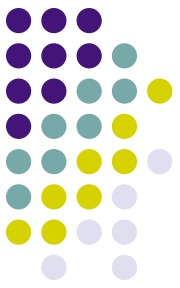


# Background

- 11 countries supported BFUG working group established in 2006 to take forward the Bergen and Berlin commitment *to facilitate the portability of grants and loans, where appropriate through joint action, with a **view to making mobility within the EHEA a reality***
- This group recommended the development of a network of experts to overcome practical obstacles of portability and facilitate exchange of information on differing student support systems - ratified in London
- 17 countries formed initial network in 2007.



# Recommendations

- **Network does encourage countries to offer portable of grants and loans**
  - extend the Expert Network
  - encourage more countries to join the network
  - more consistent data collection on portability
  - inclusion of portability of grants and loans to the stocktaking
  - necessary to have a more formal secretariat structure.