

Life after Bologna?

Who wants to talk...

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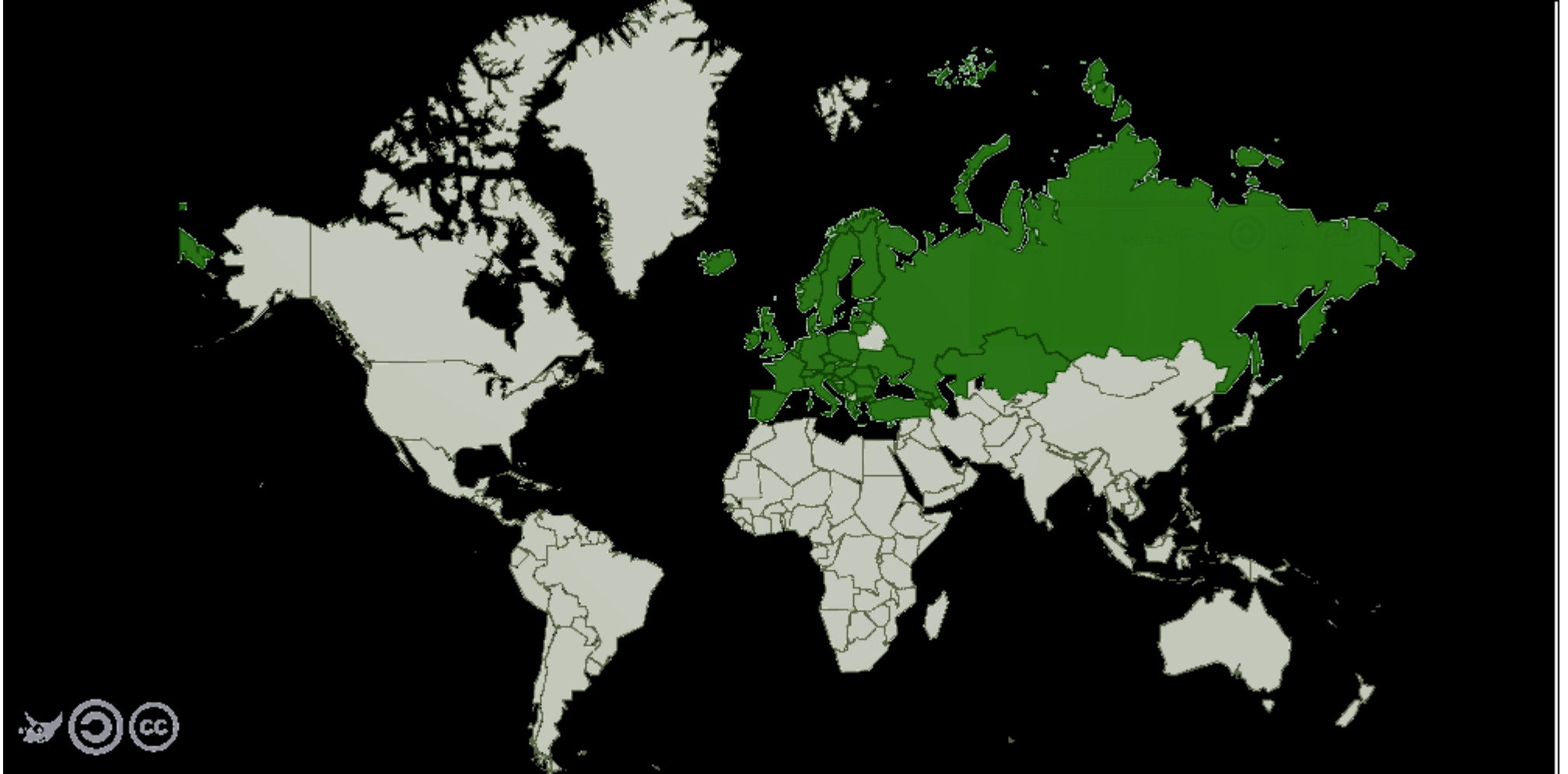
- What is Bologna
- The achievements and limits of Bologna
- The future of Bologna

What is Bologna: a unique type of KS project

- KS project –contribute to building a KS in Europe
- Co-exists with a larger, continental project of economic and political integration, with “variable geometry”
- Limited to HE
- **Unprecedented** historically and compared to other initiatives in HE in other parts of the world nowadays
- Life outside Bologna

Any chance to succeed, as a project?

