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I. Introduction

This Guide for the Financial Management of Kosovo HEIs is supposed to provide a comprehensive collection of materials that were subject of the FAITH project so far. It basically covers the topics of the five training workshops, which were executed in the working package WP3 of the project and shall be the basis of the institutional workshops in the working package WP4.

This document compiles all the training materials of the training workshops and also contains results of the practical parts of these workshops. Training materials fundamentally consist of the presentations of the experts from the project partners that include the introductions or theoretical background to a specific topic, as well as descriptions of best practises and solutions on how specific processes are organized at the partner Institutions.

This guide is structured thematically on the basis of the five core topics of the training workshop:

- Financial Autonomy and Accountability
- IT-Systems for Financial Management
- Resource allocation, internal governance and budgeting processes
- Fundraising
- University place Management

The several presentations in this guide were assigned to these five topics, even if they were – in chronological sense – not presented at the specific training workshop dedicated to this topic.

In order to simplify searching for a specific content, this guide contains an alphabetical subject index at the end.

II. Training Materials

Financial Autonomy and Accountability

The topic "Financial Autonomy and Accountability" is the most important aspect of the project. The topic was covered intensively in the first training workshop WS1 but was also touched in several other occasions and workshops of the project in its role as the superordinate project aspect. The training workshop on Financial Autonomy and Accountability (Saarbrücken, July 2014) was supposed to act as an introduction to the topic by giving an overview of more general aspects on the steering of Higher Education. It based on the input of the EU partners where the general approaches on governance structures of Higher Education Institutions as well as political backgrounds were introduced and discussed.¹

Aspects of the workshop were the different models of the allocation of state money to Higher Education Institutions used in autonomous systems as well as the monetary and non-monetary benefits that autonomous Higher Education Institutions create in the country or region in which they are situated. Based on these general aspects the workshop also comprised the internal perspective of Higher Education Institutions. As it was held at Saarland University, speakers from this Institution described their practices in detail and introduced procedures and processes that are used to ensure accountability in an autonomous Higher Education system. In addition, the strategic planning processes (development planning) were also discussed.

The materials of this guide concerning the topic "Autonomy and Accountability" contain presentations from the related training workshop, but also presentations held at other meetings / workshops that cover the topic from a more general point of view.

¹ A detailed description of the several models of financial management at the EU partner institutions can be found in the report D1.3 "Comparative analysis of financial Management practices" (Working package WP1).

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Dimension of University Autonomy

Organisational	Financial	Staffing	Academic
autonomy	autonomy	autonomy	autonomy
 Selection procedure for the executive head Selection criteria for the executive head Dismissal of the executive head Term of office of the executive head Inclusion and selection of external members in governing bodies Capacity to decide on academic structures Capacity to create legal entities 	 Length and type of public funding Ability to keep surplus Ability to borrow money Ability to own buildings Ability to charge tuition fees for national/EU students (BA, MA, PhD) Ability to charge tuition fees for non-EU students (BA, MA, PhD) 	 Capacity to decide on recruitment procedures (senior academic/senior administrative staff) Capacity to decide on salaries (senior academic/senior administrative staff) Capacity to decide on dismissals (senior academic/senior administrative staff) Capacity to decide on promotions (senior academic/senior academic/senior academic/senior academic/senior administrative staff) 	 Capacity to decide on overall student numbers Capacity to select students (BA, MA) Capacity to introduce programmes (BA, MA, PhD) Capacity to terminate programmes Capacity to choose the language of instruction (BA, MA) Capacity to select quality assurance mechanisms and providers Capacity to design content of degree programmes

Source: European University Association



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Funding in a modern university system - relevance and interactions -

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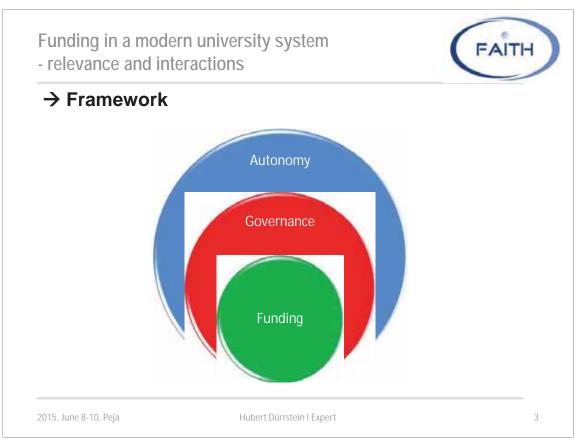
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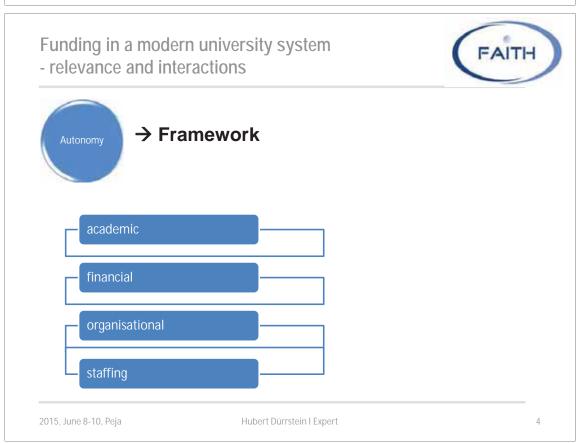
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 - Framework
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- → Governance
 - Systemic approach
 - Issues and requirements → Funding
 - o Present framework in Kosovo
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- → Framework
 - "Interim stock taking"
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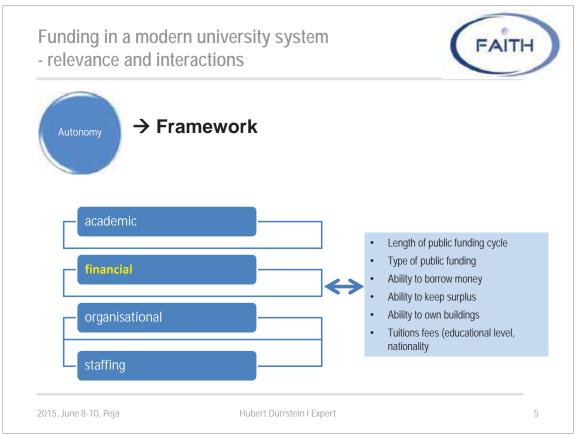
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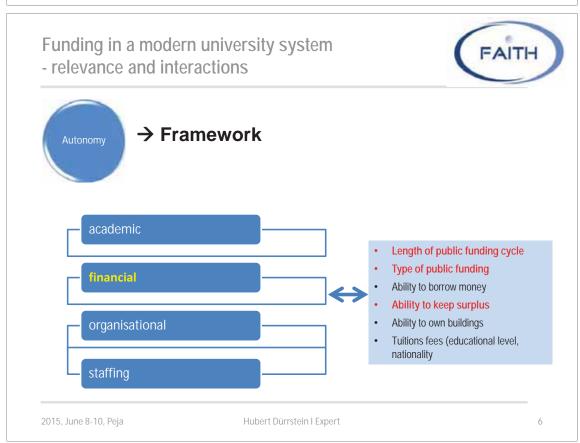
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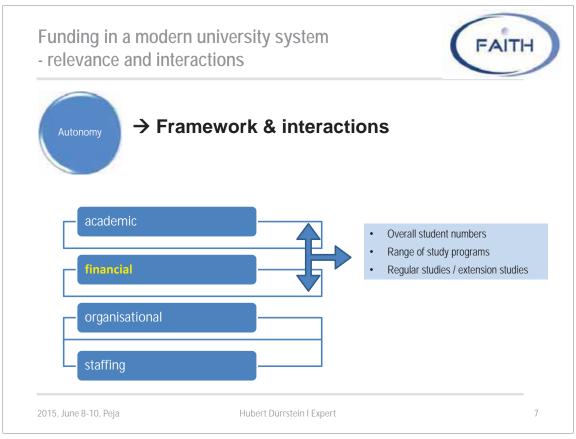
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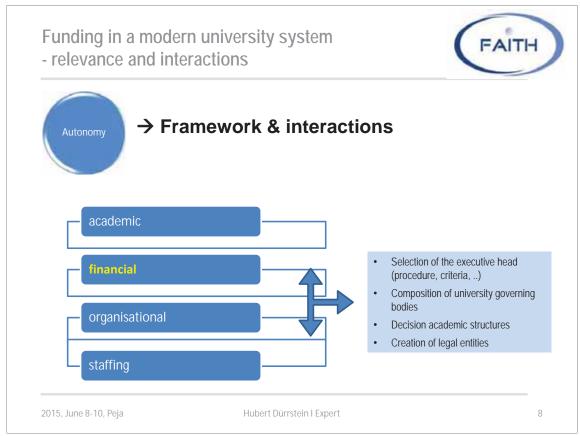


