Bologna's external dimension – the impact of the EHEA beyond its borders

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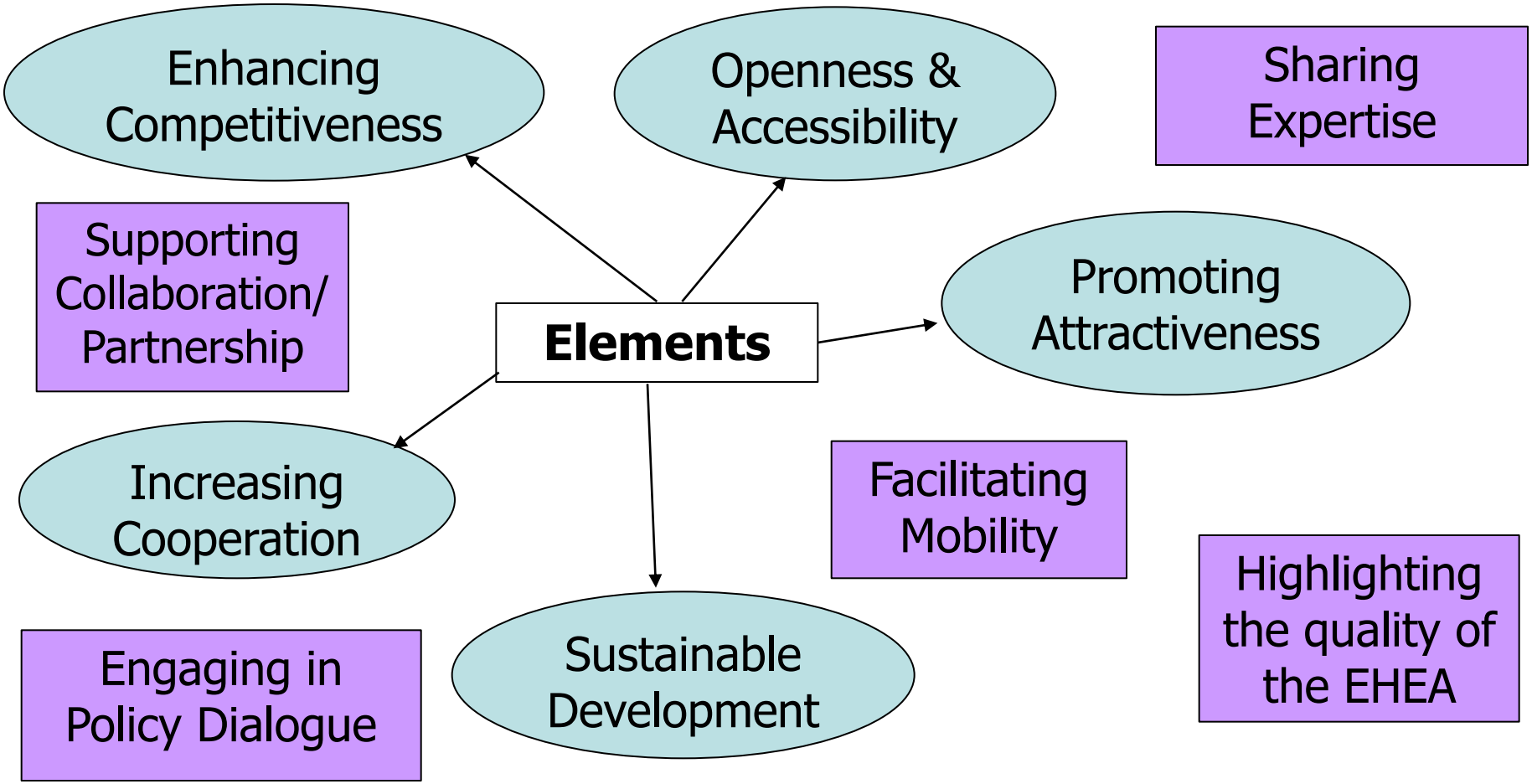
Overview of this Presentation

- Based on an analysis of external impact of Bologna Process in UK Report (2009)
- Summary of External Dimension - history, principles, practical tools
- Typology of global impacts – trends, observation, positioning & response
- Focus on collaboration & partnership - inter-regional & global approaches *(NOT country-country, inst-inst, etc.)*
- Some issues for discussion

External Dimension: History

- Bologna Process initially inwardly focused (1998-00)
- Prague Communiqué (2001): 9th Action Line
  "Promotion of the attractiveness of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA)"
- Bergen Communiqué (2005):
  International cooperation & sustainability
- London Communiqué (2007):
  BFUG Report & Strategy for Bologna in a global setting
- Leuven/Louvain Communiqué (2009):
  Enhance international policy dialogue

External Dimension: Elements



Bologna Process & Lisbon Strategy

Bologna Process 1998- (EHEA)		EC Policy/Lisbon Strategy 2000- (EU)
	Cooperation AND Competition	
Harmonisation	→	Modernisation
Mobility	→	Mobility Instruments
Social Dimension	→	Social Cohesion
Employability	→	Skilled Employment
Attractiveness	→	Competitiveness

External Dimension: Outside-In

Three main impacts of the Bologna Process globally:

1: Observation

- Comparability
- Challenges
- Opportunities

2: Positioning & Response

- Structural Reform
- Competition
- Dialogue/Cooperation

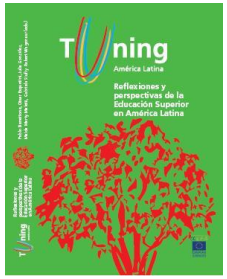
3: Collaboration & Partnership

- Sub-regional
- Regional
- Inter-regional
- Global

External Dimension: Practical Tools

- Mobility instruments

- Structural reform



- Quality assurance

- Policy fora

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Examples of (inter)regional collaboration

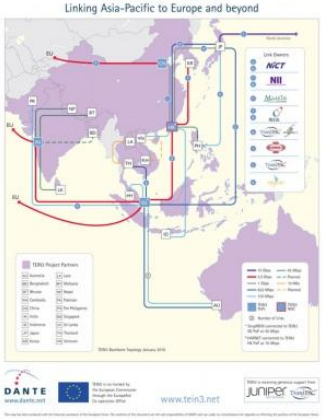
With the EU

...and without

EU-ASIA HIGHER EDUCATION PLATFORM

Brisbane Communiqué Initiative

TEIN3
The research and education network for Asia-Pacific
Linking Asia-Pacific to Europe and beyond



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Examples of global collaboration

Institutional

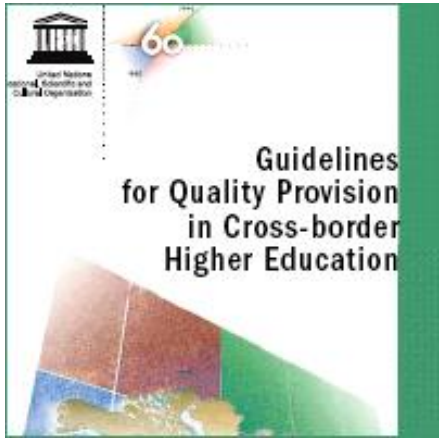
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITIES
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES BUREAU

GUNI
GLOBAL UNIVERSITY NETWORK FOR INNOVATION

WUN
Worldwide Universities Network

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES

International



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Some ‘tensions’ for discussion

- Bologna process vs. other ‘models’
  ….homogeneity vs. diversity?
- Mobility vs. brain drain (circulation?)
- Competition vs. cooperation
- Modernisation & employability vs. public good
- Public vs. private financing of HE
- Education vs. research vs. other collaboration
- Regional focus of collaborations

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