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- Main objective of the Bologna process is to create a common European Higher Education Area (EHEA) by 2010
 - with a view to promoting coherence, comparability and compatibility
- The Bologna process is the most wide-ranging European co-operation structure in the higher education sector
- The process has increased national and international co-operation at all levels
- Strengths of the Bologna process: flexibility and wide coverage
 - tripartite co-operation: governments, higher education institutions and students
 - international organisations and working life have an active role

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- The Bologna process is an expanding process
 - Growing number of participants
 - Extended agenda
 - Increased diversity and different pace in reaching the objectives
 - Challenge in finding a common understanding: what should be done after 2010?

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- The main objectives of the Bologna process also on the agenda of several international organisations – a risk for overlapping
- There has been a systematic follow-up process (stocktaking, country reports)
- The Bologna process as such has not been evaluated



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- Bologna process has improved visibility and increased the attractiveness of European higher education
 - Joint programmes
 - Co-operation in revising educational contents
 - Increased transparency
 - Intensified interaction
 - Stocktaking has provided valuable information about the current situation in European higher education

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- The Bologna process has reformed higher education at national level
 - Degree structure reform
 - Credit system development and contents review
 - Stronger student-centred approach
 - Stronger learning outcomes approach
 - Lowering barriers between different higher education sectors, creating flexible learning paths
 - Bottom-up approach (higher education institutions as active reformers)
 - The process has strengthened willingness for change → Paved the way for modernisation of higher education

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- Priorities
 - To reach all original goals of the Bologna process
 - To create a real European Higher Education Area (EHEA)
 - To effect an even rate of progress in all participating countries
- Challenges:
 - How can an expanding process maintain its flexibility and effectiveness?
 - Are there enough instruments and resources for supporting changes?
 - How to sustain the momentum in the process?
 - Is it possible to find a common political will and common objectives after 2010?