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Forming Transitions, Promoting Student Success

German Rectors' Conference project nexus: Focus on learning outcomes and competencies

Learning Outcomes (LO) and competencies are standards for developing student-centered curricula in higher education.

For reviewing quality-based LO it is necessary to initiate a debate on how to implement a sustainable quality management system in higher education institutions (HEI).

For de-centrally organized and regulated study programmes common standards can be obtained by using Qualification Frameworks (QF).

Disciplines need to create subject-related orientations; QF may provide generic references. These, however, have to be embedded into efficient quality assurance systems to increase the comparability of degree programmes in Europe.

The challenge is to manage a trade-off between the abstract character of overarching standards and the specificity of meaningful criteria and standards.

The experience of the German HRK-nexus Project provides, *inter alia*, basic sources for determining comprehensive models, demands and common standards for implementing quality based LO in decentralized curricular development.

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