress of the process and are deciding new steps to be taken.
Bologna 1999

- Adopt a system of easily readable and comparable degrees
- 2 main cycles: undergraduate and graduate
- Fostering mobility
- Introducing a credit point system
- Promoting European cooperation in the field of Quality assurance
Yerevan 2015

• Enhancing the quality and relevance of learning and teaching

• Fostering the employability of graduates throughout their working lives

• Making our systems more inclusive

• Implementing agreed structural reforms
Current Bologna structures
The BFUG I

- The Bologna Follow-up Group: The BFUG is the executive structure supporting the Bologna Process

- Entrusted with preparing the Ministerial Conferences and policy forums

- Overseeing the implementation of the Ministerial Communiqués as well as the development of the Bologna Process
The BFUG 2

- Members (48 countries and the European Commission)

- Consultative Members: Stakeholder organisations and other institutions that have a European scope to their work and are instrumental in the implementation of the Bologna Process.

- Partners: Organisations that wish to be associated with the Bologna Process/the BFUG but are not included in the Consultative member category.

- Co-Chairs (EU and non EU, Vice-Chair): Slovakia, Montenegro, France
The BFUG board and Secretariat

- The BFUG Board is an advisory committee for the Chairs and the Secretariat to prepare the BFUG meetings: representation of Co-Chairs, consultative members, European Commission and Co-Chairs of Working and Advisory Groups
- Secretariat provides neutral support. Held by France due to upcoming ministerial conference
Delivering thematic work towards the BFUG for decision

Three working groups
• WG1 – Monitoring
• WG2 – Fostering Implementation of agreed key commitments
• WG3 – Policy development for new EHEA goals

Four advisory groups on single targeted tasks
• AG1 – EHEA International cooperation
• AG2 – Diploma supplement revision
• AG3 – Dealing with non-implementation
• AG4 – Support for the Belarus Road-map
WG 1: Monitoring

- Monitoring and reporting on the current state of implementation of the Bologna Process
- Monitoring is critical for providing countries with a strong evidence base on the progress of implementation. The report of 2018 will constitute the basis for the period 2018-2020.
- Data sources: member states, EUROSTUDENT, EUA, ESU

- Current activities: Structure of the report will be proposed to upcoming BFUG, questionnaires are being developed
WG 2: Fostering implementation of agreed key commitment

• Supporting implementation on agreed goals by peer learning and peer exchange events offering exchanges of good practice.
• Involves national stakeholders in the activities, in order to encourage greater exchange and implementation on the ground.
• Covering a broad range of topics.

• Current activities: Thematic sessions on short cycle, social dimension and cross-border QA, collecting relevant events furthering implementation, support the work of AG 3 on Non-Implementation.
WG 3: Policy development for new EHEA goals

• Dedicated to new priorities for the future of the EHEA, serving as a platform for finding policies to follow new EHEA goals and innovation.
• Focussing on new goals as adopted in the Yerevan Communiqué.
• Close cooperation with the national, European and international stakeholders to provide events with policy recommendations.

• 6 topics for possible joint EHEA priorities: teacher's support, new learners, competencies, digital education, cooperation between EHEA and ER, citizenship education.
Advisory groups

• AG1 – **EHEA International cooperation**: Enhancing the international dimension of the Bologna process, preparing the Bologna Policy Forum.

• AG2 – **Diploma supplement revision**

• AG3 – **Dealing with non-implementation**: Preparing a cyclic procedure for member states not following up on core commitments

• AG4 – **Support for the Belarus Road-map**: Accompanying and monitoring the implementation of Bologna related reforms in Belarus
Thank you for your attention. Questions?

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