Rethinking EHEA – Expectations of Society

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#### **BOLOGNA PROCESS - EHEA AS A REAL GAME-CHANGER**

- Unique co-operation structure based on shared vision, commitments and follow-up structure has led to undisputed achievements
- Improved transparency and increased attractiveness
  - Qualifications (degree structure, QF, use of ECTS)
  - Recognition
  - Quality assurance
- Significant higher education reform at national and at European level

#### DIFFERENT LANDSCAPE – TIME TO RETHINK EHEA

- Global challenges more expectations of the society
  - Skills and research for the future
  - Possibilities for continuous learning
- New ways of teaching and learning
  - Technological development, digitalisation, AI
  - Innovative pedagogies
  - New frameworks and tools for new challenges? (e.g. QA, QF, ethics)



#### DIFFERENT LANDSCAPE – TIME TO RETHINK EHEA

- Openness and flexibility as drivers
  - Institutions networks of HEIs global HE provision
  - National international global policy cooperation
- Need for increased diversity

## **FINDING ADDED VALUE**

- What could be the role of EHEA in relation to EU-led European Education Area (EEA) and European Research Area (ERA)?
- What could bring added value to EHEA member states and the European Higher Education Community?



## **HOW TO STAY AS A GAME-CHANGER?**

- Support to national policy making
- Need to take a strong stand in favour of fundamental values for democratic societies
- Shared vision, development of common tools, peer learning structures
- Involvement of the whole higher education community
- Service to the society
- Sustainable HE for sustainable Europe