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Please find attached a presentation by Ms. Vera Stastná, Chair of the Council of Europe's Steering Committee for Higher Education and Research (CD-ESR), made at Session C 1 of the 12th OSCE Economic Forum.

THE BOLOGNA PROCESS

Council of Europe Contribution

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CoE CONTRIBUTION - POLICY ORIENTATION

- active participation in the Process structures and priorities (recognition, qualification frameworks, quality assurance and namely its connection to recognition);
- the public responsibility for higher education and research-social dimension;
- higher education governance;
- assistance to the new countries in and candidate countries for the Process;
- "bridge" for the countries outside - which want to reform HE alongside the Bologna principles

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PRIORITIES - RECOGNITION (1)

- Close co-operation with UNESCO and European Commission
- **Legal standards for the recognition of qualifications** - Lisbon Recognition Convention - ratification and implementation
 - ratified by 39 countries, followed by further 8 signatures (from 40 Bologna countries ratified by 31, followed by further 4 signatures)
 - <http://conventions.coe.int>: search ETS 165

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PRIORITIES - RECOGNITION (2)

➤ **Practical implementation of standards and policies**

- ENIC Network
- Diploma Supplement (from 2005, free of charge, in a widely spoken lang., academic & professional recog.)

➤ **ENIC/NARIC**

- co-operation with ENQA
- recognition of "joint degrees" - Annex to LRC
- transnational education in Europe region
- information for recognition

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CoE and CoE co-operation BOLOGNA SEMINARS

- The public responsibility for higher education and research, Strasbourg, September 23 - 24
- New Generations of Policy Documents and Laws for Higher Education: Their Thrust in the Context of the Bologna Process, Warszawa, November 4 - 6
- Improving the Recognition System, Riga, December 3 - 4

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KEY AREAS FOR NEW/ CANDIDATE MEMBERS (1)

➤ **Legislation based on latest developments**

- Clear division of responsibilities in HE governance
- University autonomy
- Transparent HE system;
- Three cycle system/description of degrees in "new" way
- Recognition - Lisbon Recognition Convention, DS
- Academic staff and student active participation

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KEY AREAS FOR NEW/ CANDIDATE MEMBERS (2)

- Quality assurance -
 - definition of responsibilities of all parts of the system,
 - evaluation of programs and/or institutions - internal, external - public results
 - Participation of students
 - System of "accreditation, certification or comparable procedures";
 - International participation
- **Availability of transparent and reliable information - ENIC**

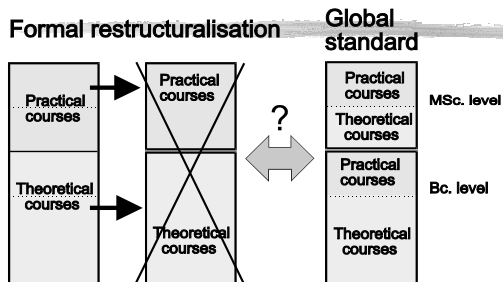
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KEY AREAS FOR NEW/ CANDIDATE MEMBERS (3)

- **Implementation of new legislation**
 - First two cycles
 - real restructuring
 - acceptance by labour market/society
 - Improving recognition system- ratification and real implementation of the principles of the Lisbon Recognition Convention; Diploma Supplement for all graduates since 2005
 - European framework of qualifications for the EHEA - framework for national level - description of qualification - e.g. ECTS

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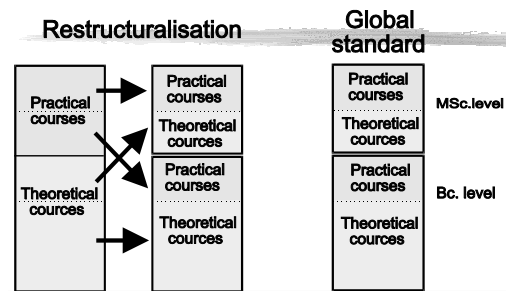
Restructuration of Studies



Division of studies without real restructuring

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Restructuralisation of Studies



Suggestion of representatives of employers
new bachelor study programme and continuing master study programme

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QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

- Concentration on output, not just on the procedure (what you can manage with a qualification not only how you have earned it)
- Describes a qualification in terms of
 - level
 - workload
 - competencies
 - profile
 - learning outcomes

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WORK WITH PRIORITY COUNTRIES 2003-2004

- **Serbia- national seminar-recognition** (Beograd, 28-29.9.2003)
- **Regional conference on HE legislation in SEE** (Tetovo, 10.-11.11.2003)
- **Regional conference on implementation of the Bologna Process in four SEE** (Strasbourg, 2.-3.12.2003)
- **National seminar for the "Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"** (Skopje, March 2004)

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WORK WITH PRIORITY COUNTRIES 2003-2004

- **National seminar for Moldova- HE governance and reform**, (Chisinau, October 2003)
- **Russia-national seminar-prospect and perspectives after Berlin** (Sankt Peterburg, 29.-30.10.2003)
- **Introductory seminar for the Bologna Process** (Kiev, 25.-26.11.3003)
- **National seminar on specific aspects of the Bologna, Ukraine** (Dnipropetrovsk, April 2004)
- **Contribution to the conference organised by UNESCO-CEPES in Ukraine** (Kiev, May 2004)

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