

# Improving the quality of study programmes

## Project nexus: Round Table "Engineering"

### Project nexus Topics

The German Rectors' Conference (HRK) with the support of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) has launched the project "nexus – Forming Transitions, Promoting Student Success" in order to help universities with the continued implementation of the European Study Reform.

Running from 2014 to 2018 nexus focuses on the following aspects of higher education:

- Optimising the initial phase of studies
- Promoting mobility during studies
- Facilitating the transition to employment

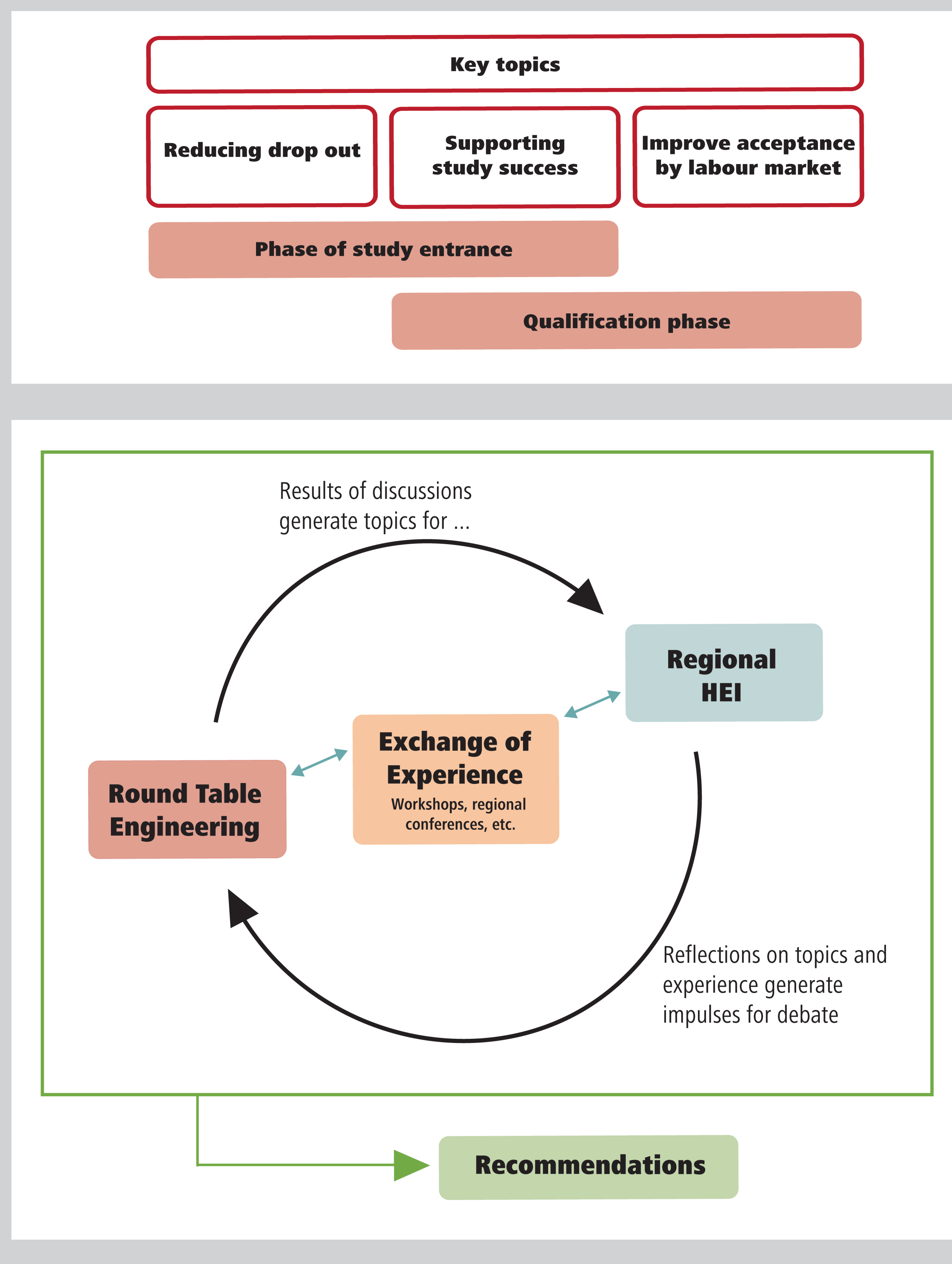
Selected groups of experts from the fields of engineering, economic and business sciences, and healthcare/medical sciences work with nexus to develop generic solutions to the issues mentioned above.

Each discipline hosts a "Round Table" in which problems and potential solutions are explored in greater detail. The Round Tables bring together professors, teachers in higher education, educationists and students of each respective discipline. Further experts are consulted where necessary.

2014/15 the Round Table focuses on challenges connected with the initial phase of studies such as:

- Orientation
- Online Assessments
- Access Requirements
- Students Diversity
- Bridging Courses
- Flexible Study Programmes
- Shift from Teaching to Learning
- Competencies-Oriented
- Innovative Forms of Teaching

### Round Table: how it works



### Student Life Cycle

The project addresses the most important stages in the 'student life cycle' and aims to facilitate transitions such as:

**How can** universities improve access for students with different biographies and backgrounds as well as help them to succeed?

**How can** course credits from different universities be recognised in a transparent process?

**How should** study programmes be structured to ensure that graduates are successful on the labour market?

