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Reaching out with the Bologna Process

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History & Future

- Bologna 1999 – 2010
- London May 2007 : Meeting of ministers
- Expected results?
 - Focus for the BP up to 2010 Priorities & activities
 - Decision on importance of external dimension
 - Preparation of Leuven/Louvain 2009



Objectives of Bologna Process

- internal dimension
- external dimension



History of External Dimension

- **Bologna 1999**
 - “The objective of increasing the international competitiveness of the European System of Higher Education” (C1)
 - “Ensure that the European Higher Education System acquires a world-wide degree of attraction” (A)



History of External Dimension

- **Prague 2001**
 - Promotion of the EHEA (A)
 - Need of “enhancing attractiveness of European Higher Education to students from ... other parts of the world”
(A)



History of External Dimension

- **Berlin 2003**
 - “Attractiveness of the EHEA should be reinforced.” (A)
 - “Readiness to develop further scholarship programmes for students from the third countries” (A)



History of External Dimension

- **Berlin 2003**

- References to Lisbon Strategy (“most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy”) (C1)
- References to the Barcelona European Council 2002 (“world reference for quality”; “most favoured destination of students, scholars and researchers from other world regions”) (C1)



History of External Dimension

- **Berlin 2003**
 - “Encourage cooperation with other parts of the world by opening Bologna seminars and conferences to representatives of these regions.” (C1+C2)



History of External Dimension

- **Bergen 2005**
 - Separate section on “attractiveness of the EHEA and cooperation with the other parts of the world.” (A)
 - “Academic values should prevail”
 - “EHEA as a partner of Higher Education System in other parts of the world, stimulating balanced student and staff exchange and cooperation ...” (C2)



History of External Dimension

- **Bergen 2005**

- “Enhancing the understanding of the Bologna Process in other continents by sharing our experiences” (A)
- “Dialogue on issues of mutual interest” (C2)
- “Identify partner regions and intensify the exchange of ideas and experiences with those regions” (C2)
- “Ask Follow-up Group to elaborate and agree on a strategy for the external dimension.”



Future of External Dimension

- Emphasis in London Communiqué?

- With thanks to Bernd Wächter, ACA