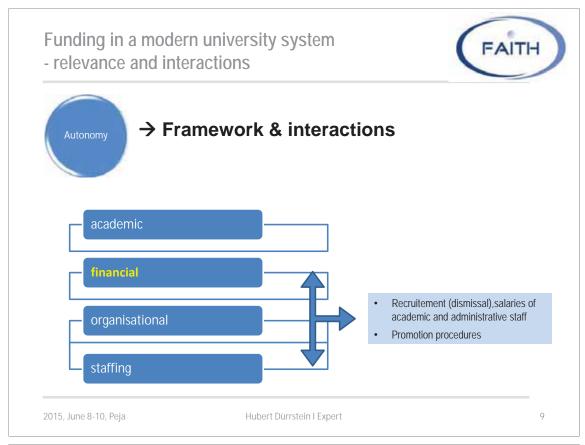


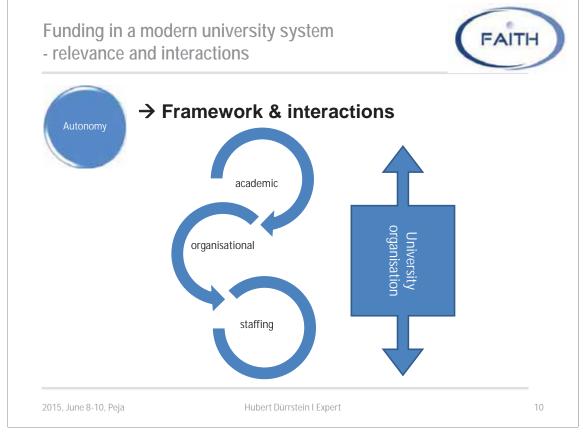


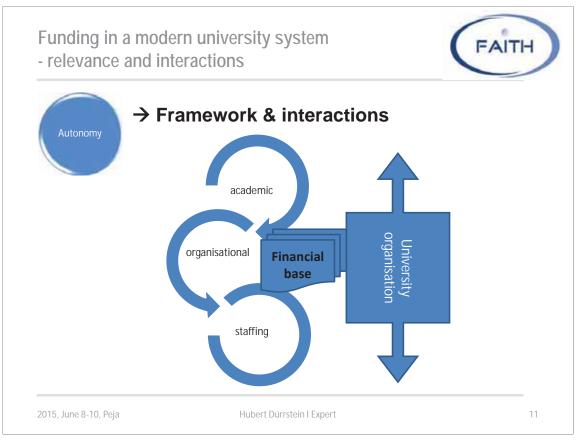


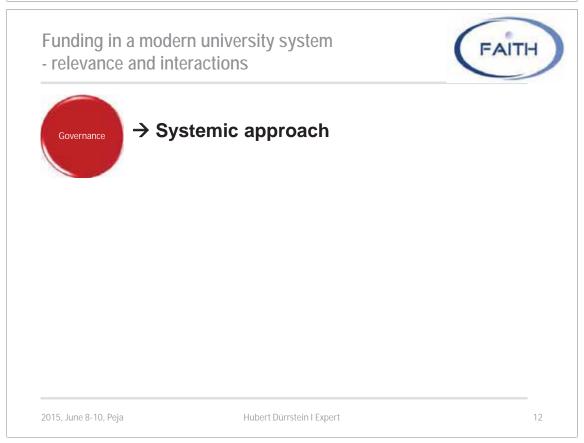


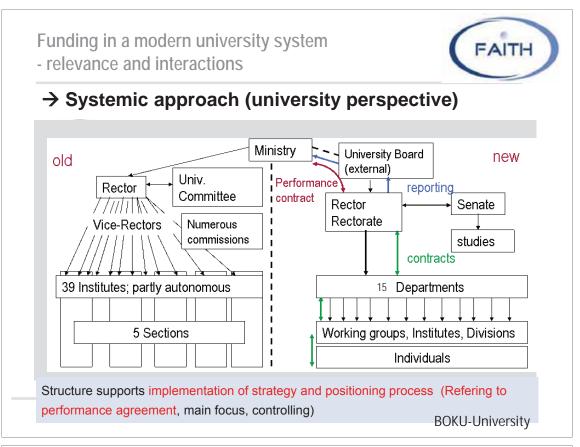


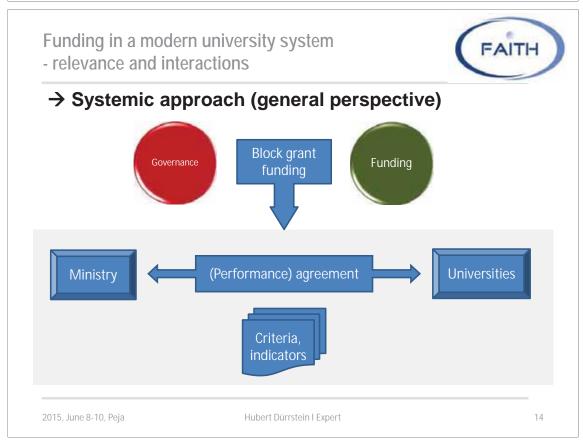


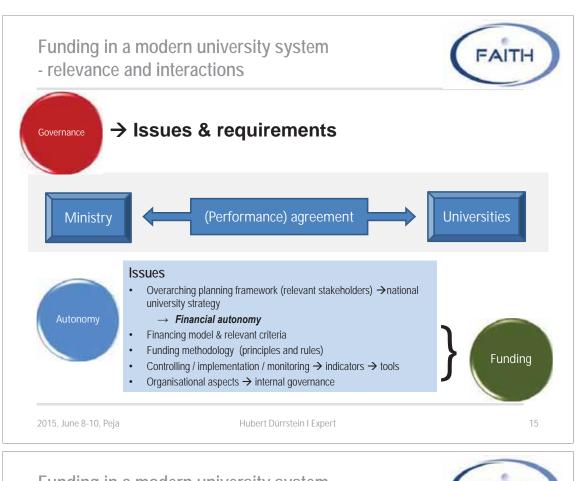


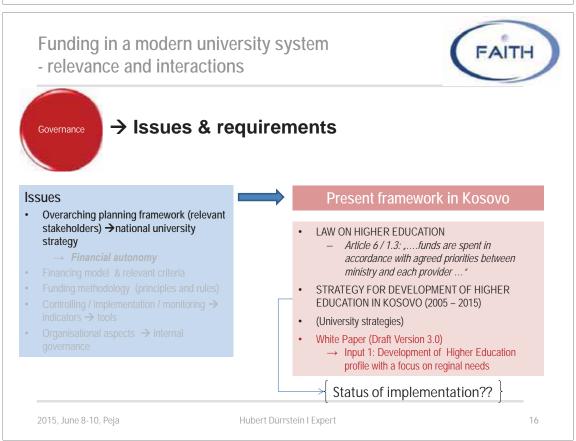


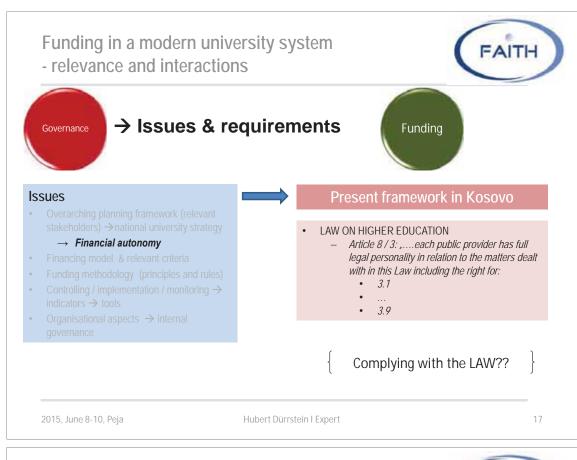


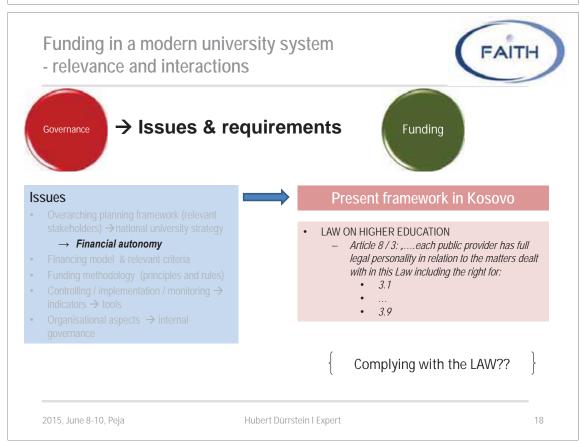


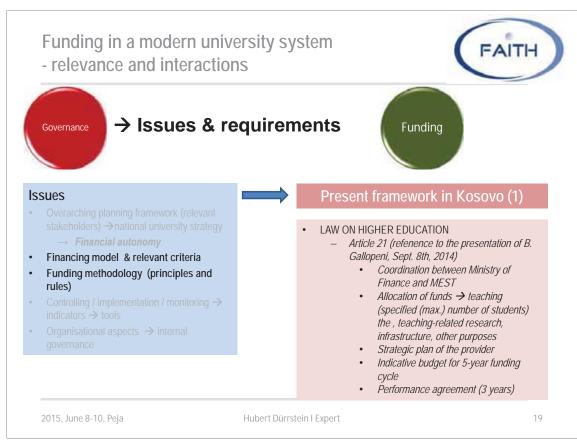


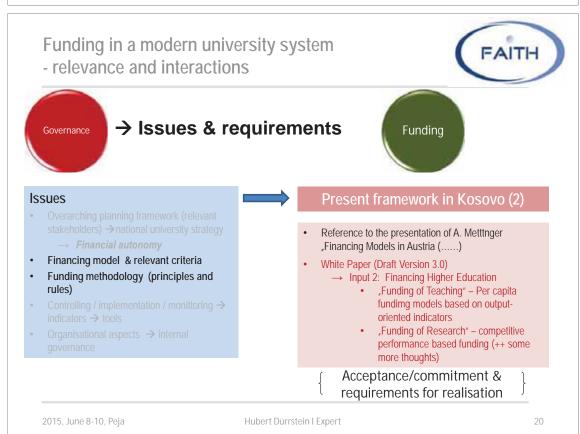












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→ Issues & requirements -- Benchmark Austria --



Performance agreements shall, in particular, contain

- the services to be provided by the university in question, which shall, in accordance with the objectives, guiding principles and tasks of such university, cover the following areas
 - · Strategic objectives, academic profiles, university and human resources development
 - Reserach, advancement of arts
 - Study programs and continuing education
 - · Measures to reduce drop out
 - Improvement of studenr-teacher ratios
 - Offerings for working students
 - Social goals
 - Increase of internationality and mobility
 - · Inter-university co-operation
 - Establishment of indicators
 - Specific regulations

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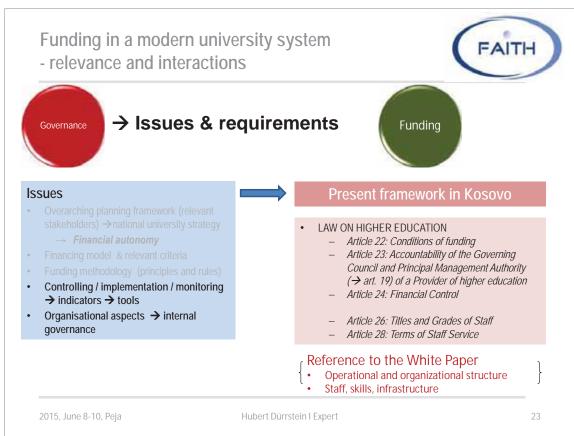
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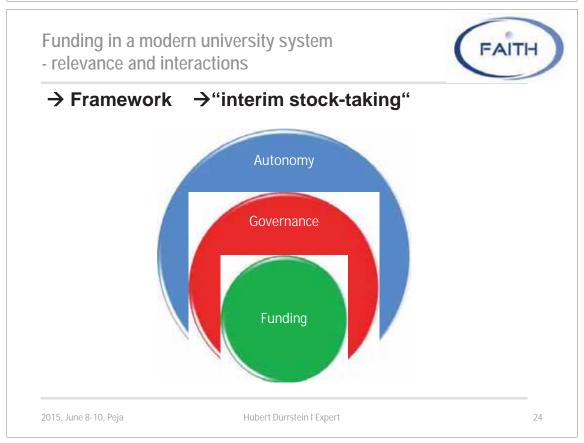
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 - •
- 2. Undertakings made by the Federal Government; allocation of the basic budget, taking into account the criteria before
- 3. Content, extemt and scope of the objectives and the timing of goal attainment
- 4. Division of the basic budget into allocations for given budget years
- $5. \hspace{0.5cm} \mbox{Measures in the case of non-fulfillment of the performance agreements}$
- 6. Reporting and accounting

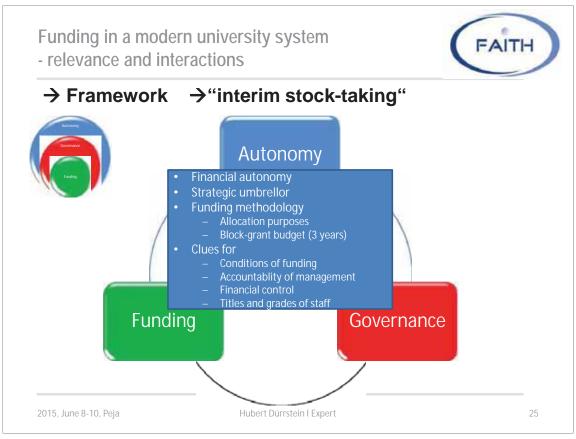
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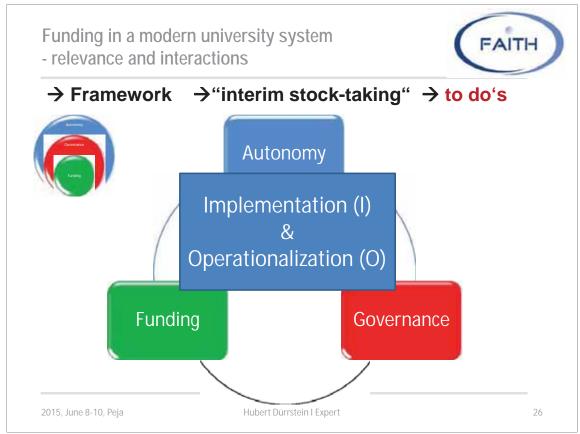
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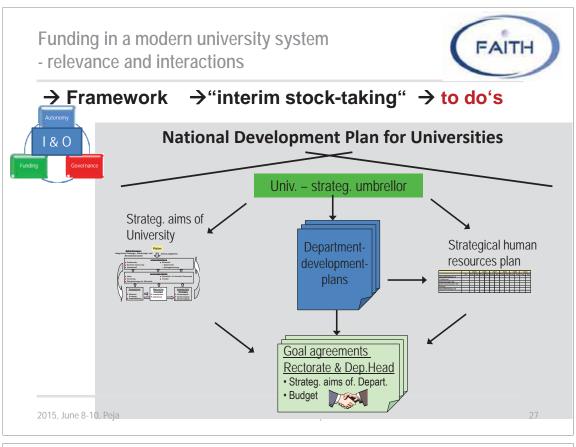
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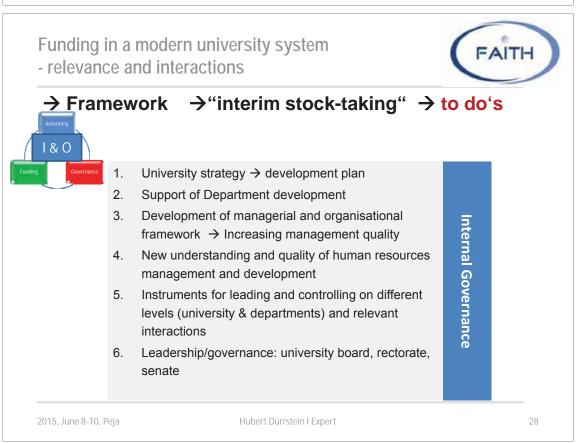


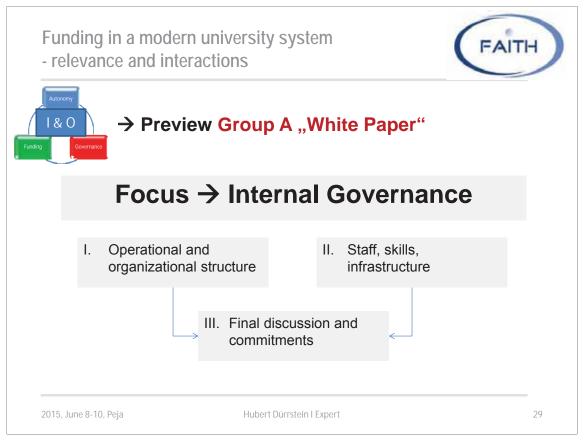












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Monetary and Non-monetary Benefits of Universities

Saarland University as an Example

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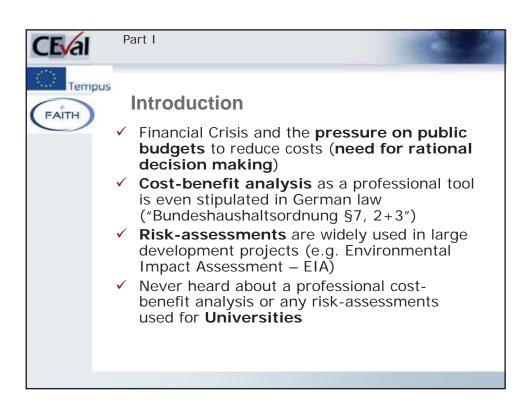


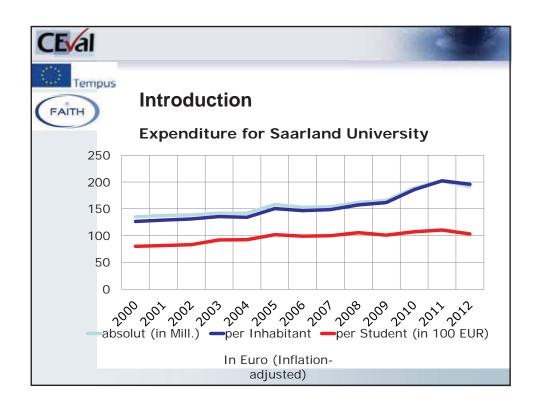
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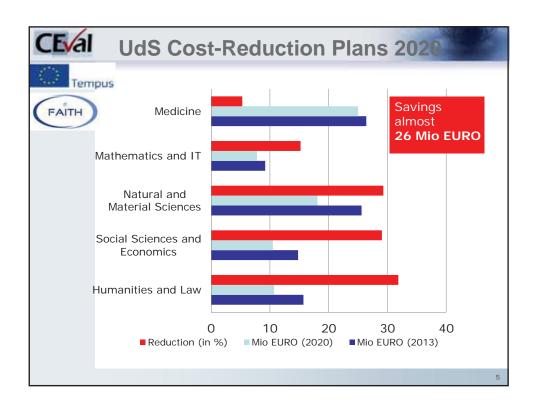


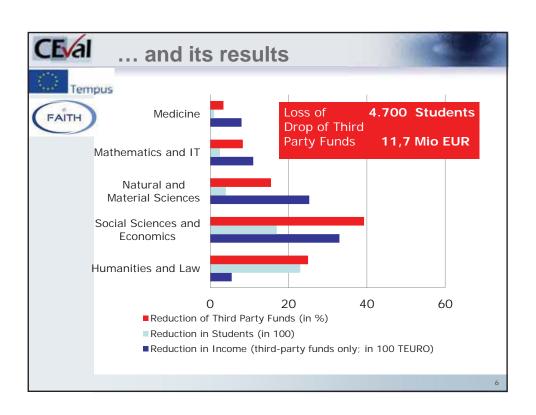
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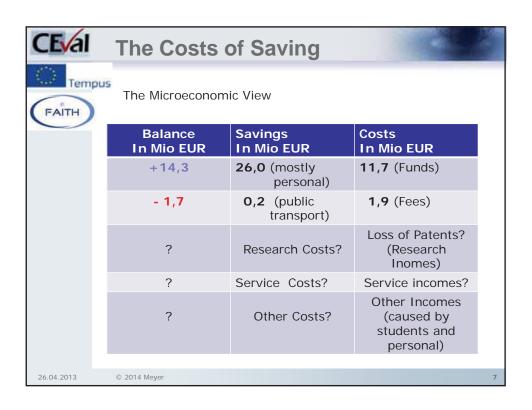
- ✓ Introduction: Risks of Cost-biaced Policies
- ✓ Regional Consumption and Distribution
- ✓ Short-term Benefits of Universities
- ✓ Long-term Benefits of Universities
- ✓ Conclusion: Regional Development and Universities

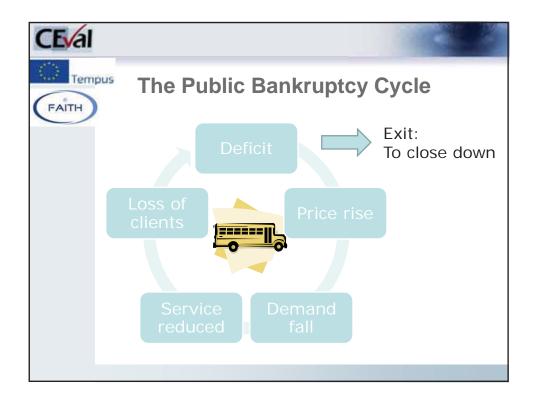


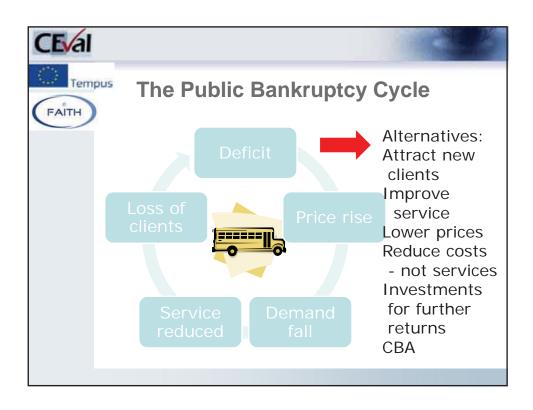


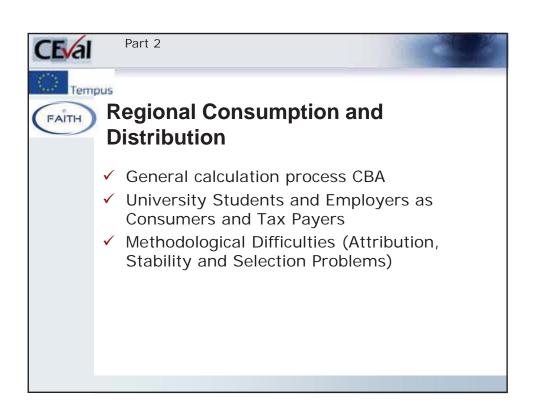
















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Key elements of cost benefit analysis

