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## How to propose a strategy

- The WG on External Dimension has discussed the strategy in one meeting with Pavel Zgagas report as a background and based on a draft from:
  - Barbara Weitgruber, Austria
  - Bernd Wächter ACA
  - Michael Gaebel, EUA
- The group was asked to redraft the proposal based on our discussion

## **The Bergen Communiqué**

**- We ask the BFUG to elaborate and agree on a strategy for the external dimension.**

- EHEA should be open and attractive
- Base cooperation on sustainable development in accordance with OECD/UNESCO guidelines
- Academic values should prevail
- EHEA shall be a partner and stimulate cooperation with other parts of the world
- Enhance understanding of the Bologna Process and share experience

## Important perspectives I

- Working for a balanced strategy when it comes to competitiveness, attractiveness, cooperation and capacity building.
- The strategy must be flexible in relation to different parts of the world.
- The development of a strategy for the external dimension should take into account the OECD/UNESCO guidelines for quality provision in Cross-Border Higher Education.

## Important perspectives II

- The contexts differ internally and externally
- We must balance the task, which is to propose an external strategy, against what the Ministers can realistically be expected to approve.
- We must contribute to pushing the state of the art forward, as all such joint efforts within the Bologna Process have aimed to do, in a manner that our 45 members can agree upon.
- Academic values

## **Guiding Principles for the proposed strategy**

The strategy must build upon:

- European heritage and values
- Stakeholder participation
- Geographical and thematic scope
- Completing the European Higher Education Area

## Policy areas in the draft strategy

- Information on the EHEA
- Promotion of European higher education in order to enhance its worldwide attractiveness and competitiveness
- Cooperation based on partnership
- Policy dialogue
- Recognition

## Follow up

- The work programme 2007-2009 shall include **a WG with the aim to promote and monitor the implementation of the External Dimension Strategy.**
- An **External Dimension Progress Report.**
- The BFUG work programme shall also include a project on the external dimension (including the recognition issues) and report back to the Ministers in 2009.
- The external dimension should be made part of the **overall Bologna stocktaking process**