

## **Creation of European Educational Space on the Example of Silesian University of Technology**

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Centuries long national traditions caused that educational systems including higher education differ a lot in individual countries of Europe. It makes very difficult the students' exchange, recognition of diplomas as well as creates difficulties in evaluation of graduates' usefulness in unifying European labor market. Therefore since 1998 discussions regarding harmonization of educational system in higher education in Europe have been carried on. The crucial moment was signing so called Bologna Declaration in 1999 by Ministers of Education from 29 countries including Poland. The Bologna Declaration assumes adjusting educational systems in Europe to a specific standard till 2010. Subsequent conferences in Prague (2001) and Berlin (2003) have qualified the assumptions concerning these topics.

Poland, including Silesian University of Technology, participates in an active way in putting these assumptions into practice. Assumptions concerning the Bologna Declaration and further activities within this field with respect to the level of Europe, country and Silesian University of Technology will be presented in the paper.