

Joint Communication of Representatives of NIS¹ Countries Regarding the Organization of EUROSTUDENT Survey in the Region

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We, the group of experts, researchers and representatives of public authorities in charge of the organization of Higher Education in NIS countries, have met for a working meeting on 6-7 September 2012 in Yerevan by the invitation of the EUROSTUDENT Consortium and the International Secretariat of the Bologna Follow-up Group (BFUG) and have agreed on the following:

- We highly appreciate the efforts regarding the extension of the internationally recognized EUROSTUDENT network to NIS countries thus complementing the existing network of more than 24 EU-member and Accession countries within the fifth wave of the survey in 2012-2015. Outcomes of the survey will be officially presented at the Ministerial Meeting of the Ministers of Education of country-members of the Bologna-process;
- We acknowledge that by September 2012 the following countries of the region have followed the invitations circulated since December 2011 by the coordinators of the EUROSTUDENT network and expressed their interest to participate in the survey: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine;
- We encourage the respective public bodies of CIS countries and Georgia to undertake the necessary steps ensuring their commitments enabling the participation of their countries in the EUROSTUDENT project. (The Republic of Armenia has already officially joined the project and confirmed its financial contribution.)
These supporting measures would include
 - (a) the appointment of a national research team able to implement a national student survey in accordance with the EUROSTUDENT conventions,
 - (b) the financing of the survey implementation in the respective countries,
 - (c) the provision of direct or indirect support of the international coordination of the project;
- We invite potential national and international co-sponsors, public and private donors to consider the possibilities of direct and indirect financial and technical support to the project. This assistance may include co-funding of national components of the survey as well as the efforts of international coordination of the related activities.

We, the participants of the Consultative Workshop for the organisation of EUROSTUDENT in NIS countries, confirm a strong interest in joining the EUROSTUDENT network.

¹ NIS = Newly Independent States

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