Costs

- ✓ Including not only direct costs
 (e.g. public budgeting)
- ✓ Potential costs of not doing or failing
- ✓ **Opportunity costs** (potential benefits of alternative investments)

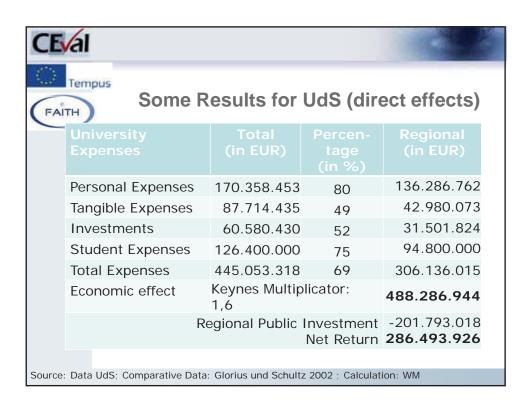
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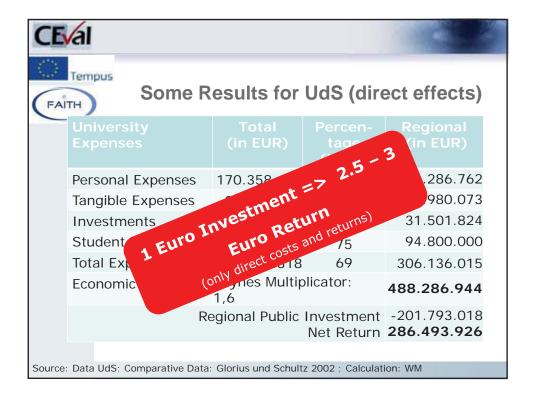
- ✓ Including not only direct returns
 (e.g. tax, consumption)
- ✓ Future benefits of nowadays investment
- Monetarization and making assumptions basing the benefit analysis



Calculating Regional Economic Effects

- ✓ Defining the region and its borders
- ✓ Calculating the expenses of the University
- ✓ Capturing the regional effects of expenses
- ✓ Determine the regional multiplicator effect
- ✓ Estimating the regional employment effect







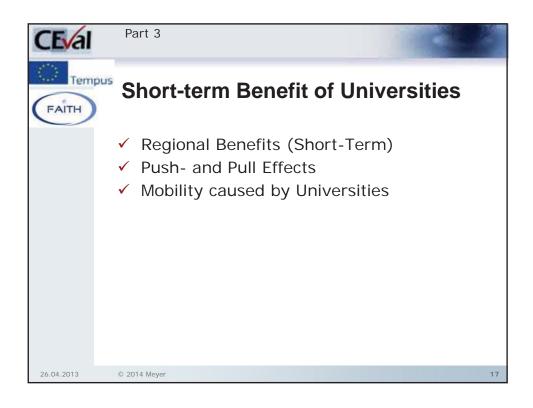
Demographic Effects

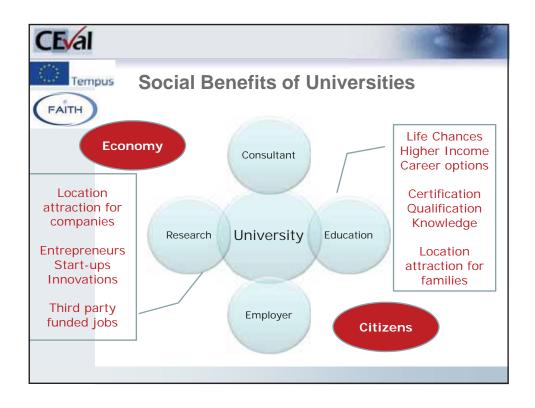
- ✓ Non-scientific (mostly local and stable)
- Scientific (international and highly mobile)
- ✓ Students
 - From the Region (avoid push effects, local consumption)
 - From other parts of the country (enhance pull effects, mixed consumption)
 - International (only temporary, mixed consumption)

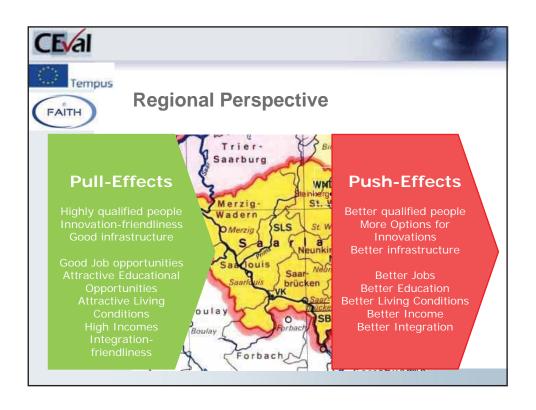


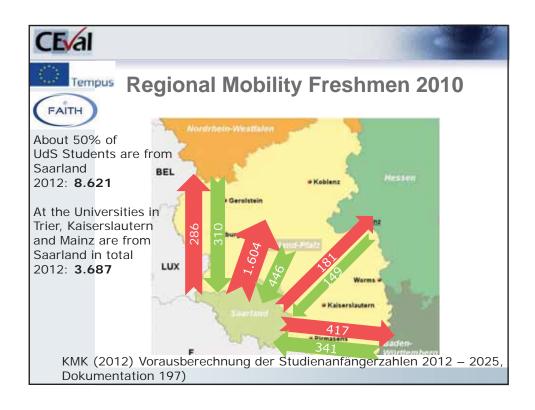
Methodological Problems

- ✓ Low Response Rates (systematical selection error)
- Difficulties to answer budget questions for students
- ✓ Instability of income and expenses
- Division between local and non-local consumption











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Long-term Benefit of Universities

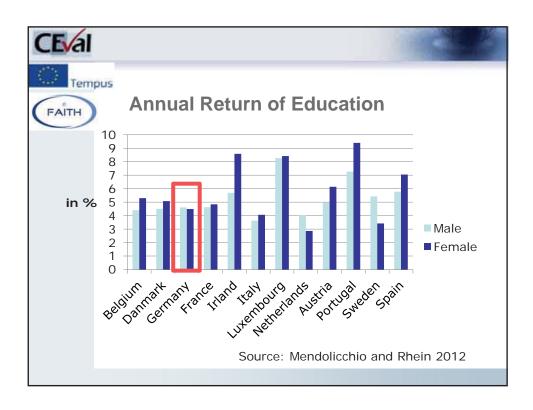
- ✓ Life-long Effects for Students
- ✓ Annual Return of Education
- ✓ Long-term Effects of Brain-Drains for Regional Development
- ✓ Scientific Research and Regional Economy

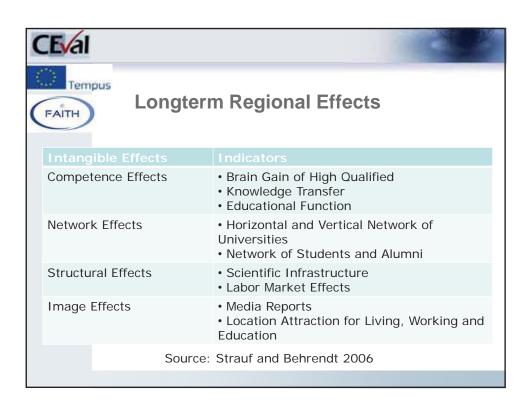


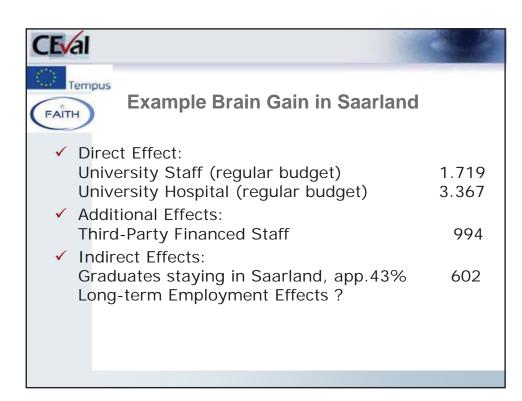
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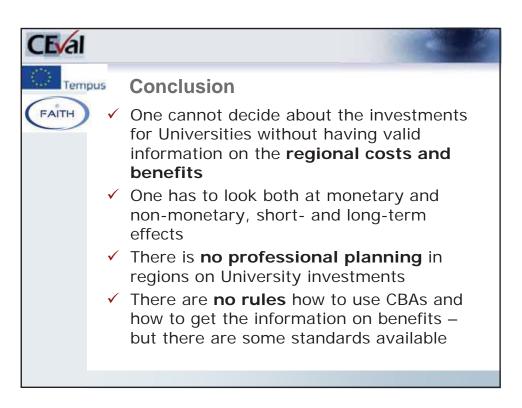
- ✓ Lower Unemployment Risk (average 2.5% instead of 7.5%; high risks only at career entry after finishing studies search unemployment)
- ✓ Employment matches to Academic Education (after 10 years, 90% of University graduates are in appropriate Jobs)
- ✓ Higher Income (79% of University graduates are above average)

Source: Fabian et al (2013)











Steering autonomous Universities in Austria:

Evolution of the Public University Funding System

Before 2004



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- Universities are part of the ministry of science and research
- Income from non federal sources (e.g. student fees) is part of the federal budget
- Expenditures are paid by the federal budget (Personel, Infrastructure,...)

Universities Act 2002



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- ➤ In effect since 2004
- Universities are autonomous corporate entities governed by the Universities Act 2002
- Management by objectives (performance agreement)

Universities Act 2002



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- > Triennual-budgets
- > All income belongs to the university
- All expenditures are directly paid by the university

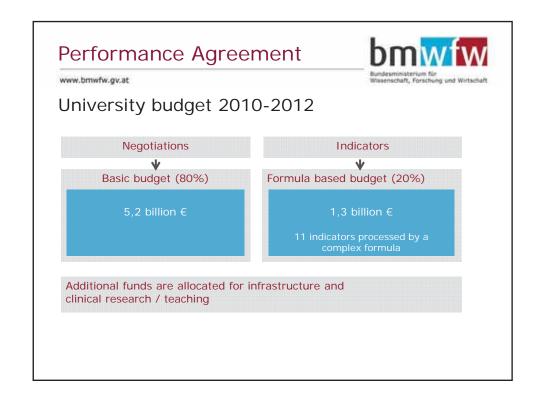
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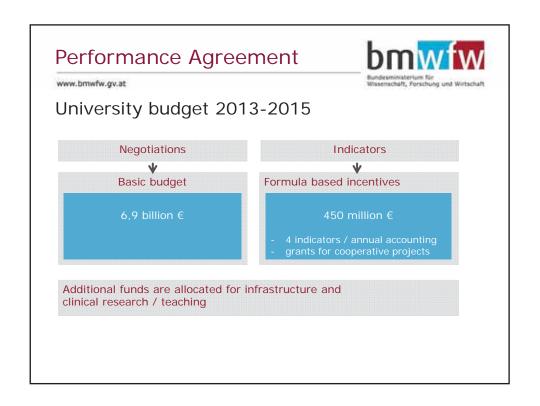


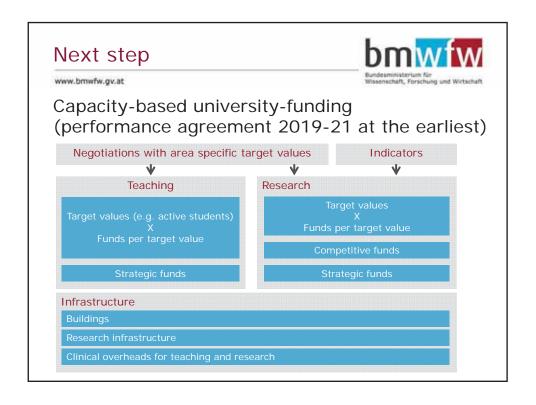
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Transition phase

- 2004 2006: annual budgets to ease the funding transition
- since 2007: triennual performance agreements between universities and the ministry of science, research and economy







Next step



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Steps to implement the capacity-based university-funding

- ➤ Adaption of the Universities Act 2002
- > Implementation of admission controls
- > Designing the implementation process

Further information

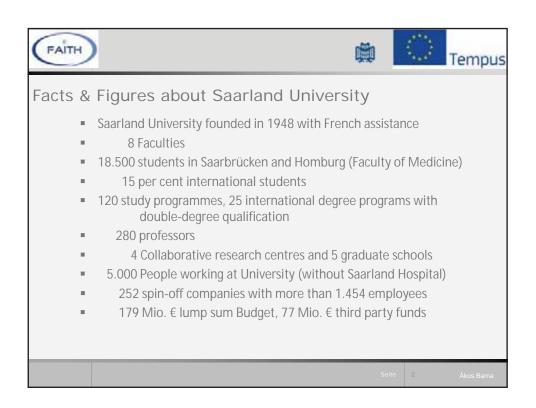


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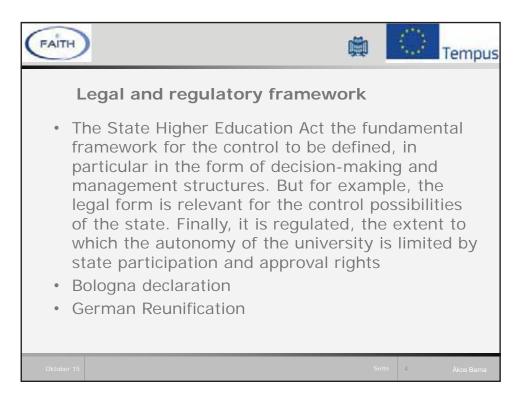
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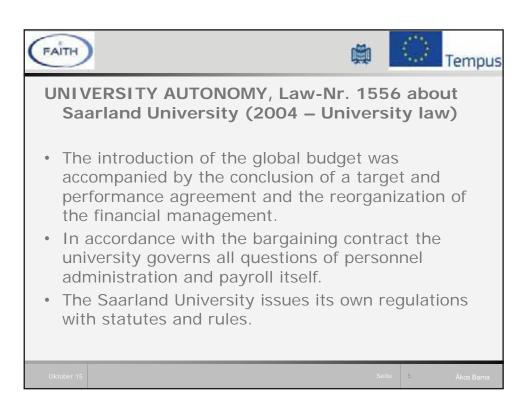
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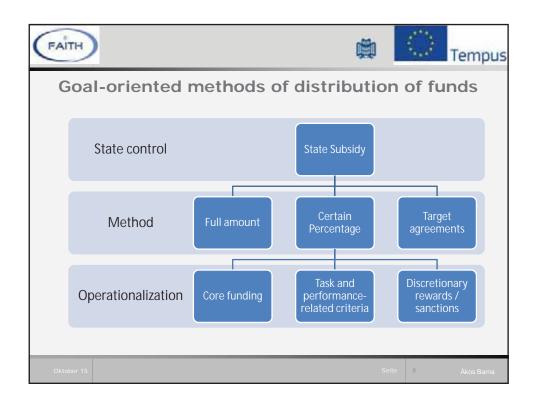




