Training outcomes for European lawyers

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The Lisbon Strategy

The Lisbon Agenda

- EU “the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world by 2010”
- §6 “The knowledge society is the key to the Lisbon Strategy”
  - Council of the EU Brussels 21 February 2005, Conclusions

Broader than the autonomous Bologna Process
Bologna Declaration

- European Space for Higher Education by 2010
- Restructuring
  - mainly organised in undergraduate / postgraduate phases / Bachelor - master - doctoral phases
- Easily readable and comparable degrees
- Credit accumulation and transfer systems
- Quality assurance
Duration of university legal studies in the EC in 1998

Frieders Report, 1998
Figure 2
Implementation of Bologna cycles: Trends III

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Figure 3

Implementation of Bologna cycles: Trends V

- 0-50 %: 2
- 50-70 %: 9
- 70-85 %: 6
- 85-100 %: 19
European Higher Education Area

- Member States to devise frameworks of qualifications for national higher education systems
- These are to fit within an over-arching European framework of qualifications for the EHEA
Qualification Frameworks

National Qualification frameworks

- Based on national law and national qualifications
- Learning outcomes or achievements explained and linked together
  - Helps transparency
  - Helps employability / labour market
  - Helps quality assurance and accreditation regimes

European Qualification framework

- No qualifications nor law
- Introduce a meta-framework
  - Transparency for students and graduates
  - Assist European co-operation
  - Assist development of European labour market
The new European routes to multi-jurisdictional practice

EEA fully qualified lawyer
- Directive 77/249/EEC
- Directive 98/5/EC
- Directive 89/48/EEC as amended

EEA migrant with law degree only
- Morgenbesser

Access to legal practice in host State
Access to legal profession
Access to legal training in host State
Access routes England & Wales
Draft CCBE RECOMMENDATION on Training Outcomes for European Lawyers
Future possibilities

- Agreed Tuning outcomes
- Agreed training outcomes for lawyers
- Sectoral framework in law
- Common platforms, Directive 2005/36/EC