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The introduction of student fees for third country national students: from the university sector viewpoint

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Outline of the presentation

- Where have we been and why?
- Where are we now – and where might we be heading?
- Where should we be tomorrow?

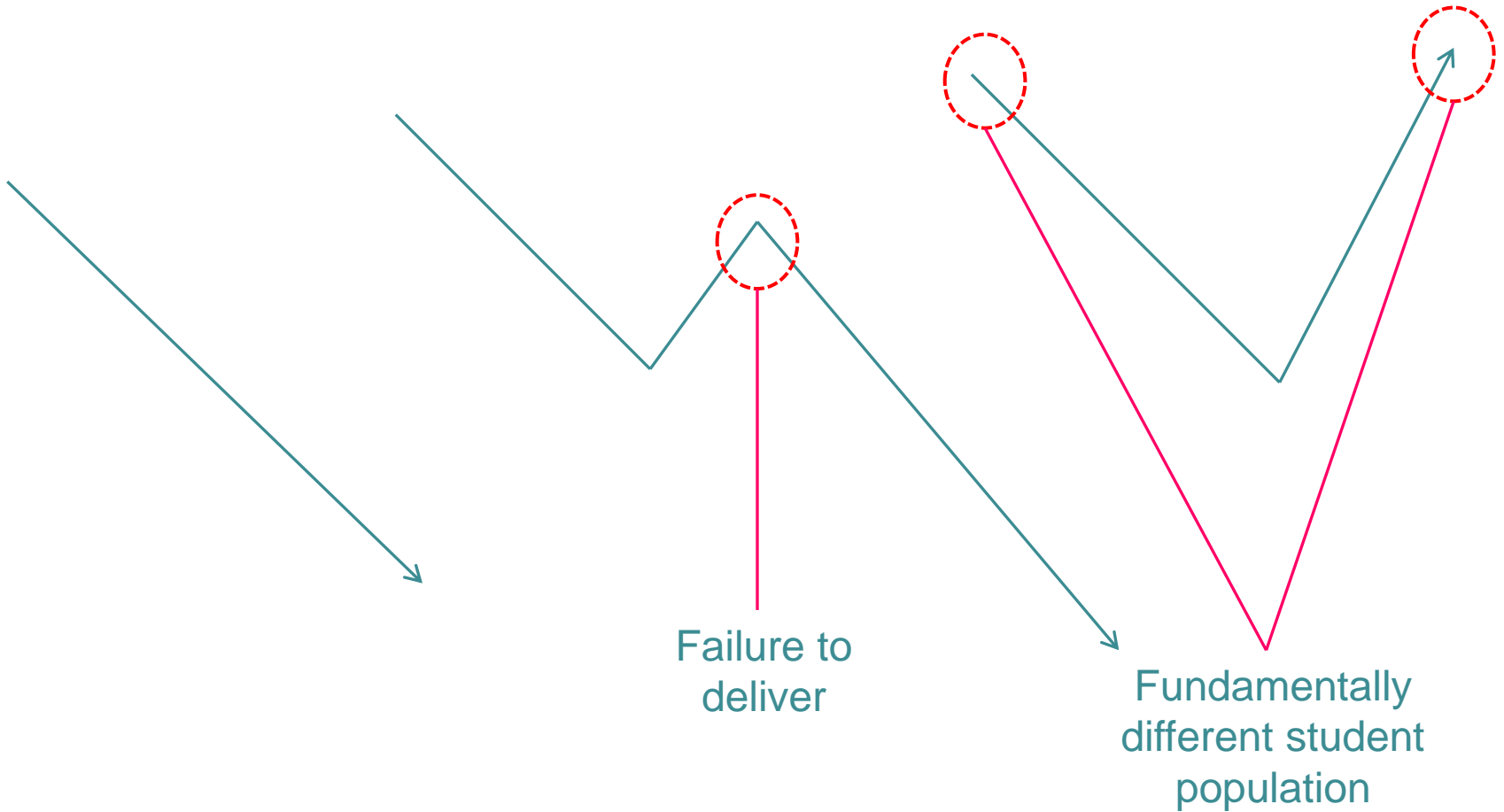
Quality not price

- Government decision – Swedish HEI shall compete internationally with quality NOT free education
- Attract talent and top students – generous scholarship programmes
- Full cost for education borne by the third country national students themselves, not by the Swedish tax payer (except scholarships)