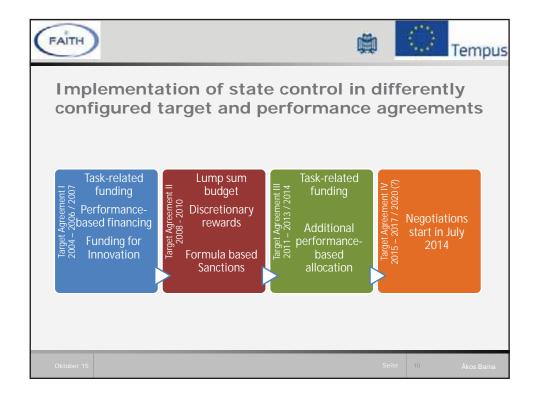


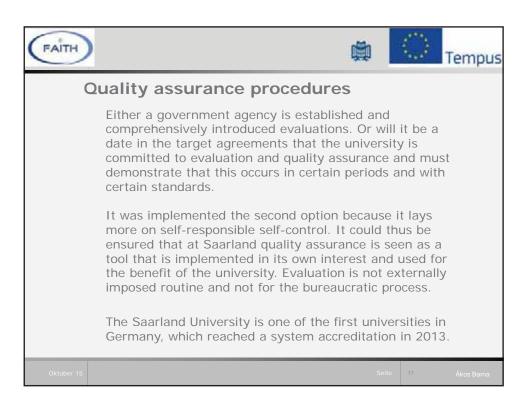


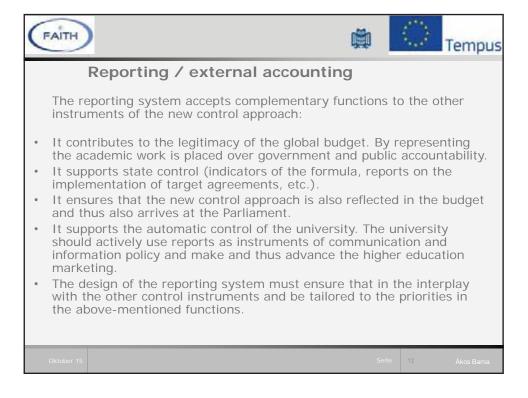


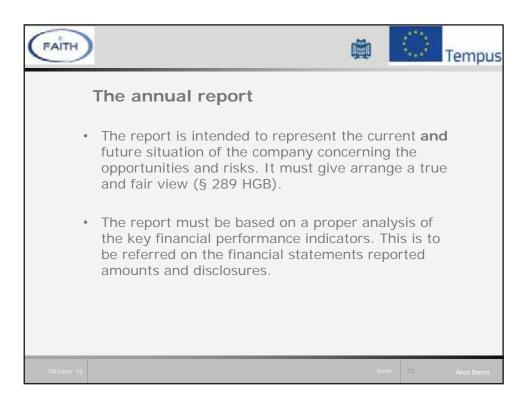


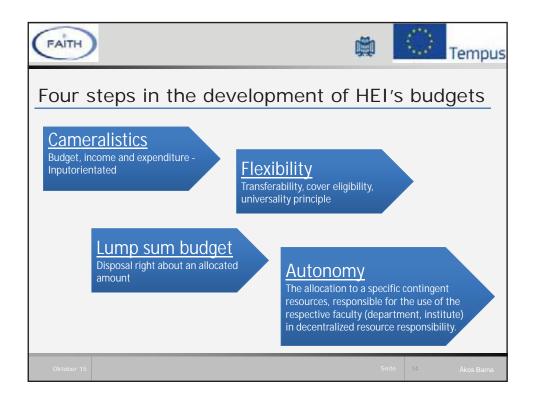










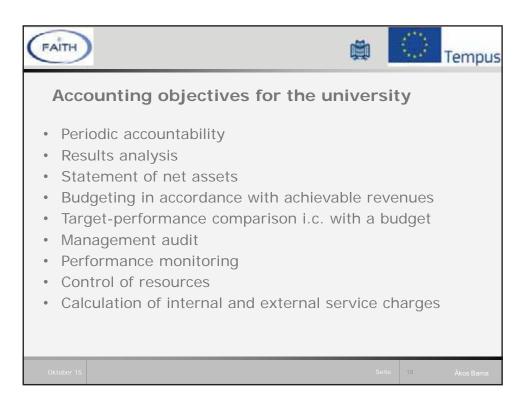




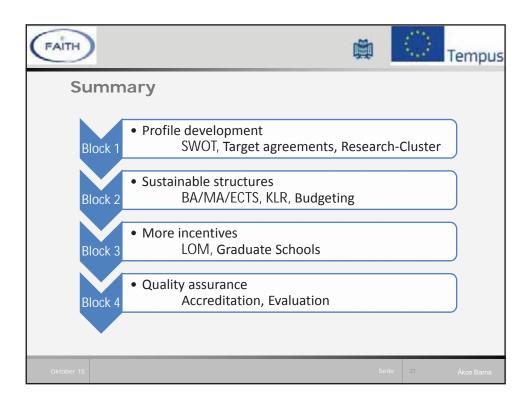












FINANCIAL AUTONOMY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN AUSTRIA

Core elements of the Higher Education Sector of Austria

Prof. Arthur Mettinger, Rector, FH Campus Wien





PRINCIPLES OF FINANCING HIGHER EDUCATION IN AUSTRIA

Further development of the 200-yearold administration tradition

- a. the **state** retains a significant role as the **partner of the universities**
- the state has statutory obligation to fund its universities
- c. universities obtain **full legal** capacity





ROLE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMY

- The **political voice** of sciences (& humanities) and research
- Representative of the **interests** of the academic system, within the state, in the EU, internationally
- **Financing** state academic institutions planning, preparation and implementation
- Harmonisation with other political areas
- Development of national strategies
- Location policy
- Facilitator of academic development & Motor for improvements
- Partnership with the universities, support & consultation
- Legal supervision





CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TYPES OF PUBLICLY FUNDED UNIVERSITIES IN AUSTRIA

Universities and Universities of Applied Sciences





CHARACTERISTICS

UNIVERSITY

- discipline-oriented
- research-based education
- (fundamental) research + teaching
- BA, MA + PhD
- No focus on needs
- tradition 650 years
- Global budget
- Few restrictions on student numbers

UNIV. OF APPLIED SCIENCES

- profession-oriented
- research-based education
- teaching + (applied) research
- BA, MA
- Regional focus
- "newly established" 20 years
- Money per student place
- Restricted student numbers





Differentiated system of types of HE institutions

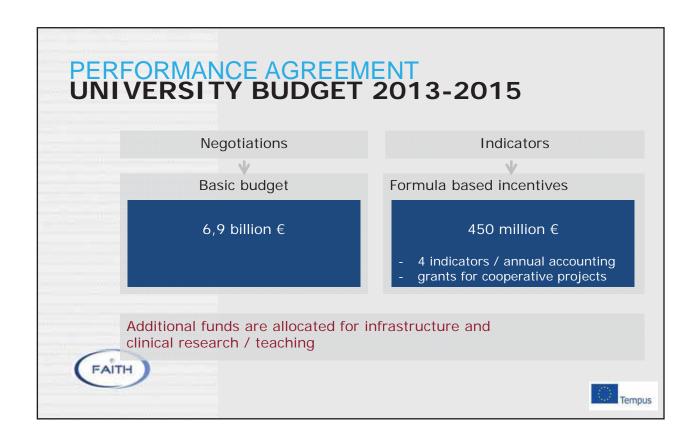


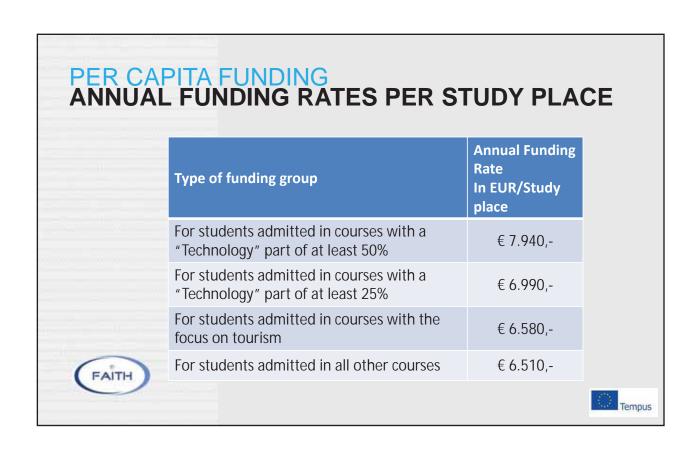
DIFFERENT FINANCING MODELS

Universities and Universities of Applied Sciences







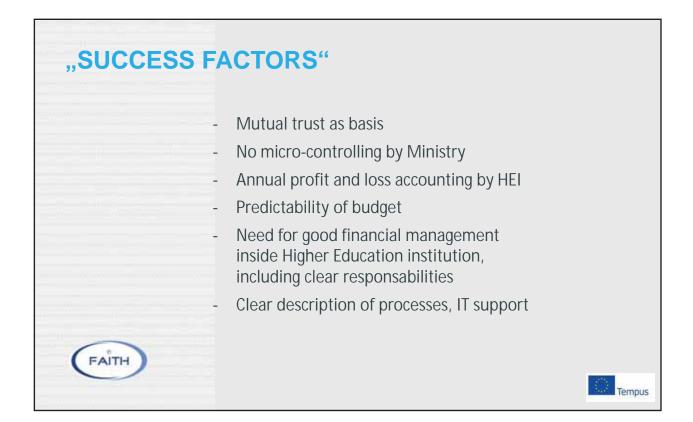


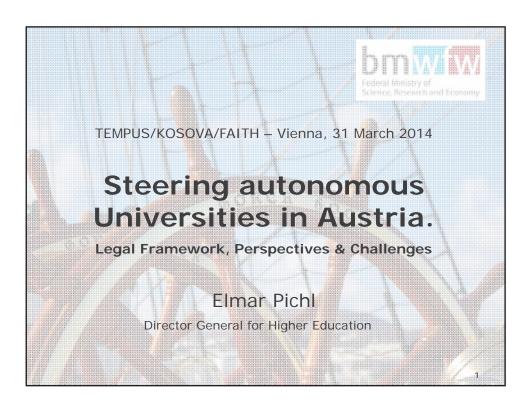
PER CAPITA FUNDING FH CAMPUS WIEN BUDGET

FAITH

Cost category	Share of total costs in %
Personnel Costs Degree Programmes	57%
Lecturers	20%
Part-time Lecturers	17%
Degree Programme Administration	14%
Researcher & Development Personnel	3%
Other Personnel	3%
Service Facilities ("Overhead")	19%
Personnel Costs	14%
Cost of Materials	5%
Occupancy Costs (Offices, Lecture Rooms, etc.)	17%
All other costs	7%
TOTAL	100%

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1. The reform 2002



"The most sweeping reform in 150 years"

- The aim: a mass-knowledge-society
 Universities contribute to the development of mass-knowledge-society and to the wealth of the people
- The policy: to improve the contribution of the Universities by
 - a. enhanced performance in teaching and research
 - b. better use of financial resources
- Hypothesis: Autonomous universities perform better than state directed universities
- Traditional sovereign control of the state → collaborative model ("New Public Management")

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2. Principles of reform (1)



"The most sweeping reform in 150 years"

- 1. Further development of the 200 year old administration tradition
 - a. the **state** retains a significant role as the **partner of the universities**
 - b. the state's **statutory obligation to fund** its universities
 - c. universities obtain full legal capacity
- Concerning the performance agreements, state and university are equals in legal terms: "New Public Management" with dialogue and negotiations.

 \rightarrow (2)

2. Principles of reform (2)



"The most sweeping reform in 150 years"

- Universities become business-like organizations (→ management instruments!) but not businesses
- Instead of innumerable detailed regulations own decision making and responsibility
- 5. State **regulations reduced** to a minimum
- Traditional academic freedom of research and teaching is preserved
- 7. No-one may be forced to research or teach against his conscience

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3. Instruments of reform



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Legislation regulates the following:

- Conditions for the existence of autonomous universities
- 2. **Transition** from state run to autonomous universities
- 3. Concrete **organisation** of the autonomous university is transferred to the university itself through the new governance

4. Tools for steering university development (1)



- Parliament passes the **overall budget** for the universities
- 2. The state decides by **law** on the following:
 - a. <u>tuition fees</u> (at present abolished for the most parts by exemptions)
 - b. <u>admission to study courses</u> (at present under discussion in Austria)
- Decisions on major investments (buildings, large laboratories) are reserved for the minister
- Everything else: contract between the ministry and the university ("performance agreement")

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4. Tools for steering university development (2)



1. Contextual control:

- a. Legal framework
- b. Performance agreements & financing
- c. Intelectual Capital Report
- d. University Board

2. Autonomous control:

- a. Control over personell matters
- b. Election of the management
- c. Organizational matters
- d. "academic products" scholarship, curricula, research ...

5. Performance agreement (1) hm

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- Requirements for proper functioning:
 - a. Participation with responsibility on both sides
 - b. Communication as equals at the legal level
 - c. Communication as equals at the social level
 - d. Consistency of approaches and behaviour
 - e. Reliability, mutual trust
 - f. Transparency

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5. Performance agreement (2) bm

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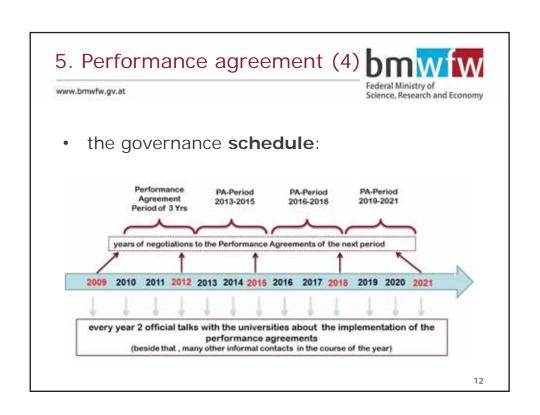


- **Elements** of the contract:
 - a. three-year term
 - b. services of the university
 - c. government money
 - d. drafted by the university with a basis in the university's development plan



5. Performance agreement (3) bnwwww.bmwfw.gv.at Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy

- Role of the ministry:
 - a. Money continues to come from tax-payers
 - b. Ministry has a <u>guiding</u> role as a <u>partner</u> does not dictate *
- * But the Ministry always wears three hats: it has control over die financial resources, it is the referee at the supervisory level and it can normally induce changes of the laws.



6. When a performance agreement cannot be reached



- Strong reasons for arriving at an agreement on both sides
- 2. Special **arbitration procedure** (a judge and the same number of nominees by the university and by the ministry)
- 3. If the arbitration procedure fails (appeal against the decision of the arbitration committee): action in the Constitutional Court
- In the phase before a new contract is signed: university's budget must not be reduced

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7. Autonomy (1) (→ Art. 81c B-VG)



- Appointment of **personnel**, including professors, and collective bargaining right;
- the right of self-organization in terms of structure and workflow;
- 3. the **internal allocation of funds**, e.g. use of die 3-year global budgets;
- 4. the university statutes, and
- 5. the **content** of study programs, research programs, in-service and continuous education, thus: own priorities and own profiles on the basis of development plans.

7. Autonomy (2) – in matters of the university's staff



- 1. New staff employees of the universities, no longer civil servants
- 2. Civil servant already on the staff
 - a. are made available to the university by the state
 - b. retain all their rights
 - c. positions abolished when civil servants

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7. Autonomy (3) – Factors for successful transitions?!



- 1. Factual and mental preparation of die university members for the new situation;
- 2. their attitude to competition and their perception of international competition;
- the prevailing university culture;the specific actors at the level of senior management (University Council, Rectorate, Senate), and the employee and student representatives, and their personal conflict management skills;
- 5. the pace of change;
- 6. the self-imposed (to some extent at least) regulatory density (statutes, study programs, agreements on objectives, personnel, finance, reporting);
- 7. the real or perceived limitations at the local level in terms of personnel, finance and space, and
- 8. the internal and external agreements entered into (e.g. in the framework of objectives and performance agreements).

