



# BOLOGNA: COMPETITION - COOPERATION THE CHALLENGE

# THE BOLOGNA RATIONALE:

## EU-Treaty: no mandate on education policies

- Bologna starts at Sorbonne: how to fight decreasing international/stagnant intra-European mobility
- 4 Ministers decide on voluntary action in HE: A European alliance takes shape
- Bologna - Prague –Berlin- Bergen- (London)

# THE BOLOGNA CREDO:

## Increase cooperation and mobility

Without harmonizing and standardizing the  
rich

variety of European systems of higher  
education

- Converge the systems

thus making them more comparable,  
compatible and clear

- Create Transparency and Trust

government, students and HE institutions

# THE BOLOGNA OBJECTIVES

- Enhance quality & attractiveness and thus competitiveness of European Higher Education

OBJECTIVES: 10 Bologna Objectives adopted in the biennial Ministerial Conferences in Bologna (1999) – Prague (2001) – Berlin (2003), and Bergen (2005); ((London /2007))

# The Overall Bologna Objectives I

- ➔ **Readable Degrees: Diploma Supplement to be issued to all graduates in the national and another commonly used language**
- ➔ **2-TIER STUDY STRUCTURE**  
bachelor-master; decrease duration of studies, more graduates, flexibility, modular curricula, labor market relevancy

## OBJECTIVES II

### ➔ RECOGNITION/ECTS

many challenges remain,  
student workload approach, 60 credits  
per year

### ➔ MOBILITY

transportability of Grants and Loans,  
scholarship schemes are important

Austria: [www.grants.at](http://www.grants.at)

## **OBJECTIVES III**

### **➔ QUALITY ASSURANCE – ENQA**

**Golden Triangle: QA-ACCR-  
RECOGNITION, commonly agreed  
standards for nat. QA,  
external-internal-evaluations, European  
Register – Register Committee.**

### **➔ EUROPEAN DIMENSION**

**joint study programs / joint degrees,  
ERASMUS, EU-mobility programs in HE**

# OBJECTIVES IV

- ➔ **LIFE LONG LEARNING**
- ➔ **SOCIAL DIMENSION:** horizontal issue to be incorporated in all the objectives; access to HE and to mobility schemes, grants and loans
- ➔ **ATTRACTIVENESS OF HE IN EUROPE:** ERASMUS MUNDUS, HE marketing and information measures, study programs in major world languages

# OBJECTIVES V

- ➔ **DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES**  
development of common European standards for doctoral programs to create synergy between EHEA and ERA:  
**3 years+, skills to prepare for a wider labor market, doctoral schools,..**



# MANAGING BOLOGNA I



## EUROPEAN BOLOGNA FOLLOW-UP GROUP

**45 countries, 9 institutional members:  
EU-Commission, Council of Europe, EI,  
ENQA, ESIB, EUA, EURASHE -- The  
European Association of Institutions in  
HE, UNESCO-CEPES -- The European  
Center for Higher Education, UNICE --  
The Union of Industrial and Employers'  
Confederations of Europe**



## MANAGING BOLOGNA II

lean management:

- ➔ BOFUG: political and decision-making body
- ➔ BOLOGNA BOARD: prepares documents for BOFUG meetings and manages the 2-year work programs (seminars and working groups)



## RELEVANT BOLOGNA WEBSITES I

[http://eu2006.bmbwk.gv.at/index\\_en.htm](http://eu2006.bmbwk.gv.at/index_en.htm):

Austrian Presidency ws

[www.bologna.at](http://www.bologna.at): Austrian Bologna ws

[www.bologna-bergen2005.no](http://www.bologna-bergen2005.no): latest

Ministers' Meeting in Bergen, Norway

[www.dfes.gov.uk/bologna/](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/bologna/) UK Bologna ws

## RELEVANT BOLOGNA WEBSITES II



<http://www.enqa.net/> : European Association for quality assurance in higher education

<http://www.esib.org>: The National Unions of Students in Europe

<http://www.eua.be>: European University Association

[http://europa.eu/pol/educ/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/pol/educ/index_en.htm): EU

<http://www.coe.int>: Council of Europe



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attention!**

**¡Muchas gracias por su  
atención!**