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About us

“nexus – concepts and good practice in higher education” is a project run by the German Rectors’ Conference. It supports German higher education institutions in various aspects of higher education reform, such as curricular development and quality enhancement. The project is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research.

nexus means “bridge-builder” or “hub”, and this is precisely what the project aspires to do: to gather information, concepts and “good practice” examples from institutions, comment on them and make them available to other institutions and practitioners.

nexus issues

- discipline-specific modularisation
- orientation of Bachelor and Master programmes towards learning outcomes and competences
- ensuring the inclusion of the employability aspect in study programmes
- diversity management and widening participation
- increasing permeability between academic and vocational education
- recognition procedures (prior learning and credit mobility)

How we do it

- through organizing expert seminars and workshops
- by publishing surveys, brochures and guidelines
- by providing a platform for institutions to discuss challenges and good practices

Our main focus is the intensive dialogue with higher education institutions. From the start, students and teachers are involved in the planning of conferences and in the agenda setting. The project provides information for specific target groups and develops strategic communication concepts.

Learning from each other

The key approach of nexus focuses on “good practice” in teaching and study.

Through intensive exchange with the higher education institutions we collect good practice examples that provide innovative responses to specific challenges.

We then facilitate the wider discussion of these approaches so that they can serve as an inspiration to others in the medium term.

As a result we hope to initiate learning processes and contribute to quality assurance.

However, we are aware of the fact that any approach can only be generalized to a certain extent. nexus presents individual solutions which open up new perspectives and stimulate other institutions to adapt them for their own reform work.

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