8. The role of the parliament



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- Detail steering by means of legislation disappears (but sometimes it want to come back)
- 2. Passing overall budget for the universities
- 3. Previous dominance of input-orientation is expanded: new report system (performance, balance sheets, intelectual capital reports) allows control and criticism of the universities' performance

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9. The duties of the ministry



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- 1. The **political voice** of sciences (& humanities) and research
- 2. Representative of the **interests** of the academic system, within the state, in the EU, internationally
- 3. **Financing** state academic institutions planning, preparation and implementation
- 4. Harmonisation with other political areas
- 5. Development of national strategies
- 6. Location policy
- 7. Facilitator of academic development
- 8. **Motor** for improvements
- Partnership with the universities, support & consultation
- 10. Legal supervision

10. Perspectives & ... (1)



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- 1. After 10 years autonomy: "Yes, we can. But more transparency and accountability, please."
- 2. Admission rules ("Paradigma of **free access**")
- 3. Quality- and **Capacity**-based funding ("chronic underfunding")
- 4. HEA: **Coordination** between the tertiary education sectors (universities, universities of applied sciences, private universities, teacher training colleges)
- 5. HEA: **Coordination** of the teaching and research programs at the various locations

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10. Perspectives & ... (2)

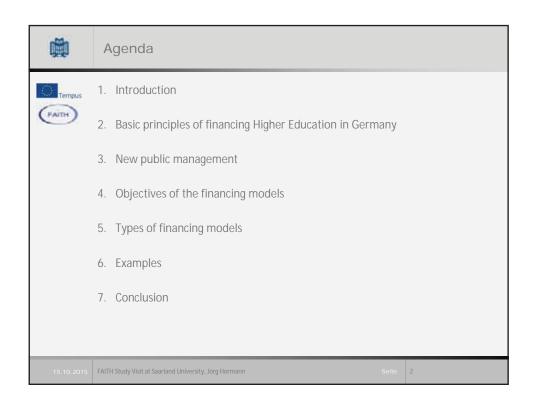


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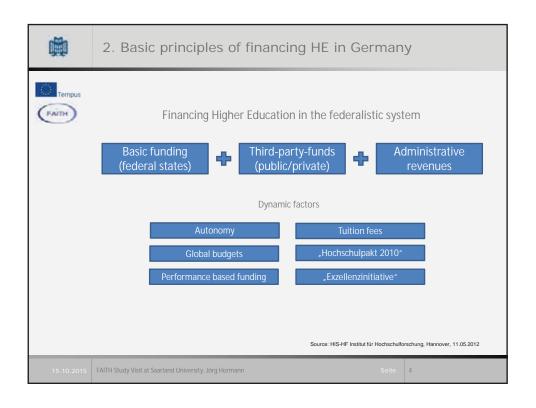
- 6. Universities must be able to **identify and better understand the costs** of all their activities
- 7. **Private contributions** in HE should be accepted as investment in the individual career
- 8. More diversified income structure should be possible for HEI
- 9. Higher **transparency** of calculations and budgets (acceptance of autonomy, precondition for more money)
- Efficiency reserves to be developed reside in internal operating procedures and structures (partially caused by law)

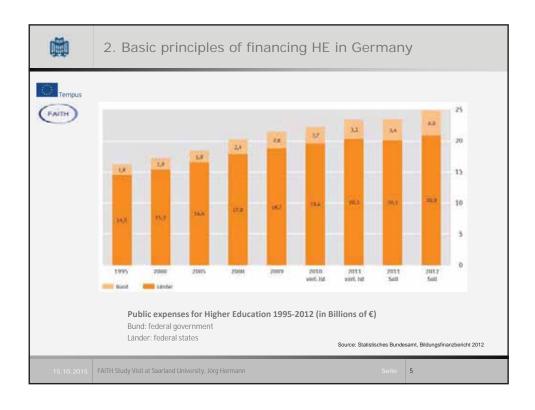


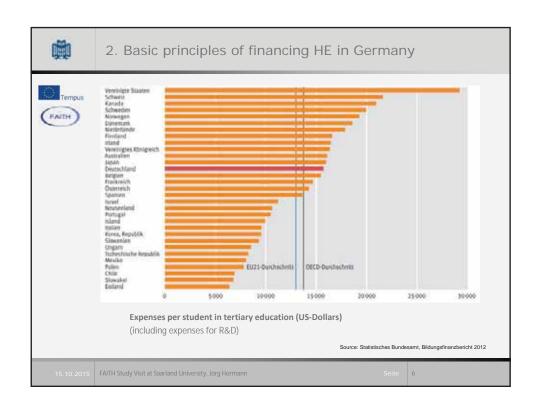


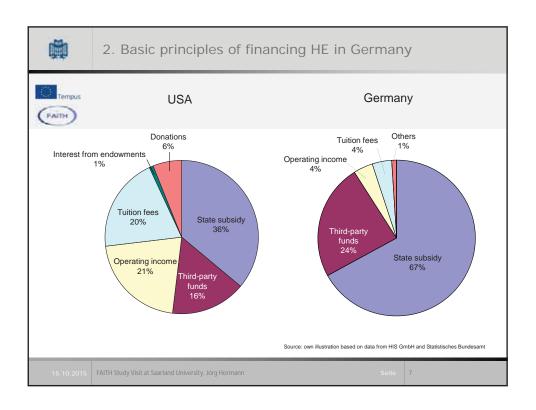


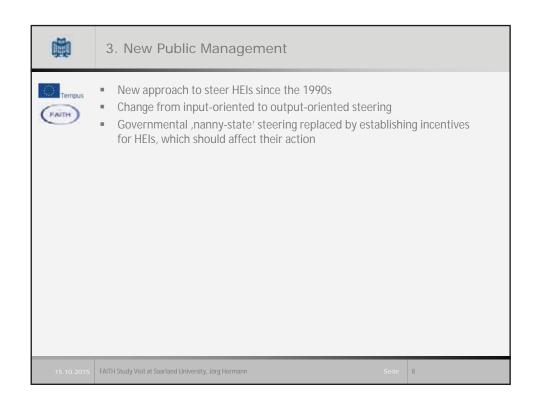


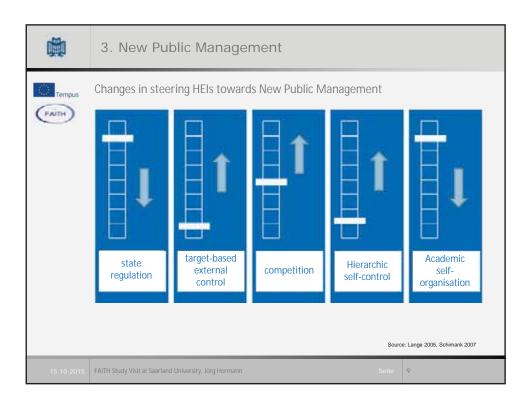


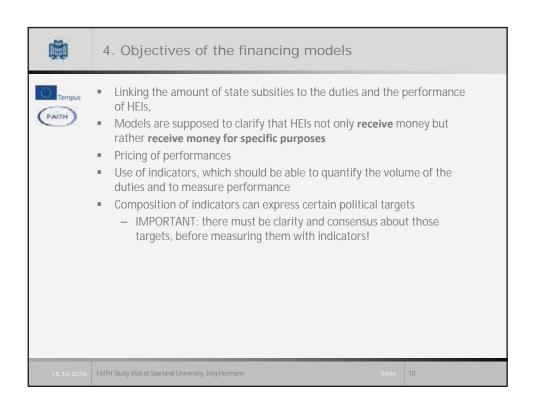


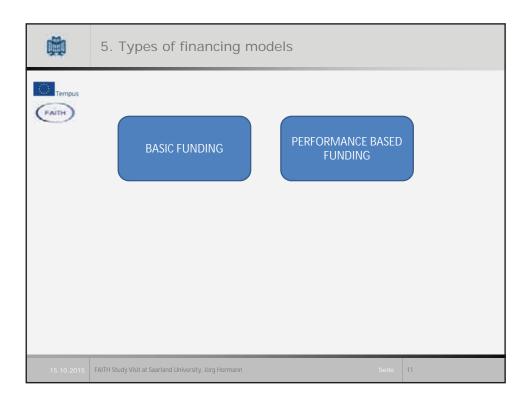


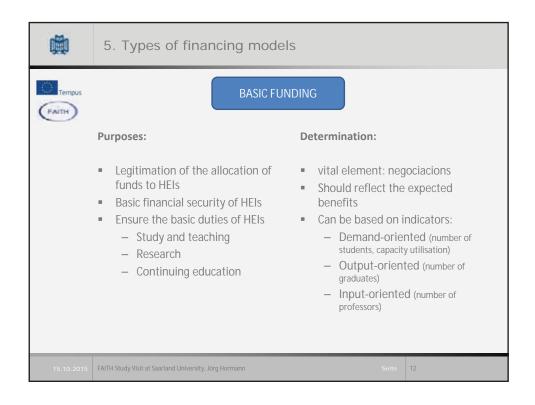


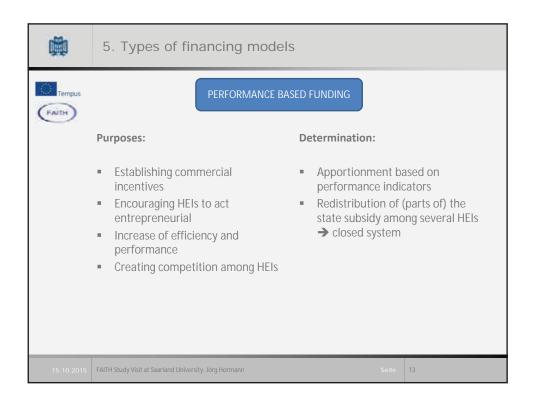


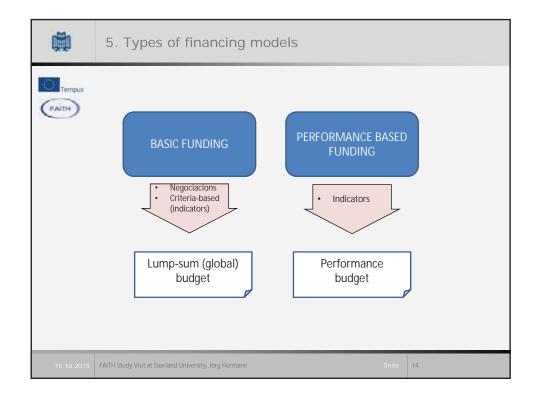


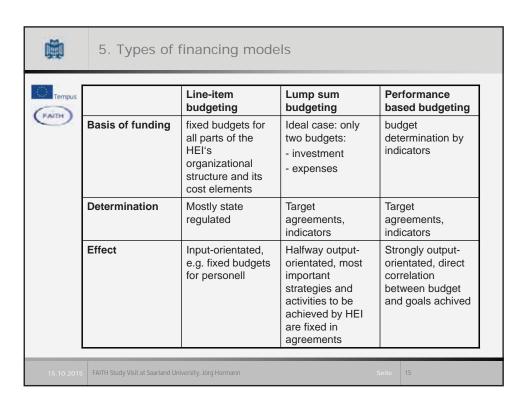


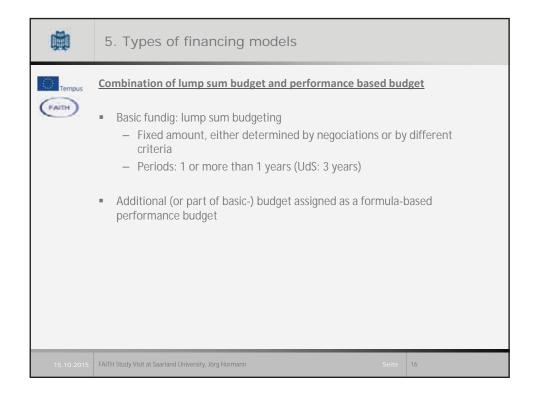


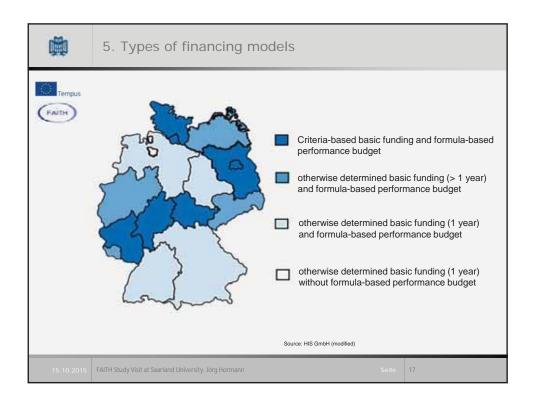


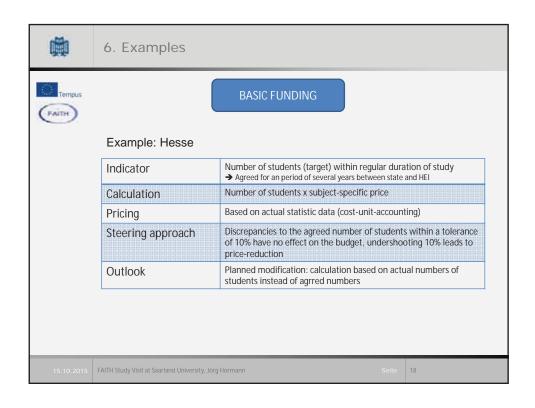


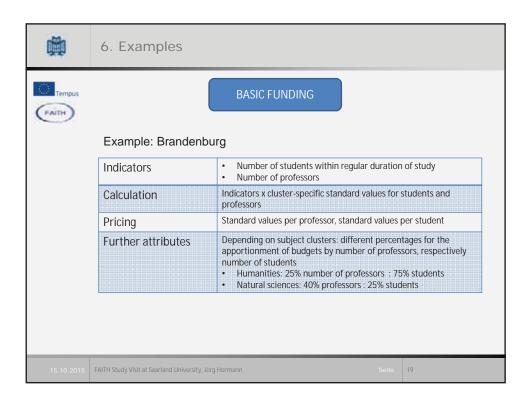


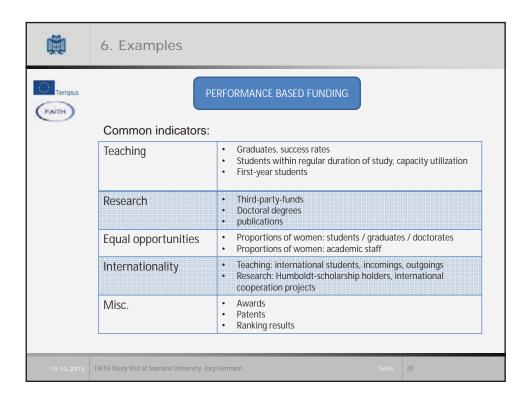


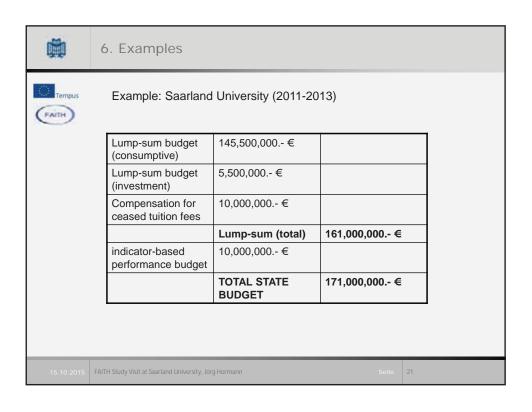


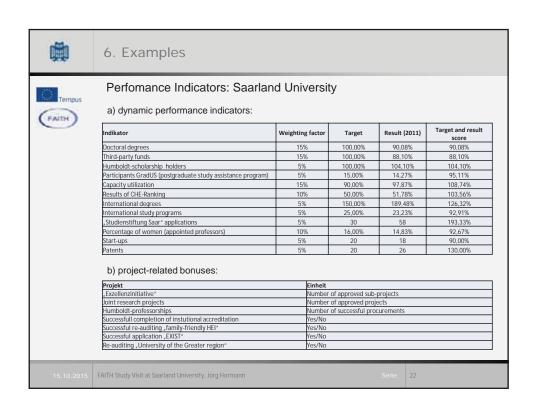


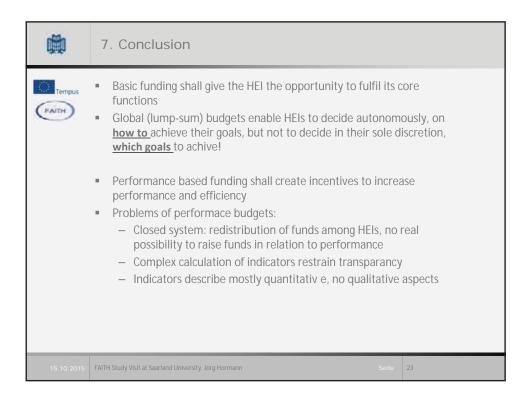




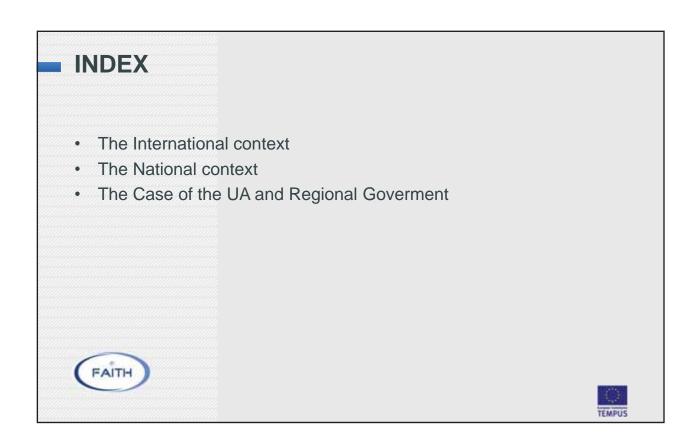








FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF HEIS CASE STUDY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALICANTE



■ Importance of HE in the EU strategy and international cooperation

THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT

Higher education
 Primary education

- Crisis. Goverments try to implement an Agenda of a financial and management reform for the HEIs
 - Promotes cooperation with private sector
 - Focusing research to private sector needs
- HEIS try to modify their governance model through higher transparency and responsabilities of its financial and management practices, diversifying their funding sources in order to improve the support to academic and research activities.





