

Update CG on Global Policy Dialogue

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Set up of CG on Global Policy Dialogue

- Chaired by 4 co-chairs: Belgium/Flemish Community, Italy, Albania and European Commission
- **15 members** take part (Albania, Austria, Belgium/Flemish Community, Belgium/French Community, France, Germany, Holy See, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Malta, the Netherlands, Romania, Spain, UK)
- **6 organisations** (EI-ETUCE, ENQA, ESU, EUA, European Commission, UNESCO)

Meetings of CG on Global Policy Dialogue

- First meeting on 7th June 2021
- Second meeting on 13th January 2022
- Third meeting on 1st June 2022
- Fourth meeting planned on 24th October 2022

⇒ In between work in the subgroups and follow-up of work plan

Composition and focus of the subgroups

- 2 functional subgroups:
 - Tirana Global Policy Forum: chair Linda Pustina (AL), in her role as Vice-Chair of the BFUG, the members are the Netherlands, UK, France
 - Drafting the statement: chair Kathy Isaacs (IT), complemented with Holy See, Ireland, the Netherlands, UK and ETUCE as members
- 3 regional subgroups:
 - Asia: chair Magalie Soenen (BE/FL), members are France, Germany, Holy See, Romania, The Netherlands, EC, EUA, ESU, and UNESCO
 - Africa: chair Fiorella Perotto (EC), members are Austria, Belgium/FR, France, Germany, Holy See, Romania, the Netherlands, ENQA, EUA and UNESCO
 - Americas: chair Kathy Isaacs (IT), members are Austria, Holy See, Ireland, Malta, the Netherlands, EC and UNESCO

Outcomes of the subgroups

- Each subgroup had several meetings (2 to 4 meetings)
- 3 ongoing mapping exercises:
 - Contact list global partners
 - Mapping of regional events & activities
 - Mapping of topics/themes and regions (looking for synergies between ongoing processes)
- Policy brief for UNESCO World Higher Education Conference on 'Promoting Policy Dialogue among the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and the other world higher education regions' was submitted, May 2022:

<https://whec2022.net/resources/Coordination%20Group%20Global%20Policy%20Dialogue.pdf>

Outcomes of the subgroups

Focus on Africa

- Reflections on the new AU-EU innovation agenda (a set of reflections as part of the public consultation on the AU-EU Innovation Agenda launched at the EU-Africa Business Forum in February 2022), June 2022
- Preparation of 3 EHEA conversations: online events/webinars with 3-4 experts from the EHEA and Africa, representing regional organisations. Duration: 1,5-2 hours.
- Theme: recognition
- Start by inviting regional representatives, later go to more practical implementation at institutional level.
- First webinar planned around 15 December 2022
- Content: needs further work, “Instruments, tools and practices at regional* and national level”

Outcomes of the subgroups

Focus on Americas

- Idea of organizing similar online activities as Africa group
- DAAD Bologna Hub event, “Global Dialogue on Micro-Credentials: Initiatives and Perspectives on Small Learning Units from around the World”, 23 June; co-chair K. Isaacs lead of Americas section
- Proposed hybrid Colloquium between CG/EHEA and Mercosur, 5/12/2022, in Montevideo, representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela, topic “Enhancing Global Policy Dialogue on Higher Education”
- Submitted a proposal for a session at the CHEA (US accreditation body) Annual Conference which will be held in Washington DC on 23 January, topic “Let's Talk: fostering global dialogue about diversity in a common framework”
- Draft communication text for contact with regional contacts

Outcomes of the subgroups so far

Focus on Asia

- Conference of Central Asian Ministers of Education «Central Asian Higher Educational Area: regional cooperation, national reforms», 18 June 2022; 2 co-chairs participated (K. Isaacs & L. Pustina),
 - Expanding the Bologna Process in the Central Asian Countries: Forms, Methods
 - Trends in the Development of Higher Education in the Bologna Process
- EU-SHARE conference on micro-credentials, 20-21 July 2022, Bangkok; 1 co-chair and 2 group members joined (M. Soenen, EUA and Germany)
 - Micro-Credentials – the European Perspective
- ASEM process is starting up again: ISOM meeting 24-25 November 2022, Malta -> looking for synergies, to be further discussed among group members
- PLA on inclusive mobility planned EHEA-ASEM by BE/FL in spring 2023
- Discuss with subgroup on similar webinars as other two groups

Roadmap of the CG

- Subgroups continue work on different activities
- Co-chairs encourage synergies between the work of the groups
- Co-chairs investigate synergy with INGLOBAL project
Exploring possible changes to the project to allow for more flexibility. No clear information on proposed steps from the project team on activities (questionnaires, hiring expert, mapping mobility flows, etc.)
- 24 Oct: 4th CG meeting
- From 2023: start up of the subgroups on the GPF and GPF statement