

# EVOLUTION OF EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

---

Tadeusz Luty

European University Association  
Board Member  
Wrocław University of Technology

Geel, 26-27 October 2010

## **CHANGES IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

---

- Higher rates of participation,
- Internationalization,
- Growing importance of knowledge-led economies,
- Increased global competition,

### **RESULTED IN:**

- Bologna Process,
- Lisbon Strategy,
- Modernisation Agenda for Universities,
- ...Council for Doctoral Education (EUA)
- ...Internal/External quality processes....

## THE EUROPE OF KNOWLEDGE

---

### **European Higher Education Area (EHEA):**

(Bologna Process) – compatible systems of higher education at national levels (95 % of universities have the three cycles !)...DONE.

Focus : Doctoral studies !!!!!

### **European Research Area (ERA):**

...similar actions....??

***Urgent need for a greater linkage and dialogue in the policy development between EHEA and ERA***

## EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES EVOLVING TOWARDS ...

---

- Preparing better bachelor, master and doctoral holders for their better employability perspectives
- Diversifying European University landscape, within university core missions
- Improving university governance and management systems
- Increasing the contribution of business in education and research (funding, in-kind)
- Increasing University-Business dialogue with society by disseminating success stories and good practice

# PRIORITIES FOR EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES (I)

---

## Reaffirming the essential link between higher education and research:

- ▶ Maintaining momentum of ongoing reforms;
- ▶ Linking of core missions in higher education, research and innovation;
- ▶ Promoting research career opportunities in broad labour market;
- ▶ Career prospects; ERA needs to be connected more with reform under Bologna process, particularly with 3-rd Cycle (doctoral programmes for academic and non-academic careers);
- ▶ **Increasing contribution of business in education and research (funding, in-kind, ..);**

## **PRIORITIES FOR EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES (II)**

---

### **Providing more education to more people:**

*Responsive and Flexible Universities;*

- ▶ Diversifying European University landscape within university core missions;
- ▶ Preparing better bachelor, master and doctoral holders for their better employability perspectives
- ▶ Lifelong Learning (EUA charter, 2009).
- ▶ **Research Infrastructure ...for education**

## **PRIORITIES FOR EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES (III)**

---

### **Redefining Public Responsibility:**

- ▶ New challenges accompanying the increased autonomy that allow universities to respond better to societal demands;
- ▶ Scientists must demonstrate the value of investing in science (talk more to politicians, help academic leaders to communicate with local communities and business)
- ▶ Improving university governance and management systems (less collegial decisions in the governance !);
- ▶ Increasing university-business dialogue with society by disseminating success stories and good practice;
- ▶ **Facilitating mobility (career structures, etc.);**

# PRIORITIES FOR EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES (IV)

---

## Facing Global Challenges:

- ▶ European universities cooperating and competing successfully on a global stage;
- ▶ Contribute to solutions on global challenges and provide trans-disciplinary and social approach...(health, energy,...);
- ▶ **Participation in Joint Programming**

---

# Thank you for your attention

Tadeusz Luty