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Internationalization of Higher Education and the Bologna Process: Learnings for India

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Bologna Premise

- **Bologna Process is Europe's response to:**
 - Challenges of Globalization and Innovation
 - Need for excellence, cooperation and competition
- **Leading to:**
 - Compatible Education Systems
 - Comparable Degrees
 - Unrestricted Mobility

Implications of BP for Indian HE

- **Can be the starting point for introspection regarding:**
 - **Access**
 - **Quality**
 - **Mutual recognition of degrees**
 - **Credit transfer**

Student Mobility

- **Economic Rationale:** Mobility as an instrument for personal development useful for the economy and the society
- **Civic Rationale:** Mobility as a means to global consciousness, furthering international understanding
- **Credit Transfers:** Adopting Bologna? Creating Bologna equivalence?
- **Medium of studies:** English? More than one language?

Why Student Mobility?

- **Higher Education is a Global subject and not merely a Federal/State issue**
- **Access and Connectivity have become easier**
- **Transnational and cross cultural internships are possible and preferred**
- **Collaborations and Consortia can seek International funding**
- **Attraction for good students and faculty**
- **Learning from each other's Good Practices**

Opportunities for India

- **Adopting an already existing Quality Framework**
 - As a step towards Quality Improvement and Accreditation
- **Learning from Best Practices**
 - From MS/AC and non – EU systems
- **Making use of the Euro compatible Three Cycle**
 - Framework as a starting point for the dialogue
- **To be considered for Erasmus/Jean Monnet/Marie Curie calls**
 - Can be viewed as an opportunity to unify the country

Challenges

- **No demonstration of political will**
- **HE arena in the middle of an upheaval**
- **Reluctance to change from “what is working for me”**
- **Distributed Learning models to be factored in the workload analysis and Credit calculation**
- **Quality Assurance mechanisms to be tightened & transparency brought in**

India is not a signatory to the Lisbon Recognition Convention



Thank You!