

## **Towards the report of the Working Group on Implementation to the Bologna Follow-up Group**

### **1. Timetable**

- a) November 2016, IWG meeting in Nice – the first discussion on the structure of the report, preliminary decisions on task division,
- b) January 2017, IWG Co-Chairs' meeting – preparation of draft outline with preliminary conclusions and recommendations,
- c) March 2017, IWG meeting in Vienna – discussion on the outline of the report, content discussion (possible topic: mobility with special focus on staff mobility) and possible session of reversed peer review,
- d) June 2017, IWG meeting – discussion on the updated version of the report, content discussions (possible topic: recognition of prior learning) and possible session of reversed peer review.
- e) September/October 2017, IWG meeting – finalization of the IWG report
- f) November 2017, BFUG meeting – presentation of the report to the BFUG

### **2. Possible structure**

- a) Summary
- b) Introduction
  - Description of terms of reference,
  - Main working methods:
    - “three stages working method” (as in the report to the BFUG for the BFUG meeting in Amsterdam, March 2016),
    - Working Group meetings,
    - Overviewing events and initiatives supporting implementation,
    - Reversed peer review (can be dealt separately or included in the abovementioned items)
  - Source of conclusions and recommendations:
    - WG meetings,
    - Events and other initiatives,
    - BFUG meetings.
  - Liaison with other working groups:
    - AG 3 and the notions of “key commitments” and “collegial support”,
    - WG 3 “New Goals”,
    - Other working groups.
- c) Conclusions [each description of the topic should include: 1) context and main implementation problems tackled by the Working Group 2) conclusions of discussions held; co-chairs propose that the recommendations are dealt in the separate chapter];
  - General consideration concerning implementation;
  - Key commitments (as proposed by AG3 and endorsed by BFUG):
    - A Three-Cycle System compatible with the QF-EHEA and scaled by ECTS,
    - Compliance with the Lisbon Recognition Convention (LRC),

- Quality Assurance in conformity with European Standards and Guidelines (ESG).
- Policy measures and commitments highlighted in the Appendix to the Yerevan Communiqué (the order should be reconsidered, the following one is according to how things appear in the communiqué):
  - Revised ESG (conclusions from the Spanish HERE-ES project on student centered learning – new standards in the revised ESG; possible key conclusions from the EQUIP project; conclusions from the conference “Promoting the Development-Oriented Quality Assurance in Eastern Partnership Countries” held in Tbilisi on June 4),
  - QA of Joint Programmes (WG meeting in Nice, conclusions from the Spanish HERE-ES project in Salamanca),
  - ECTS Users’ Guide (possible key conclusions from the information events organised by the Commission or National Agencies for the Erasmus Plus Programme),
  - Short cycle (conclusions from the WG meeting in Tbilisi, conclusions from the PLA event on permeability organised by the Flemish Ministry, conclusions from the possible discussion at the BFUG),
  - Access to public employment for graduates from the first cycle (outcomes of the survey by the German Federal Ministry, presented to the BFUG),
  - Graduate tracking (conclusions from the Seminar on Graduate Tracking organised by the Polish Ministry),
  - Lisbon Recognition Convention (reference to the implementation report of the Lisbon Recognition Convention),
  - RPL (Conference on Recognition of prior learning, inclusion and alternative routes to higher education, with focus on flexible learning paths for refugees, organized by the Swedish Ministry, topic for WG meeting in June),
  - Staff mobility (other topics related to internationalisation? Topic for WG meeting?)
  - Social dimension (conclusions from the WG meeting in Tbilisi, conclusions from the “Bologna Day” organized by the Austrian Ministry in Linz)
  - Automatic recognition (conclusions from the project Automatic Recognition at System Level in Flanders)
  - Openness to cross-border QA by EQAR-registered agencies (WG meeting in Nice)
- d) Recommendations
  - General recommendations concerning implementation
  - Recommendations related to particular topic
- e) Attachments:
  - List of events (with conclusions sent or all?)

### **3. Task division**

- a) Co-chairs responsible for coordination of drafting the report
- b) Contributions from WG members needed