

PROGRAMME

Autumn International Conference

**Promoting International Student Mobility:
Awarding Credit for Coursework and Recognising
University Degrees**

An event organised by
"Project nexus" – Concepts and good practice in Higher Education

8-9 November 2011
Beethovenhalle, Bonn

HRK German Rectors' Conference
Project **nexus**
Concepts and good practice in Higher Education

Themes and Objectives of the Conference

The way students decide to spend one or more semesters studying abroad, or to pursue a master's degree abroad, depends on many factors. One such factor is whether or not the coursework completed during their studies abroad will be recognized for credit when they return to their home institutions.

The "Project nexus" conference will address various topics concerning credit transfer and degree recognition and present possible solutions. The objectives are to promote best practices in line with the Lisbon Recognition Convention and offer solutions to existing problems, thereby contributing to the improvement of international student mobility.

The following topics will be addressed:

- Reference systems for the comparison of learning outcomes
- European cooperation agreements regarding credit transfer
- The ECTS Label
- Recognition of coursework and examinations as an aspect of quality management
- Learning outcomes and quality assurance
- Degree recognition
- Legal frameworks

We expect more than 200 participants from academic institutions, scientific organisations, government ministries, and quality assurance agencies to attend this international event in the Beethovenhalle in Bonn.

The conference will be held in English (E) and German (D). To see which events will be offered in which languages, please refer to the coding system on the programme. There is no registration fee.

Please note that the total number of guests is limited for this conference. Please do not make any travel arrangements until you have received a registration confirmation.

Tuesday 8 November 2011

11:30

**Participant Registration
Refreshments**

12:30 - 13:00

Opening Ceremony (D)

Dr Thomas **Kathöfer**, Secretary General of the German Rectors' Conference

T.B.A., German Federal Ministry for Education and Research

13:00 - 14:30

Keynote (E)

**The Lisbon Recognition Convention - Principles and Practice
(Handbook on the Lisbon Recognition Convention)**

Dr Carita **Blomqvist**, National Board of Education Finland (NBE), President of the Bureau of the Lisbon Recognition Convention

The Students' Point of View

T.B.A., European Students Union (ESU) (requested)

Moderation: Christian **Tauch**, German Rectors' Conference

14:30 - 15:00

Coffee Break

15:00 - 17:00

Parallel Forums

Forum A

The ECTS Label (E)

Dr Joachim **Lembach**, Director of the International Office, Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences

Professor Ludo **Melis**, Vice Rector for Education, Catholic University of Leuven (KU Leuven)

Moderation: Christian **Tauch**, German Rectors' Conference

Forum B

Reference systems for the comparison of learning outcomes (D)

Professor Klaus Peter **Kratzer**, Vice President for Academic and International Affairs, University of Ulm

Margret **Schermutzki**, Tuning Project

Moderation: Monika **Schroeder**, German Rectors' Conference

Forum C
Degree recognition (E)

Thomas **Boehm**, German Rectors' Conference

Effi **Zikou-Iwai**, uni-assist
Dr. Horst **Henrici**, Head of the division for Approval and Enrollment, TU Berlin
Jochen **Pichler**, Head of Quality, UK NARIC

Moderation: Dr. Peter A. **Zervakis**, German Rectors' Conference

Forum D
European cooperation agreements regarding credit transfer (E)

Dr. Alessandro **Bernazoli**, Office for International and EU Relations, University of Parma
Nina **Wolfeil**, Director of the International Office, BTU Cottbus

Moderation: Dr Rolf **Peter**, German Rectors' Conference

Forum E
Recognition of coursework and examinations as an aspect of quality management (D)

Susanne **Jaudzims**, Administration Officer for Quality Management in Teaching and Learning, Leibniz Universität Hannover
Kathleen **Wabrowetz**, Erasmus Student Network Germany

Moderation: T.B.A., German Rectors' Conference

Forum F
Legal frameworks for recognizing credit at German universities (D)

Florian **Gröblichhoff**, German Rectors' Conference
Ralf **Alberding**, Alberding Law Firm

Moderation: Stefanie **Busch**, German Rectors' Conference

17:00 - 17:30

Coffee Break

17:30 - 18:30

Learning outcomes as an initial point of Quality Assurance (E)

Michael **Joris**, International Office, Katholieke Hogeschool Limburg

Moderation: Christian **Tauch**, German Rectors' Conference

18:30

Buffet Dinner

Wednesday, 9 November 2011

9:00- 11:00

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11:30 - 12:15

Summary of Discussions and Results (D)

Barbara **Michalk**, German Rectors' Conference

12:15 - 12:30

Closing Remarks (D)

T.B.A., German Rectors' Conference

12:30

Refreshments and Departure