THE NATIONAL CONTEXT

- The regional governments are responsible in Spain of the Education budget
- The national government manage the budget for Research, Development and Innovation





THE SPANISH HE CONTEXT

- •HE administrative responsabilities are distributed among the central Ministry for Education, governments from 17 autonomous regions and universities.
- •University autonomy is in the Spanish Constitution.
- •The central government is in charge of defining national policies and the main regulatory mechanics. Additional legislation is established by governments of autonomous communities.
- •Public universities funding in Spain is regional based while HE regulation is a competence of the national authorities.
- •Central government funds research activities, allocated students grants and the loan system.





THE SPANISH HE CONTEXT

Two coordination bodies:

- •General Conference on University Policy: chaired by the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports, composed by representatives of governments of autonomous communities and five members designated by the chair. Main purpose: General university policy.
- •<u>Council of Universities</u>: chaired by the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports, composed by the university rectors and five members designated by the chair. <u>Main purpose</u>: Coordination within the university system.





THE SPANISH HE SYSTEM

HE system: mainly universities

- 79 universities (50 publics+29 privates), 17 autonomous regions, 1.650.000 students at Spanish Universities, 89% public universities
- The National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation of Spain (ANECA), 4 QA regional agencies in ENQA&EQAR, 6 QA regional agencies.





POLICY CHANGES IN SPAIN

- Organic Law of Universities, was enacted in 2001. A modification was introduced in 2007: strengthen the autonomy of spanish universities. Spanish universities have modified their policies, governance structure and funding priorities.
- Universities have a strong democratic internal structure, being the power over crucial decisions shared by collegial body, but still historical regulations.
- Royal Decree 1393/2007: the Universities are given freedom to propose titles and define the curricula, makes the organization of university teaching more flexible, favoring curricula diversification...



this is an historical change!



HE SPENDING SPAIN

- Spending on higher education: 1.2% of the Spanish GDP, below the OCDE average
- Expenditure per student relative to GPD per capita 40%





STUDENT AID SYSTEM SPAIN

- The student financial aid system is relatively modest
- Concerns persist as regards equity of access:
 - · policy of low tuition fee in public universities,
 - creation of universities, improving geographical accessibility.





R+D EXPENDITURE SPAIN

- R&D expenditure increase the budget in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008,
- around 1.39% GDP in 2008,
- but decrease in 2009 (0.8%), 2010 (1.7%),
- dramatically in 2012, 25.26 %





SPAIN LCTI

- R&DLaw 14/2011, to june 1st, Science Technology and Innovation (approved by almost parliamentary parties)
- Replace the Scientific and Technological Research Law in place since 1986.
- Its aim is to "establish a general framework for the promotion and coordination of scientific and technical research to contribute to sustainable development and social welfare through the generation and dissemination of knowledge and innovation"





SPAIN LCTI

- The Law defines the Spanish Science, Technology and Innovation System, which is made up of the Spanish General State Administration System and the Systems of each of the Autonomous Communities, and includes the execution players.
- Development of research and innovation competences at regional level requires new cooperation based mechanisms of governance.
- The growing Spanish European dimension brings the need for a new legal framework to support collaboration between Public Administrations and, at the same time, to easy the Spanish role in the development of the European Research Area (ERA) and the European Knowledge Area (EKA).





SPAIN LCTI

- The qualitative and quantitative change in the public resources allocated to R&D and Innovation in Spain requires a transformation of the existing management model of the State General Administration towards a new scheme, the Research State Agency.
- The Spanish transition towards a knowledge and innovation based society was lacking some legal support regarding research and innovation.





SPAIN LCTI

It aims to create a professional development path for research staff. Its main new features include the ambitious task of regulating mobility between public entities and the private sector, creating specific employment contracts for researchers and the undertaking, in a clearly defined manner, of performance evaluations for career professionals in the public research entities of the General State Administration.





SPAIN CURRENT REFORMS

- Current reforms in the HE system only have one goal: to reduce public spending.
- Autonomy is no in the core of the new regulations.
- On the contrary, government is establishing the same system of control over expenditures and activities than the other public funded institutions.
- At this moment, there are no incentives for HEI. It seams that the unique strategy is to reduce all type of resources: staff, infrastructures, research funds.





SPAIN CURRENT REFORMS

- Royal Decree Law 14/2012 of 20 April, on urgent measures to rationalize public spending in education:
- Austerity measures having only been imposed
- Spain have reported predicted decreases funding
- Autonomy? Public universities? Private?
- Equity? Tuition fees increase but not provide more resources to the universities because the income will be reduced in the same level.
- · Loan system has been cancelled





THE REGIONAL CONTEXT

""MULTI-YEAR FINANCING PLAN FOR THE UNIVERSITY (2010-2017)"

Model linking funding to the achievement of results and differentiates well between learning outcomes and research results.

Allows the viewing of the funding tied to goals that has been applied since 2003 in response to the peculiarities of each university.





THE REGIONAL CONTEXT

Signed by:

Regional Ministry of Education Regional Ministry of Economy

+ 5 local universities

PLAN PLURIANUAL DE FINANCIACIÓN DEL SISTEMA UNIVERSITARIO PÚBLICO VALENCIANO 2010-2017

Septiembre 2010





THE REGIONAL CONTEXT

- The components of the funding shceme are:
 - financing by results (65%),
 - structural financing (29%),
 - financing for quality (6%).
- The funding by results covers the learning outcomes, research outcomes and technology transfer outcomes.





THE REGIONAL CONTEXT

- The structural funding consider three types of activity:
 - Fixed retribution to cover the cost necesary for its functioning
 - A grant to cover staff cost related to research as stipulated by law
 - A grant to offset the costs realted to the national and regional regulations that HEIs must comply with.



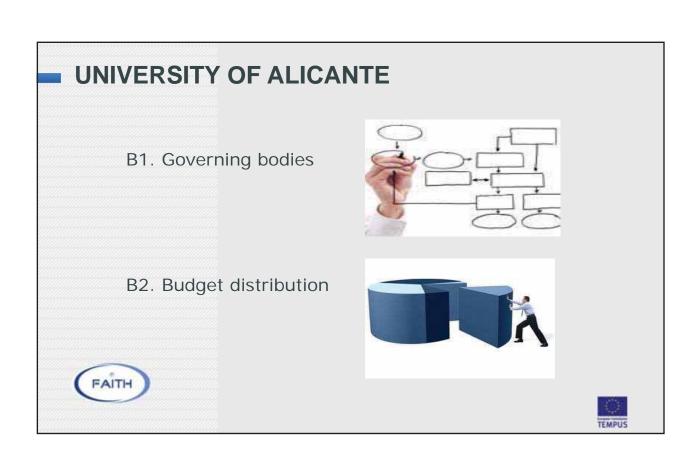


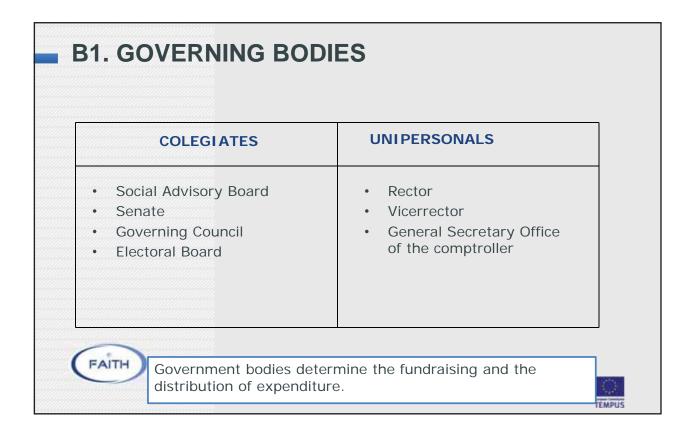
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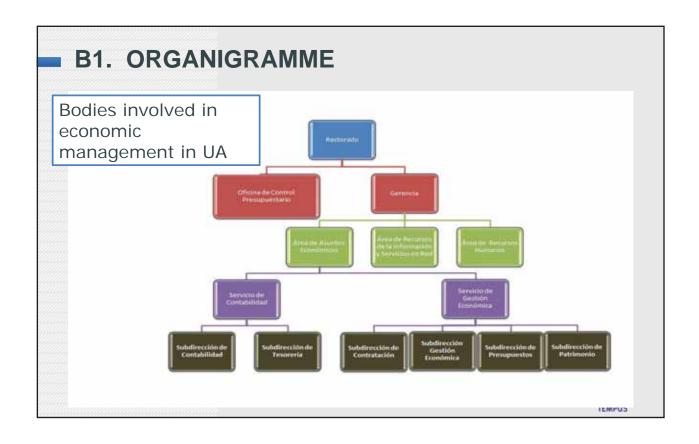
- The funding for the improvement of the quality its created to improve the quality of different aspects of the university.
- Objectives are fixed in order to:
 - improve the eficiency of public universities in the region,
 - to strenghthen its positioning in the national and international context
 - increase it contribution to society.





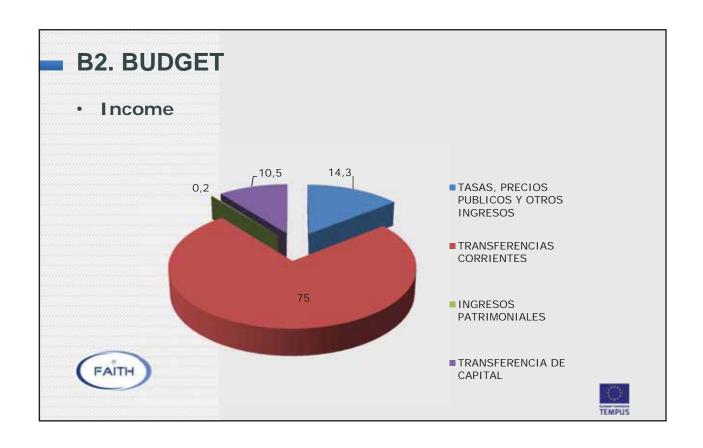


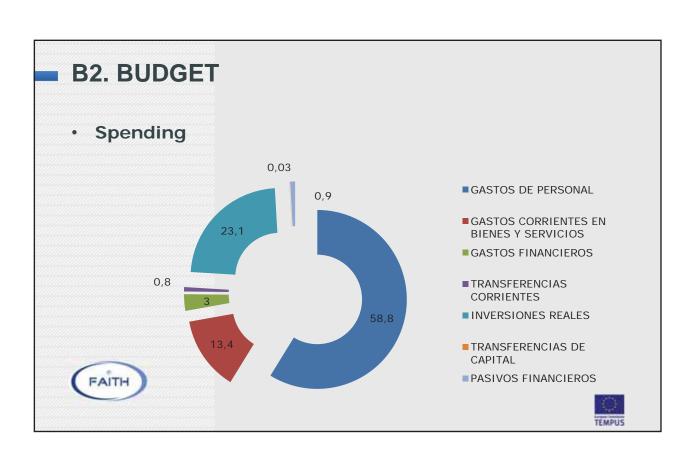












CONCLUSIONS

- Budget considers the items and conditions of the MPF;
- UA must exploit its strengths to increase funding objectives;
- UA has to increase its levels of transparency and decentralization;
- Allocation of resources related to the installment of the implementation of an analytical accounting;
- Establishment of flexible mechanisms to encourage external fundraising;
- · Promoting the "economic sensibility"





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Financing Higher Education in Kosovo

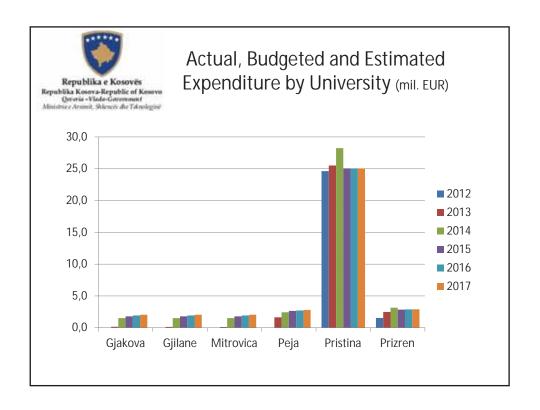
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Current Financing Mechanism

- 1. University of Pristina is a Main Budget Organization and for the purpose of budgeting directly subordinated to the Ministry of Finance.
- 2. Universities of Prizren, Peja, Mitrovica, Gjilane, Gjakova are subordinated to MEST.
- 3. Budgets are largely based on incremental calculations but major policy changes are considered.
- 4. Linkage between 'outputs' (in particular number of students) and allocated budget is relatively weak.
- 5. Some inconsistencies in investment expenditure allocations can be observed.

Formula based allocations to higher education (teaching component) is likely to strengthen 'policy based budgeting'



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	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
	actual	actual	budget	plan	plan	plan
Total nr. students in public universities	48,790	64,112	72,900	76,940	72,772	73,789
Annual increase nr. students in public universities	-	24%	12%	5%	-6%	1%
UP Nr. Students	46,460	52,896	57,750	59,084	52,597	52,601
UP Nr. Staf (FTE)	2,142	2,142	2,142	2,142	2,142	2,142
UP Student Staff Ratio	21.7	24.7	27.0	27.6	24.6	24.6
UP Avg Annual OPEX per Student (EUR)	507	450	429	366	411	411
UP Avg annual OPEX as percentage of GDP per capita	18.9%	16.3%	14.9%	12.1%	13.1%	12.5%
UP Percentage of students receiving a scholarship	3.0%	2.7%	2.5%	2.5%	2.8%	2.8%
UP Percentage of staff participating in publications	3.8%	4.1%	5.2%	6.6%	7.7%	11.0%
UP Percentage of PhD students	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	1.0%	1.1%	1.1%
MEST Nr. Students	2,330	11,216	15,150	17,856	20,175	21,188
MEST Nr. Staf (FTE)	101	311	563	584	597	601
MEST Student Staff Ratio	29.1	51.3	38.5	43.8	48.3	50.7
MEST Avg Annual OPEX per Student (EUR)	520	342	561	473	437	418
MEST Avg annual OPEX as percent. of GDP per capita	19.4%	12.4%	19.5%	15.7%	13.9%	12.7%



Budget and Outputs (2014)

University	Budget (mn. EUR)	Est. Number of Students	Recurrent Budget per student (EUR)
Total	38,2	72,900	456
Gjakova	1.5	789	1,660
Gjilane	1.5	2,106	622
Mitrovica	1.4	805	1,546
Peja	2.4	5,575	356
Pristina	29.7	57,750	429
Prizren	3.2	5,875	452

Note: some uncertainty about credibility of data exists



Why to introduce formula based allocations

- 1. Considered 'good practice' in many countries
- 2. Output based: linkage with delivered outputs
- 3. Improves transparency of key policy decisions and links to effectiveness
- 4. Facilitates accountability and monitoring of operational efficiency



Law on Higher Education Article 21 Funding Methodology

- 1. In collaboration with the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry shall set out in an administrative instruction the methodology to be used for the allocation of funds for teaching and research in the public interest, together with any other allowances or concessions which may be approved by the Government. Funds may be allocated for the purposes of teaching: teaching-related research; infrastructure; or other purposes.
- 2. Allocation of funds for teaching specifies the <u>number of students</u> to be educated with public expenses in <u>certain disciplines or fields of study</u>. This number should be in accordance with <u>maximum numbers</u> prescribed in a provider's current license. Description attached to each discipline or field determined through a sub legal act.



