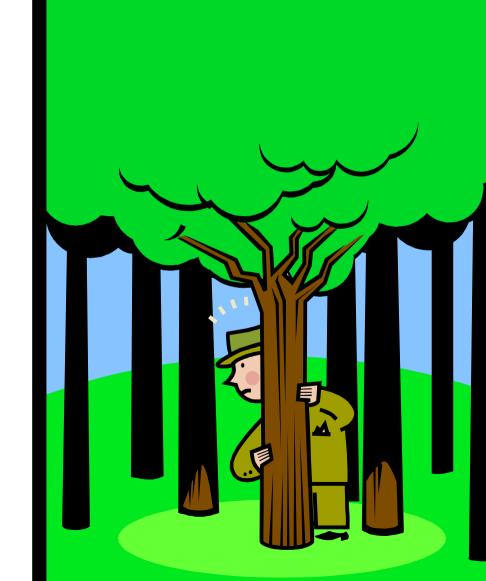
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### What to present and discuss ...



Bologna process – some background



The state of the Bologna transformations



The example of Freiburg



Selected observations



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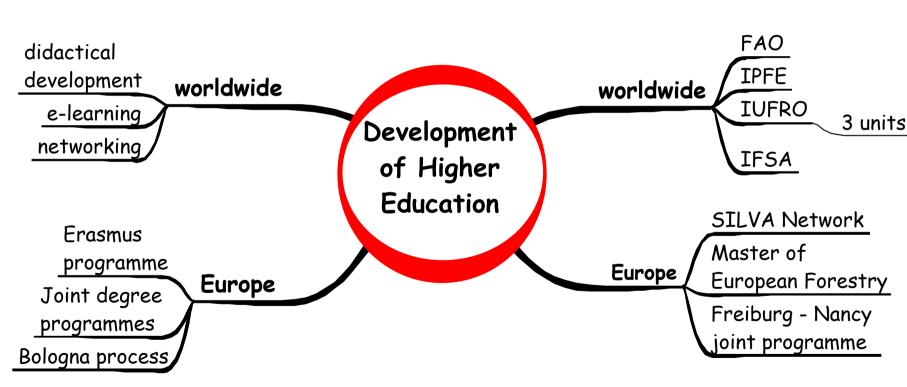
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#### foresty & related sciences





#### **Objectives:**

- 1. Raise the profile of forestry education nationally and globally
- Enhance communication among forestry educators
- 3. Improve service to forestry education
- 4. Improve generation and dissemination of knowledge on forestry education
- Support the activities of the International Forestry Students Association (IFSA).

#### **Activities:**

- Curricula development and initiation of courses
- 2. Initiation and promotion of networking
- 3. Promotion of partnership and fundraising
- 4. Conducting workshops,networking
- Offer courses in different regions of the world (including on line)



#### **Government of IPFE:**

#### 1. The Executive Office:

- Provides leadership for the partnership
- Chairperson and three Vice-Chairs

#### 2. The Steering Committee:

- Advise the Executive Office and membership at large on strategic issues pertaining to the partnership.
- Composed of prominent persons from education institutions, industry, NGO's, research institutions and Networks
- It is composed of 11 to 13 members with due consideration to geographic distribution, discipline, and affiliation
- The International Forestry Students Association (IFSA) has a permanent seat on the Steering Committee.

### SILVA Network

## - European Forest Science Academic Network

Stands for

"stimulating and facilitating interuniversity co-operation in the field of Forestry education in Europe"



### SILVA Network

### **Members**



Coordination
University of
Freiburg
TUM, Freisin

#### **MSc European Forestry**



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The Master of Science in European Forestry Erasmus Mundus (MSc EF) is a 2-year double-degree

. University of Joensuu , Finland (Co-ordinating University)

programme co-organized by the following 6 European Universities:

- . University of Freiburg, Germany
- . Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Sweden
- , University of Lleida (UdL), Spain
- . University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU), Austria
- . Wageningen University , The Netherlands

#### Bologna conferences

1997 Paris, Sorbonne





2001 Prague

2003 Berlin

2005 Bergen

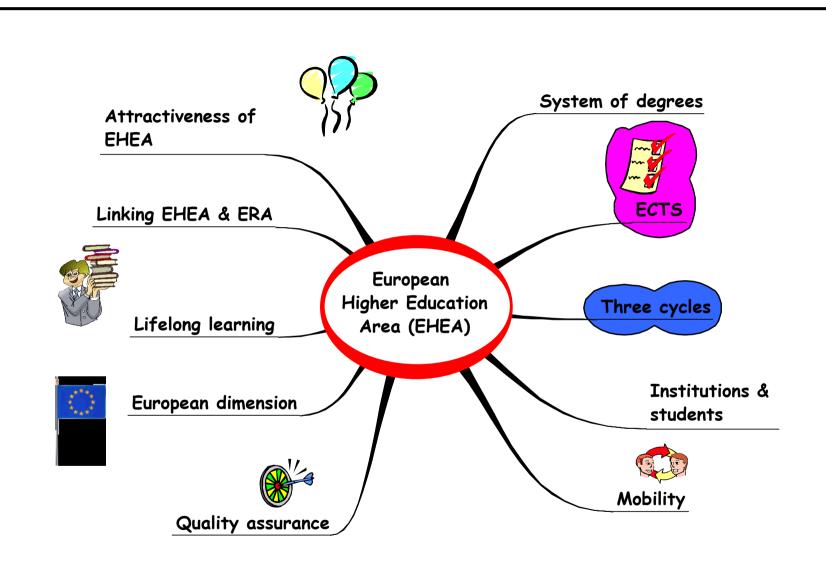
2007 London

2009 Benelux

### Bologna process

The Bologna conference in 1999 initiated farreaching changes of the complete system of higher education in Europe and started a process of a dimension not known hitherto.

