

## Expert Counselling for Higher Education Institutions

**Strengthen your international profile, advance strategic priorities, and benefit from tailored expert guidance – at no cost to your institution.**

### The BHPS+ Project

As lead in a larger European consortium, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) has launched the new project *Bologna Hub Peer Support Plus (BHPS+)*, which aims to support higher education institutions (HEIs) across the entire European Higher Education Area (EHEA).

The project's primary goal is to strengthen institutional quality, foster international cooperation, and support HEIs in addressing key higher education policy challenges in a rapidly evolving academic landscape. By facilitating structured peer exchange, BHPS+ enables institutions to reflect on their practices, sharpen their strategic positioning, and align more closely with European developments.

### Expert Peer Support for Higher Education Institutions

Through a pool of 25 highly experienced higher education reform experts from across Europe, the project offers **tailor-made, strategic counselling** to participating institutions. HEIs can specify in their application the areas in which they seek peer support. Based on these needs, usually two experts will be matched to the institution to provide targeted, context-sensitive advice.

A typical counselling cycle lasts **12–18 months** and includes:

- an initial on-site visit by the experts,
- a follow-up online progress meeting, and
- a concluding on-site visit to assess developments and outcomes.

This structured process ensures sustainable impact, continuous reflection, and practical implementation of recommendations.

### Why Participate?

Participation in BHPS+ offers a unique and fully funded opportunity to:

- gain external, expert perspectives on your institutional development,
- sharpen your international profile within the EHEA,
- address strategically important challenges, and
- strengthen your institution's capacity for innovation and reform.

All counselling is independent, peer-based, and tailored to your institution's specific context and ambitions.



## Topics

Are you interested in connecting your Higher Education Institution more closely to the European Higher Education Area? Join the *Bologna Hub Peer Support+* project and benefit from the expertise of higher education experts in areas such as:

### The Bologna Key Commitments

- Implementation of the three-cycle system compatible with the QF-EHEA and degrees structured by ECTS
- Recognition of qualifications in line with the Lisbon Recognition Convention
- Quality assurance in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the EHEA

### Further Strategic Areas

- ECTS as a tool for student-centred teaching and learning
- Effective use of the Diploma Supplement
- Formulation and implementation of learning outcomes
- Curriculum development and modularisation
- Innovative approaches to teaching and learning, including digitalisation and micro-credentials
- Mobility and internationalisation strategies

## Participation and Funding

All counselling services, including expert assignments, are **fully covered by the BHPS+ project**. Participation is therefore **entirely free of charge** for selected institutions. HEIs across the EHEA are invited to apply for peer support **until 15 May 2026** via the project website.

For any questions, please contact the project team at: [bologna@daad.de](mailto:bologna@daad.de)

## Apply Now

Take advantage of this opportunity to receive **tailored expert counselling**, strengthen your institutional strategy, and actively shape your role within the European Higher Education Area.

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