Law on Higher Education Article 21 Funding Methodology

- 3. Ministry sets funding of higher education providers taking into account the objectives specified in the strategic plan of the provider and any observations or recommendations from KAA related to the quality of teaching of these providers or of specific programs.
- 4. Ministry shall have regard to the provider's **recent performance** and shall set an **indicative budget** path for a **five-year funding cycle**. The allocation of funds to a provider shall take the form of a **performance agreement**, running over three years, which shall be published by the Ministry once it has been agreed with the respective provider.



Law on Higher Education Article 21 Funding Methodology

- 5. Funds shall be allocated each year as an amount paid to the provider during the financial year time intervals defined by the Ministry of Finance, within the terms of its Strategic Plan, the limits of its licence and any conditions attached to the funds by the Ministry.
- 6. Governing Council approves financial scheme of delegation and accountability in budgetary sub-units within the institution through which reflected strategic planning and performance reporting duties that it owes the Ministry. All such schemes will encourage and facilitate capacity development, quality enhancement and achievement of agreed outcomes within each dub-unit budget. The Governing Council will approve Financial Regulations in accordance with the legislation in force. These arrangements will be incorporated in the provider's Statute.



Proposed Financing Mechanism For Higher Education?

Formula Based Allocations

- Overhead / Management
- Teaching

Project Based Allocations

- Capital Investments
- Development projects
- Scientific Research



Components of the formula

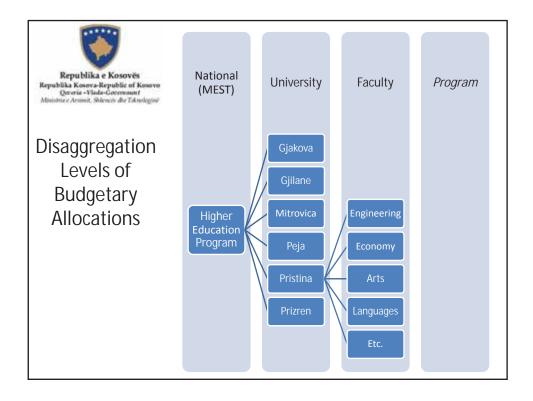
Output Based Component

• Number of Active Students

Performance Based Component

Measurable/Verifiable Indicators to be defined

Note: Gradual development towards 'performance based' (e.g. on the basis of the number of students that obtain their diploma within an agreed period of time) since this requires a very high level of quality measurement and control.

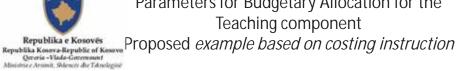




Parameters for Budgetary Allocation for the Teaching component

Proposed example based on costing instruction

Economic Category Wages	
Academic Staff	 Number of Active Students Normative Student – Academic Staff Ratio Number of academic staff FTE Average Gross Wage Cost per Staff Differentiation by program and level if needed
Management	 Normative number of managers Average Gross Wage Cost per Staff Differentiation by size of university if needed
Support Staff	 Normative number of Support Staff in relation to number of active students Average Gross Wage Cost per Staff



Parameters for Budgetary Allocation for the Teaching component

Economic Category Goods & Services and small Capital Expenditure		
Teaching Materials, Equipment, Laboratory etc.	 Number of Active Students Allocation per student Differentiation by program and level if needed	
General utilities, O&M, services, small CAPEX	Number of Active StudentsAllocation per StudentAllocation per Entity (Faculty)	
Economic Category Subsidies and Transfers		
Tuition Fee Compensation	Estimate based on eligibility criteria and active number of students	
Scholarships	Number of Active StudentsRatio of active students obtaining scholarship	



Parameters for Budgetary Allocation for the Teaching component

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Own Source Revenue	
Tuition Fees	Number of StudentsTuition Fee differentiated by level and type
Other Fees	•



Proposed Next Steps

- 1. Establish High Level Working Group (e.g. Governing Council)
 - · Task: to provide general guidance to steps below
- 2. Establish Technical Working Groups
- 3. Assess Current Situation: Data Collection and Analysis at Faculty Level
 - · University of Pristina
 - · Universities under MEST
- 4. Develop Higher Education Strategy
 - As part of KESP, 5 year scope
 - · Includes number of students / enrolment rate
 - Measures to increase quality of education
 - Development of (new) programs
- 5. Develop Higher Education Management Information System
- 6. Develop Formula Based Higher Education Financing Mechanism



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Alexander Hammer / University of Vienna FAITH TEMPUS Kick-Off-Meeting April 1st, 2013



University of Vienna

- Largest teaching and research institution in Austria
 - 9,700 employees, of whom 6,900 are academic staff
 - 92,000 students currently enrolled at the University of Vienna
 - 12,600 graduates in the academic year 2012/13
 - 180 degree programmes and 116 master's programmes

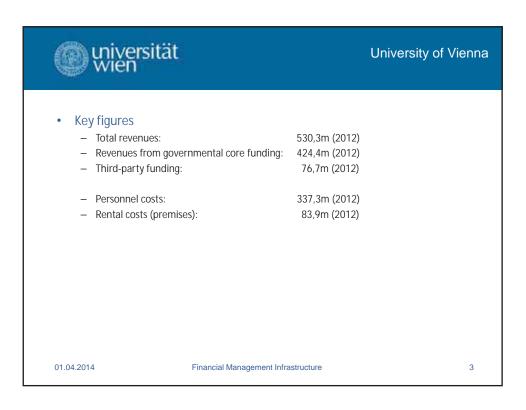




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<u>Legal Framework</u> • Finance Organization • IT Infrastructure • Planning and Reporting

Autonomy for Austrian Universities

- Legal entities in public law
- Large autonomy for universities in organizational, study and employment matters
- Conclusion of performance agreements (contracts in public law) between universities and the federal ministry
- Funding of universities by federal government: allocation of a global budget, established in advance for a three-year-period

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<u>Legal Framework</u> • Finance Organization • IT Infrastructure • Planning and Reporting

Autonomy in financial management

- Universities manage financial affairs in their own name and for their own account
- Federal government is not liable for universities' debts
- Large autonomy in financial matters,
 e.g. entitlement to from companies, foundations, associations
- Examination of financial management by Court of Audit
- Obligation to install an appropriate accounting system, income and expenditure accounting (cost accounting / full costing) and a reporting system

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Accounting

- Accounting according to the Commercial Code: switch from government cash accounting to commercial double entry accounting
- Annual financial statements consisting of balance sheet, profit & loss statement and appropriate notes to the financial statements
- Audit of financial statements by registered auditor / by registered auditing firm

Reporting

- Quarterly reporting package to federal ministry
- Submission of annual financial statements and performance report to federal ministry

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· University Management

- University Council / Rectorate / Senate
- Only the university Council and the Rectorate have tasks in financial management.

University Council

- approves annual budget
- approves annual financial statements as well as performance / intellectual capital report
- appoints an auditor to audit the financial statements of the university
- approves guidelines for financial management
- approves formation of companies and foundations
- approves assumption of non-current liabilities and empowers rectorate to assume such liabilities up to a certain limit without seeking the prior approval to the University Council

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Rectorate

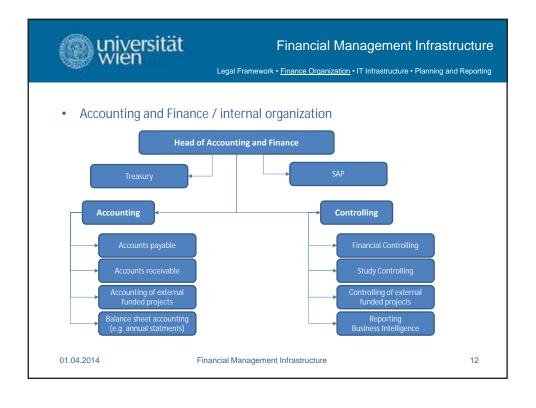
- conducts financial affairs
- establishes an accounting and reporting system
- prepares budget for approval by University Council and allocates budgets to organizational units
- prepares annual financial statements as well as performance / intellectual capital report
- establishes a planning and reporting system which guarantees the fulfilment of the reporting obligations of the university according to the legal provisions of the federal ministry

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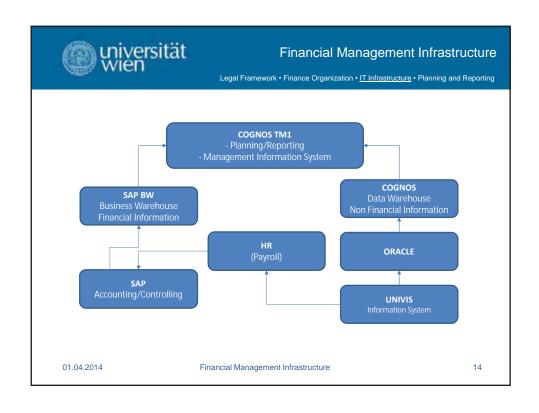
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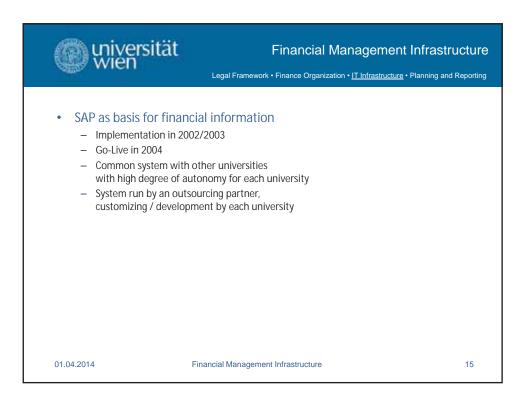
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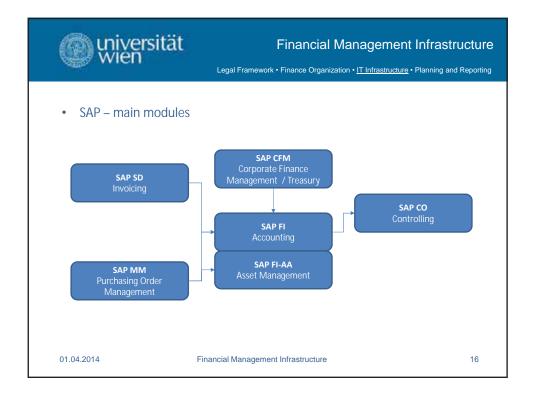














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- FI / Financials
 - Core module in SAP
 - System for all processes in accounting and asset management
 - Archiving of all documents (invoices / supporting documents)
- CO / Controlling
 - Cost center accounting: allocation of budget and direct costs (personnel, running costs, investments) to faculties and departments
 - Introduction of full costing
 - Allocation of indirect costs (e.g. infrastructure, central services) to faculties with a small number of consistent, reliable cost drivers
 - Cost allocation to activities in teaching (study programmes) and research (esp. research projects)

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Planning process

- Definition of planning assumptions by rector
- Establishment of overall budget for the following year and medium-term financial planning for three-year-period
- Budget / Medium-term financial planning in COGNOS TM1, fully integrated with ERP System (SAP) and Data Warehouse (COGNOS)
- Breakdown by activities and areas (e.g. groups of faculties)
- Submission of annual budget by Rectorate to University Council (by the end of September of the previous year)
- Approval by University Council (by the end of October of the previous year)
- Conclusion of target agreements based on approved budget with faculties etc. (November / December of the previous year)

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• SAP Online Reporting

- Platform: SAP / SAP BW
- External reporting (e.g. annual financial statements) to stakeholders (federal ministry...)
- Internal management reporting to University Council and Rectorate
- Financial Reporting for faculties, departments, third-party-funded project managers etc.

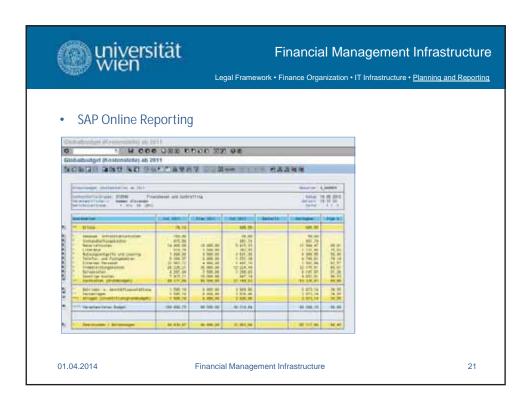
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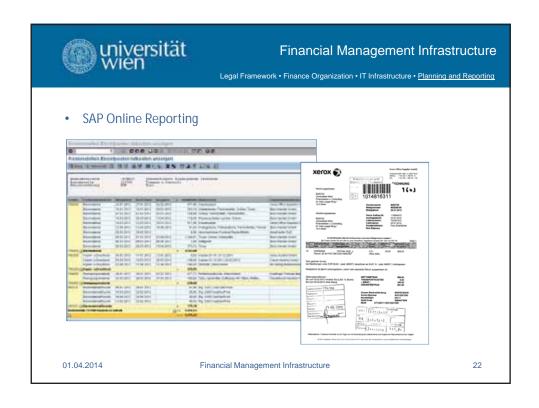
- Platform: COGNOS
- Non-financial data regarding personnel, students, study programs, research etc.
- External reporting to stakeholders (federal ministry etc.)
- Internal reporting to faculties, departments, study program coordinators etc.