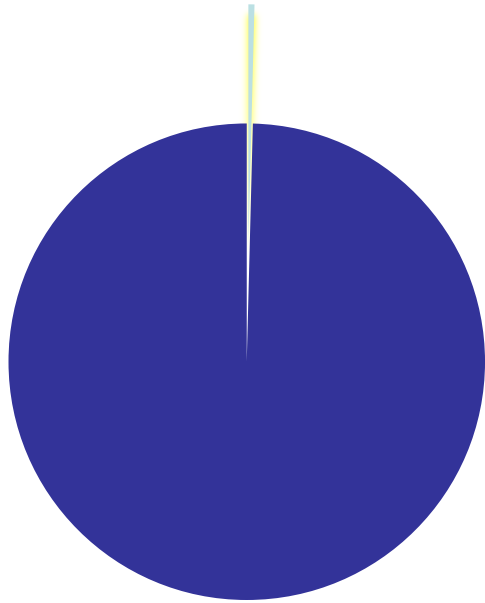
Rise – fall – rise?

- The number of incoming third country national students increased fivefold from the year 2000 to spring 2011
- Unexpected – unplanned – unsustainable?
- Roughly 80 % fewer registered third country national students autumn semester 2011 – back to square one?

Three paths forward

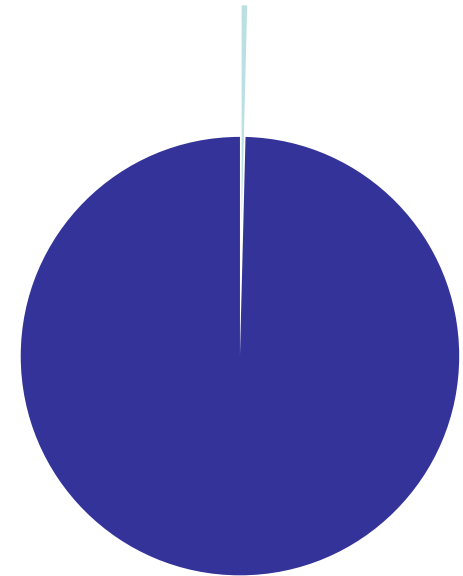


China

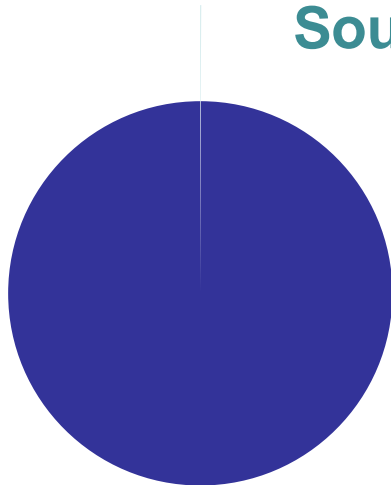


The challenge – Sweden's share of the total number of outgoing students from three of the largest sender countries 2009

India



South Korea



- Sweden
- Rest of the world

Sweden's comparative advantages (besides good quality education)

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teaching environment

Bologna-process
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What can the universities do?

- Develop internal strategies for internationalisation
- Improve reception and student services
- Increase the value for money
- Co-operate nationally to increase Sweden's impact in key countries

And what of the government?

- Remove obstacles – fewer, lesser and more consistent regulations
- Ease financial restrictions – increase flexibility in charging of fees
- Create and implement a coherent strategy of internationalisation of research and higher education

What Sweden's comparative advantages should look like

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Thank you for your attention!

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