

The Bologna Process in Flanders

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Flanders and Bologna Process

- VLIR & VLOHRA – Government & Administration
- Legislation on implementation of the Bologna Process
 - Bachelor (3y) – Master (1-2y) – PhD (4y)
 - ECTS, recognition, learning outcomes, flexibility
 - NVAO – Quality Assurance
 - Internationalization & mobility
- Responsibility on curricula, content, QA... rests with HE institutions

VLIR – Flemish Interuniversity Council

VLOHRA – Flemish Council of Universities of Applied Sciences and Arts

NVAO – Dutch-Flemish Accreditation Organization

Current status

- Another decade of the Bologna Process?
- European collaboration in HE more needed than ever !
 - European Universities – *Una Europa*
- New role of Bologna Process in European collaboration:
 - Fully realize the early ambitions
 - Emphasis on societal needs
- *Two examples – social dimension & joint degrees*

Social dimension: equitable access and completion

Bergen (2005)

Leuven – Louvain-la-Neuve (2009)

*“The student body within higher education should reflect the diversity of Europe’s populations. We therefore emphasize the social characteristics of higher education and aim to provide equal opportunities to quality education. Access into higher education should be widened by fostering the potential of students from underrepresented groups and by providing adequate conditions for the completion of their studies. This involves improving the learning environment, removing all barriers to study, and creating the appropriate economic conditions for students to be able to benefit from the study opportunities at all levels. **Each participating country will set measurable targets for widening overall participation and increasing participation of underrepresented groups in higher education, to be reached by the end of the next decade. Efforts to achieve equity in higher education should be complemented by actions in other parts of the educational system.**”*

Joint degrees – European degree

- Una Europa - Joint Bachelor degrees
 - Cfr. Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree and Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate Degree
 - Multi campus – flexibility – adapted formats for mobility
 - Interuniversity governance and programme committees
- At national level:
 - Efforts needed viz. legal restrictions, national accreditation agencies, recognition, timeline ...
- Challenges ahead for the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes
- Una Europa: www.una-Europa.eu

