

Questions and Answers regarding the Call for expressions of interest for hosting the long-term EHEA Secretariat

Q1: Annex 1_Application form - point 7 states ‘Please note that the main source of funding should be contributions by the EHEA members’ – Is this correct?

Answer (revised on the 1st of April 2025)

The BFUG will still have to decide how the long-term Secretariat would be funded, subsequent to a decision on whether to establish a long-term Secretariat in Spring 2026. It is important to underline that, according to the Call, the hosting arrangement would not require any immediate legal, financial or organisational responsibilities or competences, beyond the voluntary engagement the hosting party commits to in its application.

Q2: Have the TF issued an estimated running cost for the Long Term Secretariat?

Answer:

The TF did not provide an estimation. The budget templates supplied by the applicants would serve as a starting point for the estimation, considering that the costs vary between countries. The previous Task Force (on the Review of the Rules and Regulations for the Governance of the European Higher Education Area) provided a rough estimation for the sole purpose of informing the BFUG (see [here](#)), but this was not treated as guidance for the application process.