


# Higher education policy, main developments in Europe 2000-2010

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- Policies at the European level decided by the Heads of States or the Ministers of Higher Education
  - Policies at the national level
  - Higher Education policies are also strongly linked with research policies
  - Policies on Innovation (ministers of Development)
  - Developments in the US, Asia and Australia



# Main developments in HE at the European policy level

- 1. The Bologna Declaration, June 19, 1999**
- 2. The Lisbon treaty in 2000**



*Making Europe “the most competitive and dynamic knowledge based economy in the world, capable of sustainable economic growth with more and better jobs and greater social cohesion and respect for the environment*

***Goal:*** *Reaching “50% participation in Higher Education*



## Improving the quality and effectiveness of education and training systems in the European Union

- Developing skills for the knowledge society
- Ensuring access for all to information technology and communications technology (ICT)
- Increasing recruitment to scientific and technological studies
- Optimal use of resources
- Making learning more attractive
- Promote active citizenship, equal opportunities and social cohesion



## Open education and training systems in the wider world

- Strengthening ties with employment, research, and society in general
- Development of entrepreneurship
- Improving foreign language learning
- Increasing mobility and exchanges
- Strengthening European cooperation



## Goals:

- Raise Research expenditure in each country to 3% of the GDP of which 2% private and 1% public
- Increase participation in Higher Education to 50% of the age group



# Ministerial Meetings

- 1. Prague, May 19, 2001:** “TOWARDS THE EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION AREA”,
- 2. Berlin, September 19, 2003:** “REALISING THE EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION AREA”,
- 3. Bergen, May 19-20, 2005:** “THE EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION AREA – ACHIEVING THE GOALS.
- 4. London, May 18, 2007:** “TOWARDS THE EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION AREA: responding to challenges in globalized world”

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- 5. The lifelong learning program 2007-2013, November 15, 2006**
  - 6. Leuven, April 28-29, 2009: “THE BOLOGNA PROCESS 2020 – The European Higher Education Area in the new decade”**
  - 7. Budapest, March 12, 2010: “Budapest – Vienna Declaration on the European Higher Education Area”**
  - 8. European Council: education targets in EU 2020 strategy, June 17, 2010:** Adopted the EU 2020 strategy for economic growth. The strategy includes a target to increase the share of 30-34 year olds having completed tertiary or equivalent education to at least 40%



# OECD meetings

- **Paris, April 2-4, 2001:** Meeting of OECD Education Ministers, “**Investing in Competencies for All**”
- **Dublin, March 18-19, 2004:** Meeting of OECD Education Ministers, “**Raising the Quality of Learning for All**”
- **Athens, June 27-28, 2006:** Meeting of OECD Education Ministers, “**Higher Education: Quality, Equity and Efficiency**”
- **Copenhagen, January 22-23, 2007:** Informal Meeting of OECD Education Ministers on “**Vocational Education and Training**”

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- **Tokyo, January 11-12, 2008:** Informal OECD Ministerial Meeting on “**Evaluating the Outcomes of Higher Education**”
  - **Oslo, June 9-10, 2009:** Informal Meeting of OECD Education Ministers on “**Equity in Education**”
  - **Paris, November 4-5, 2010:** OECD Meeting of the Education Policy Committee at Ministerial Level, “**Investing in Human and Social Capital: New Challenges**”



# Research

- Seventh Framework Program (FP7)
- Eighth Framework Program (FP8)
- ERC starting Grants
- ERC Advanced Grants




# Innovation

## Cost for Patents:

- EU 33,000 Euros
- USA 12,000 USD
- Japan 10,000 USD
- China 3,000 USD

20 year cost for only the 13 largest EU economies:  
135000 Euros (Translation main cost).


USA and Japan about a tenth of EU(13) cost.

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- Project of electronic translation development ongoing by EPO.
  - Automatic translation initially will not have legal binding effect.
  - EU patent project stalling over disagreements over jurisdictional matters, mainly seat of EU patent courts.
  - UK, France, Germany, Netherlands want the Seat. Dispute is blocking agreement.
  - Italy and Spain have opted out and will challenge decision at EU Court.



# International Developments

- Shanghai ranking (2003)
- Emphasis of interdisciplinary research
- Funding of “risky” research proposals (in the US and late in the EU)
- Rising of private higher education in the US
- Distance Learning
- “Satellite” programs and Institutions

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- Tuition fees
  - Obama policies based on Community Colleges
  - NSF research Grants
  - Europe: Involvement of Courts (ECJ and constitutional courts) in forming HE policies



# Discussion questions

- What have been the key changes in the past decade regarding higher education?
- How to go further in “grading higher education policies”?