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How to benefit from HOCH^N network

HOCH^N is a network of Higher Education Institutions. Target groups are researchers, teachers, administrative staff as well as students.

Become a HOCH^N network partner and benefit from

- peer learning
- case studies and good practice examples
- a personal profile on the HOCH^N online map

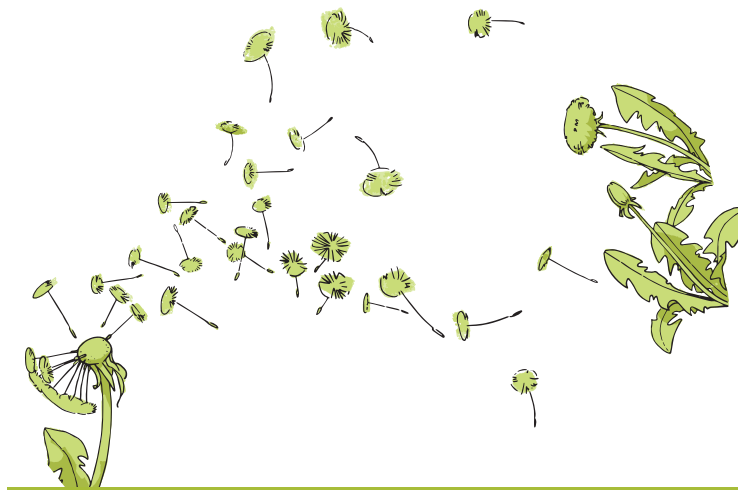
Open HOCH^N events are organized all over Germany, addressing new tools and research insights from sustainable development contexts.

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What HOCH^N is about

HOCH^N is a research project as well as a networking platform dedicated to sustainable development processes at Higher Education Institutions (HEI). HOCH^N is funded by the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). HOCH^N aims at promoting sustainable development in HEI according to the whole institution approach.

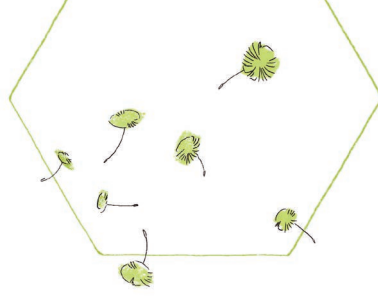
HOCH^N research

Application-oriented research and testing of innovative methods are key elements of HOCH^N. Eleven universities collaborate in order to explore the following fields of action:

- Sustainability reporting (Universität Hamburg, Freie Universität Berlin, Universität Duisburg Essen)
- Governance (Freie Universität Berlin, Universität Vechta)
- Teaching & Education (Universität Bremen, Universität Tübingen)
- Research (Leuphana Universität Lüneburg, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)
- Operations (TU Dresden, Hochschule Zittau/Görlitz)
- Transfer (HNE Eberswalde)

For all fields of action application guidelines are developed. Use cases of these guidelines at HEI are tested and evaluated.

An advisory board of national and international partners supports HOCH^N.



HOCH^N network

HOCH^N is an open network inviting all stakeholders to contribute to sustainable development (SD) at Higher Education Institutions.

The digital HOCH^N map shows profiles of those who are engaged with sustainable development at HEI across Germany. It serves as a platform of information and exchange. Although HOCH^N is focusing a national level, collaboration with international SD initiatives is also crucial part of HOCH^N networking activities.

Context

United Nations agenda 2030 outlines 17 global sustainability goals (SDG) which serve as baseline for the national German sustainability strategy. HOCH^N relates to this strategy.

UNESCO Global Action Programme on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) as well as the National Action Plan on ESD also serve as frameworks for HOCH^N.

HOCH^N network structure

Three levels of engagement characterize the HOCH^N network:



1. Participation

Particular members of HEI are *interested* in promoting sustainability in their institutions on an individual level and join HOCH^N events.



2. Contribution

One or more members of HEI are committed to sustainability and are *contributing* on an individual level in the HOCH^N network. A personal profile on the digital map outlines ongoing activities.



3. Assume responsibility

The whole HEI is committed as an *active partner institution* of the HOCH^N network, i.e. particular criteria of SD institutionalization are approved.

Digital HOCH^N sustainability map