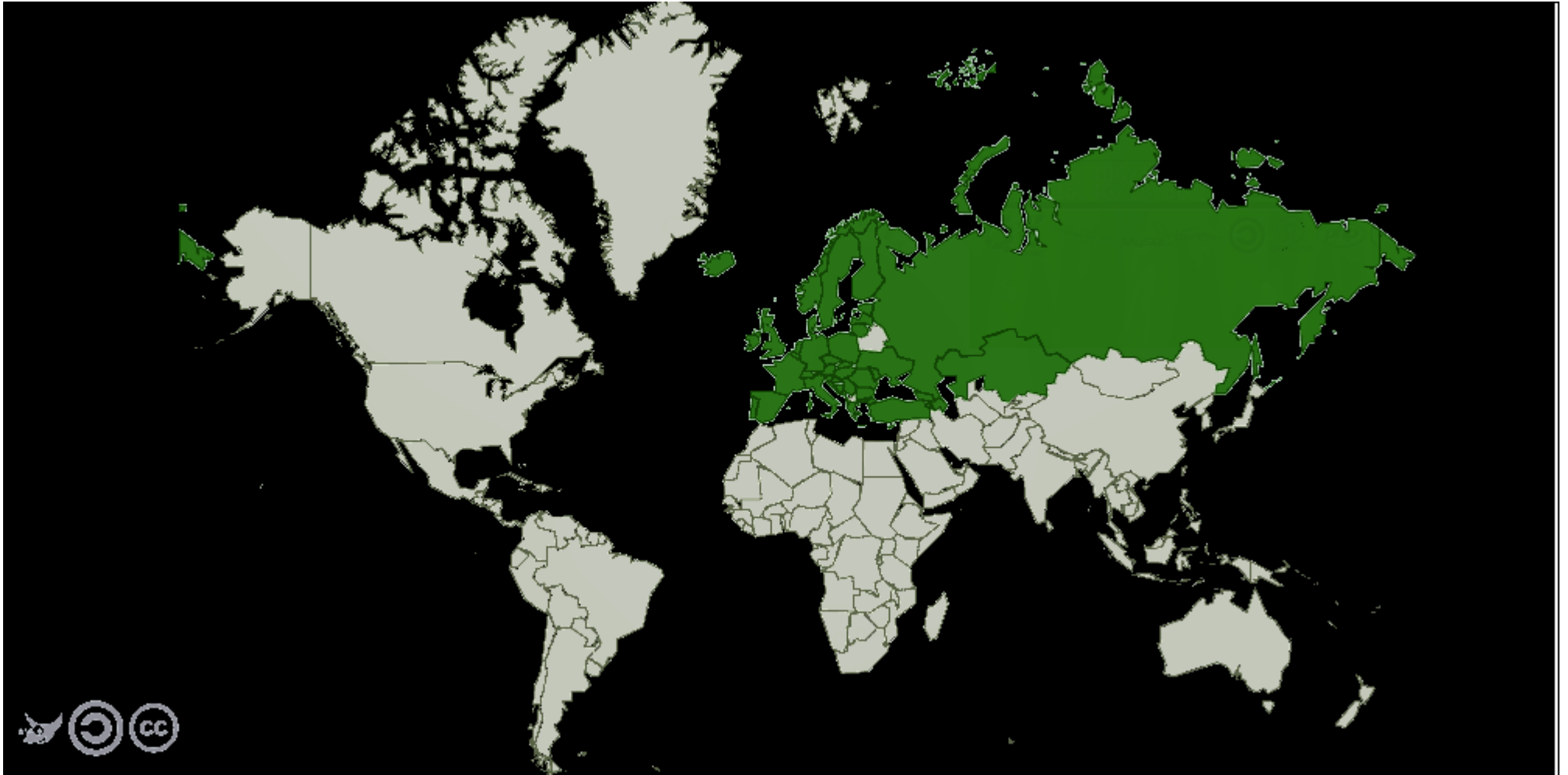
Achievements of Bologna



Achievements of the Bologna process/project:
tools and instruments or more than that?

- Surprising success (more compared to expectations than its evolving goals, but still)
- New tools, policy instruments, dynamics in HE: ECTS, diploma supplement, Tuning, structure of degrees, European Qualifications Framework for HE, European Quality Assurance Register for HE, mobility, even doctoral education (CDE)
- Almost all of these are European innovations emerging as part of the Bologna process (even the EQF)
- Planned tectonic shifts

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The Bologna process as a world reference

- A measure of success
- Attention in all parts of the world, in developed and developing countries
- At the extreme: accusations of a new type of colonialism: Bologna as an instrument to assert the hegemony of Europe. (*E.g. The Bologna Process as a Hegemonic Tool of Normative Power Europe (NPE): The Case of Chilean and Mexican Higher Education. F.E. Figueroa*)
- Many aspects of interest: studied if not borrowed (tools in particular, but also policy making) –but funding is not among them

Limits of Bologna

- Bologna, EHEA, ERA, European higher education, higher education
- Promise vs. achievements
- Claims vs. reality
- Political commitment vs. lip service or even rejection
- Public relations
- What vision?

Future of Bologna

- Any change from within?

Governance, action lines, structure vs. content, policy gaps, research

- Changing circumstances:

Two powerful policy narratives and what the future may bring

Future of Bologna researcher's conference

- <http://fohe-bprc.forhe.ro/templates/pdf/Plenary/Sir%20Peter%20Scott%20-%20Bucharest.pdf>