Virtuelle Hochschule Bayern (vhb). A Network for Successful Digital Teaching
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Virtuelle Hochschule Bayern (vhb)
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The joint virtual campus of the Bavarian universities and universities of applied sciences
Tasks and Aims

- **Complements** the individual e-learning activities of its 31 member universities, offering more flexibility – both in location and scheduling.

- **Funding** and **coordination** of the **development** and **operation** of online courses and online material for use **across** the member universities.

- Open online courses for all interested individuals.
Programme Structure / Funding Lines

1) **CLASSIC vhb** (since 2000): complete online courses for degree programmes of the member universities with examination / credit points (ECTS) and supervision by trained e-tutors

2) **OPEN vhb** (since 2018): open courses with university level, open to all interested individuals, free of charge, no supervision, registration is required

3) **SMART vhb** (since 2018): online material for blended learning in individual lectures
### Figures

#### Courses and learning units

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<th><strong>CLASSIC vhb</strong></th>
<th>530 courses for degree programmes in operation</th>
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<td>182,000 course enrolments (academic year 2017/18)</td>
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**Quality approved by Peer evaluation**
Quality Management

Quality management in the entire process

**design phase**
- consultations between partners of consortium and PM
- review/examination of funding applications by Programme Committee
- earmarked funding

**development phase**
- periodic project meeting
- trainings for professors and their staff
  - introductory workshop for new course developers
  - training for e-tutors
  - thematic workshops

**operational phase**
- external peer review
- students’ evaluation
- continuous improvement process
- thematic workshops

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Technology

- **Infrastructure of the member universities**: CLASSIC
  vhb courses are hosted on servers of the universities

- **Central structures**
  - Moodle based LMS for OPEN vhb courses
  - Repository for SMART vhb learning units
  - Portal for course catalog and participant registration
What keeps a working network going?  
Our experiences...

- Offer a real benefit (funding, product...)
- Meet the need (demand, integration in degree programmes, consortium...)
- Allow to participate (commitees...)
- Accompany your members as partners (services, workshops, trainings...)
- Set quality standards and safe them (ExEval, funding for revising...)
- Offer simple ways of sharing (platforms, shibboleth...)
Thank you!

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