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The „Bologna vision“ in the Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve Communiqué

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2007 London Communiqué

“4.2 We are determined to seize 2010, which will mark the passage from the Bologna Process to the EHEA, as an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to higher education as a key element in making our societies sustainable, at national as well as at European level. We will take 2010 as an opportunity to reformulate the vision that motivated us in setting the Bologna Process in motion in 1999 and to make the case for an EHEA underpinned by values and visions that go beyond issues of structures and tools. We undertake to make 2010 an opportunity to reset our higher education systems on a course that looks beyond the immediate issues and makes them fit to take up the challenges that will determine our future.”

Vision of Bologna Declaration

A European Higher Education Area

- * that is competitive and offers higher education that attracts excellent students and scholars from all over the world;
- * that is based on democratic principles, institutional autonomy and academic freedom;
- * where students and staff can move freely, with fair recognition of their qualifications;
- * and students are prepared well for the labour market and their life as citizens in a knowledge society.

2009 Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve Communiqué & 2010 Budapest-Vienna Declaration

- Focus on implementation, data collection & targets.
- Confirming the vision of the Bologna Declaration, further developed by subsequent Communiqués, now also including:
 - * broad access to high quality higher education of a student body reflecting the diversity of Europe's populations,
 - * student-centred and flexible learning,
 - * all higher education based on research,
 - * higher education institutions with a diversity of missions,
 - * greater global collaboration (next to global competition).

2009 Leuven/Louvain-la-Neuve Communiqué & 2010 Budapest-Vienna Declaration (ctd.)

- Bologna vision reformulated, as announced with the London Communiqué, integrating the enhancements of 10 years of Bologna Process.
- As the Bologna Process has become more complex over time, the underlying vision has also become more complex.

Not part of the vision as such but will have an important impact on the future development of the EHEA: co-chairing by EU Presidency and a non-EU country from 1 July 2010 onwards.

Some questions for discussion

- * Do we really need a new vision for the future of the European Higher Education Area?
- * What's wrong with the existing one?
- * How could such a vision be developed and enter the policy-making at European level?
- * How to make sure we don't lose sight of the vision by focusing too much on structures and tools?

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Thank you very much
for your attention!