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
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 Bernazolli, 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 Gröblinghoff, 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

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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