"Ministers take into due consideration the conclusions of the European Councils in Lisbon (2000) and Barcelona (2002) aimed at making Europe 'the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world, capable of sustainable economic growth with more and better jobs and greater social cohesion' and calling for further action and closer co-operation in the context of the Bologna Process."



### Objectives and reality

- •A main objective of the Bologna process is shortening the study time for the majority of students, who would be ready for the labour market with a BSc, whereas the others would go on with a master's programme or come back for a master's programme after some years of occupational experience.
- In reality it seems that the labour markets are not well prepared for BSc graduates in many European countries.

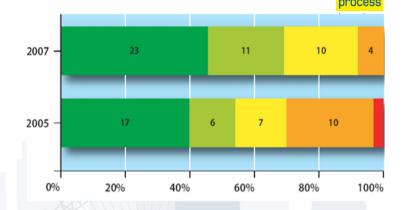
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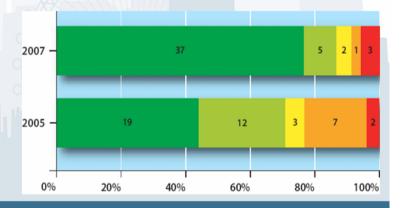
#### 2 cycles

- good progress and
- good potential for completion

#### Access

- Fewer legal obstacles
- Bridging courses
- 2 levels of bachelors







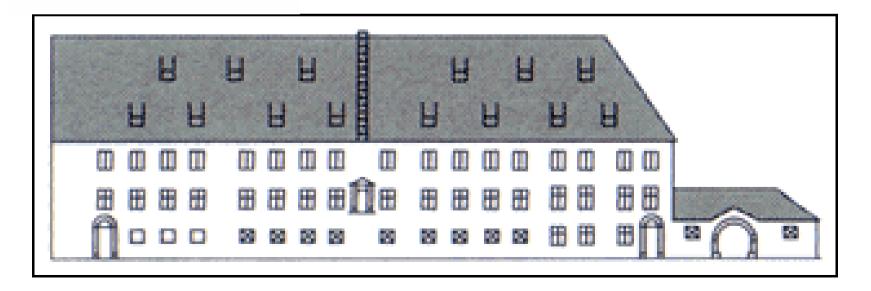
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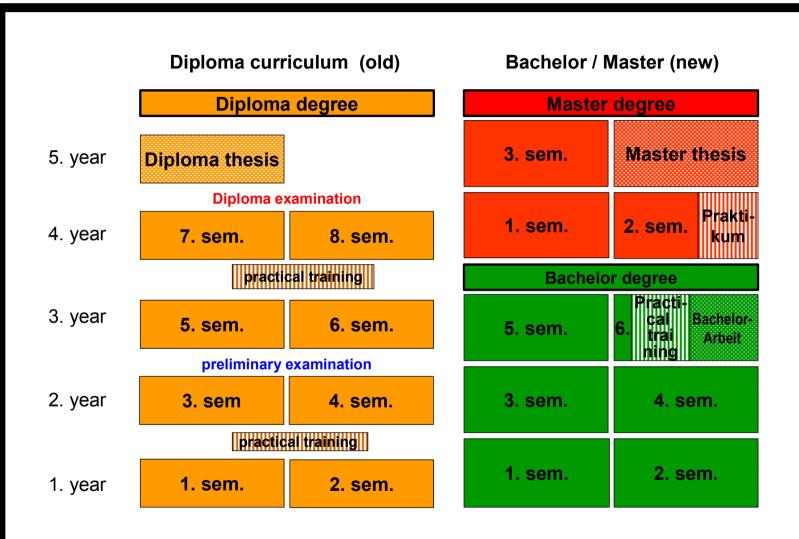


## The example of forestry & related curricula at the University of **Freiburg**



University from 1457
Faculty of Forest Sciences 1921
Faculty of Forest and Environmental
Sciences 2002
by merging with Geo Sciences Faculty





after Fink 2005

Master
4 semesters
(new in 2008)
120 ETCS credits

Hydrology

Forest Sciences Renewable Energy Management

Master

4 semesters

(start in 2005)

120 ETCS credit

Forest Ecology and Management

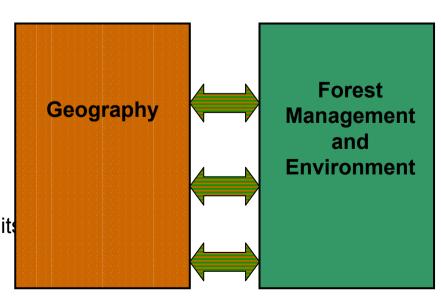
European Master of Forestry Environmental Governance

Bachelor

6 semesters

(start in 2005)

120 ETCS credits



Minor fields of study (within faculty of forestry and environmental sciences) (40 ETCS credits): e.g.

- Nature protection and landscape management
- Wood and bioenergy
- International forestry
- Meteorology and climatology
- or minor fields outside faculty)

plus transferable skills courses (20 ETCS credits)

### The Bologna process

- some observations



Structural changes versus learning processes



ECTS, workload, mobility



Third cycle: PhD



And the labour market?

### The Bologna process

- still a long way to go ...



Big steps: Quality assurance, accreditation



Will the universities find the support and conditions they need?



Networks: SILVA, IUFRO, IPFE



Summing up – the optimist

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