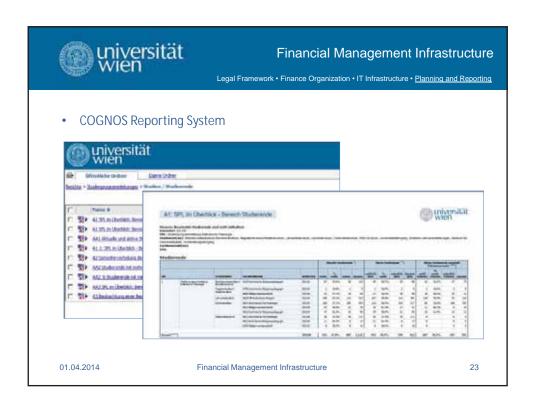
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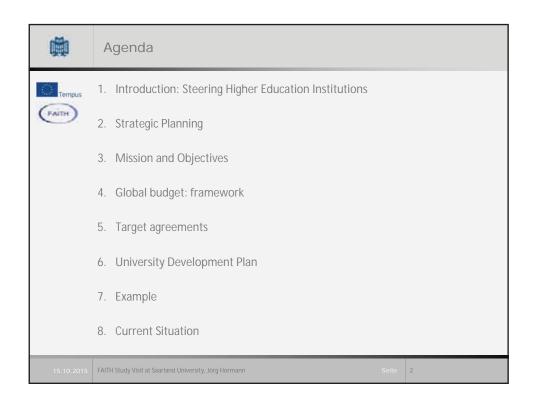


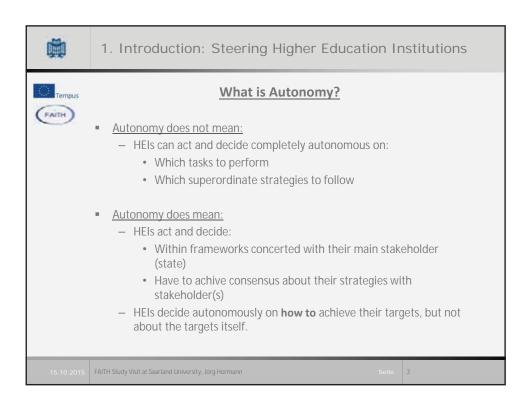


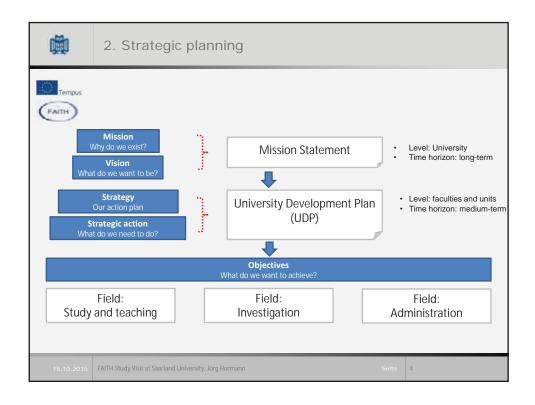


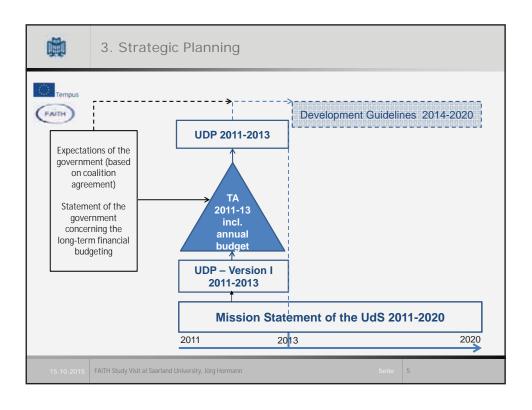




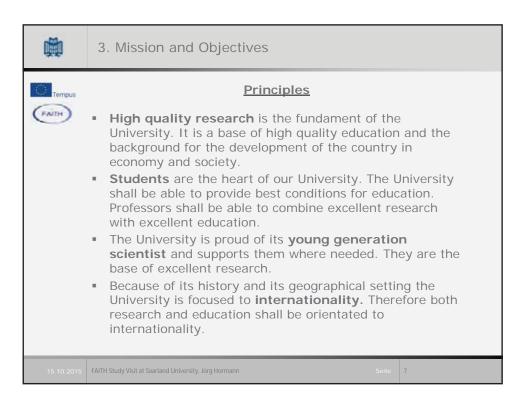


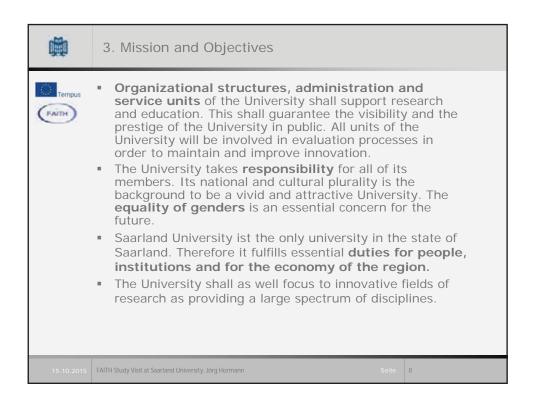


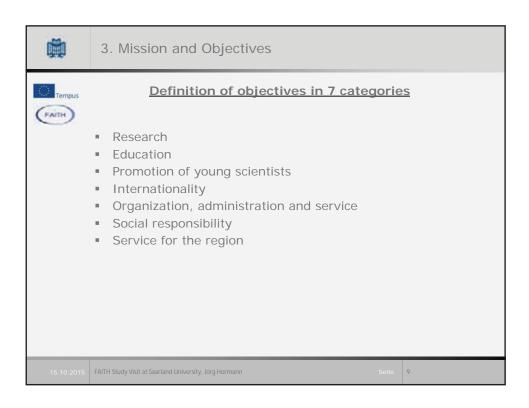




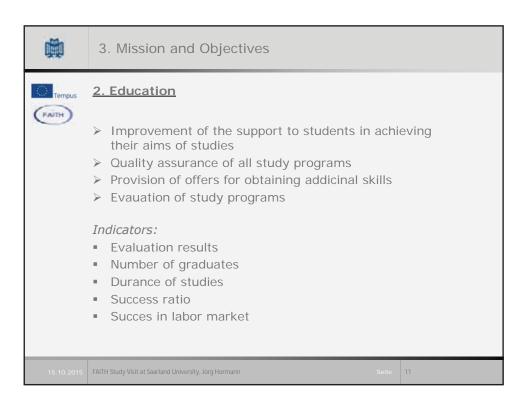


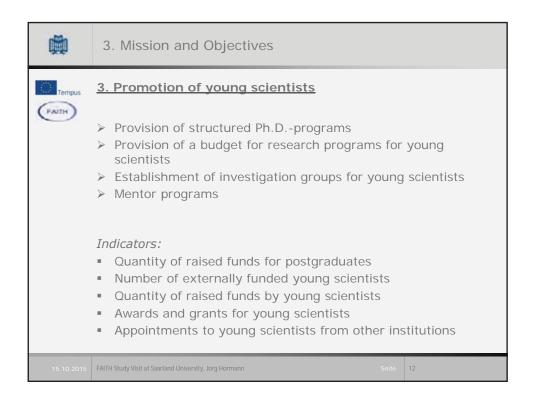


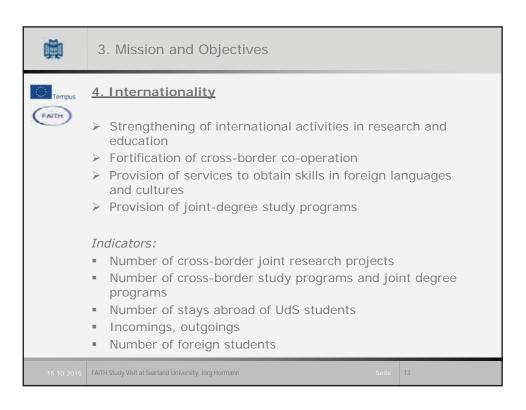


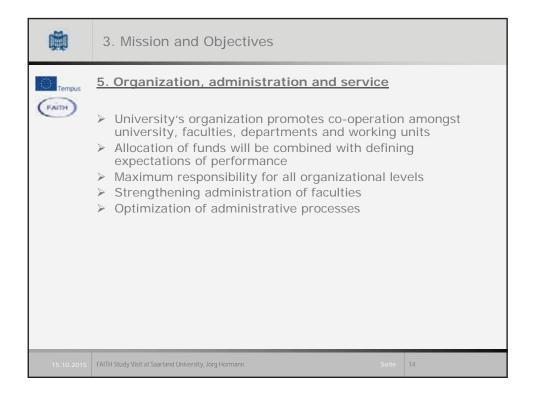


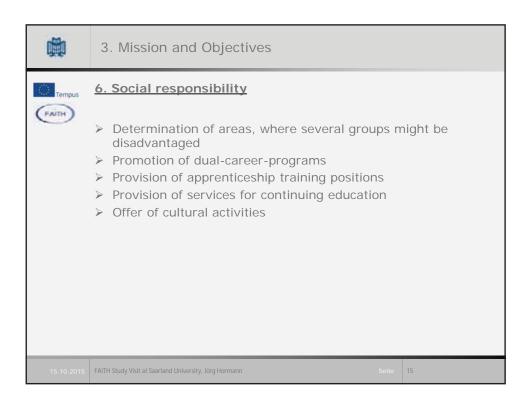


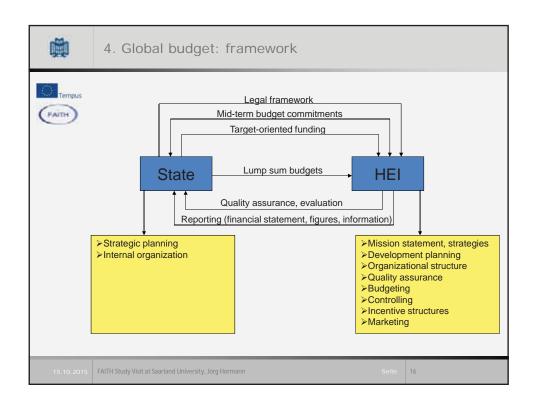


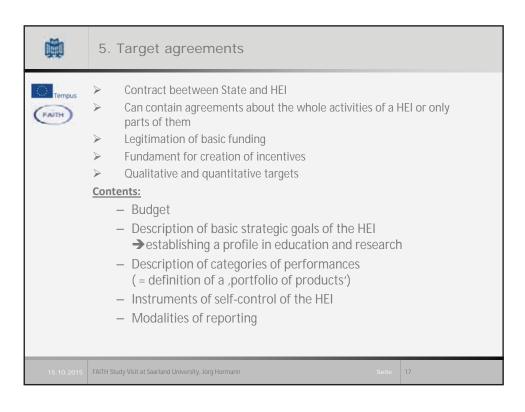


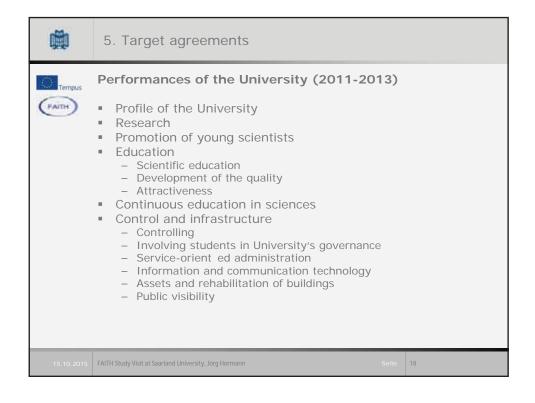


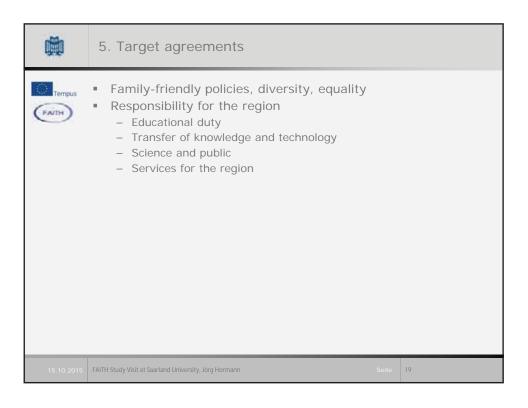


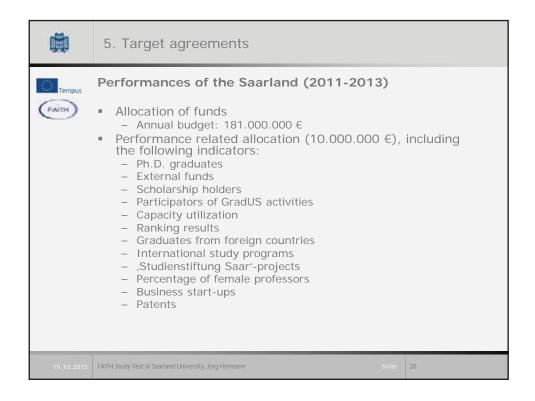








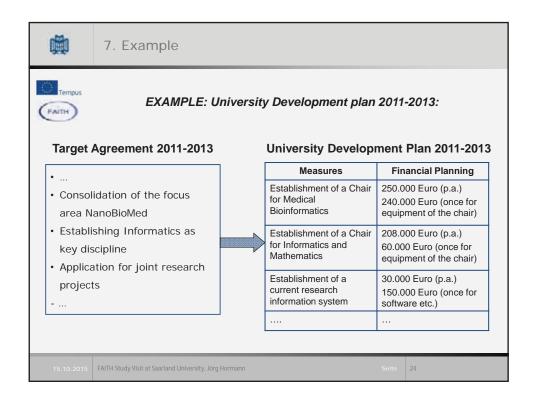












IT-Systems for Financial Management

The training workshop related to this topic based on the analysis done in working package WP1 of the project and was executed in Pristina in November 2014. One result of the analysis was that the representatives of the Kosovan partner Institutions considered the current support by IT-systems to their processes in financial management as poor. As one part of the FAITH project is the acquirement of new software to support financial management the workshop related to this topic aimed to prepare the acquisition of this software and to clarify the preconditions that exist when starting a software purchase project in an organisation.

Therefore, one part of the workshop was dedicated to a deeper analysis on the current situation and the software systems that are currently used at the Kosovan Universities. The input given by EU partners focused on the preconditions, as mentioned above, especially on the management and analysis of processes, which have to be considered in advance of doing any selection of software systems. The training workshop itself primarily contained the analysis of basic processes that are conducted in the financial departments of the Kosovan Universities in order to be able to elaborate the system requirements to any new IT system and to formulate software specifications.

It is important to mention, that it was not possible to conclude this topic within this workshop. As a result, the project consortium agreed to continue working on the analysis of processes in further workshops.

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IT systems used at partner Universities

Area	Standard software	In-house development	No software used	Remarks
Business administration and accounting	2	1		
Human resources management		2	1	
Strategic planning (e.g management information system)		1	2	
Administration of students (e.g. admission, enrollment)	1	2		
Administration of courses and exams	1	2		
Administration of research activities		1	2	
Asset management (including administration of lecture rooms)	2	1		Government platform (ePasuria)
Project management		2	1	

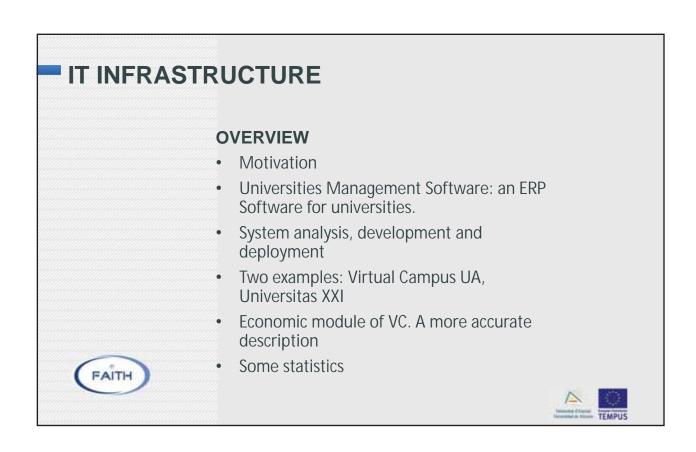


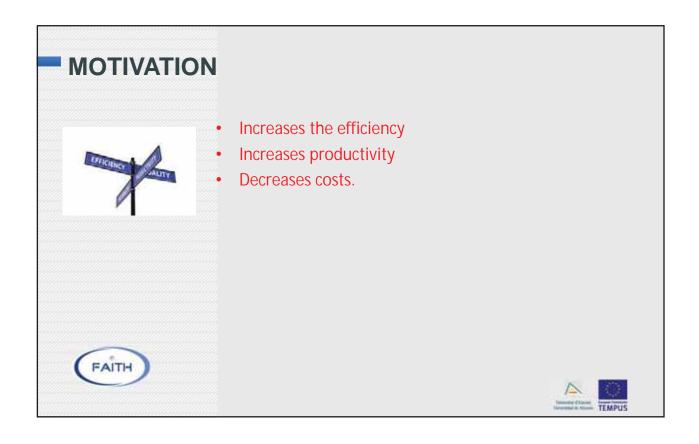


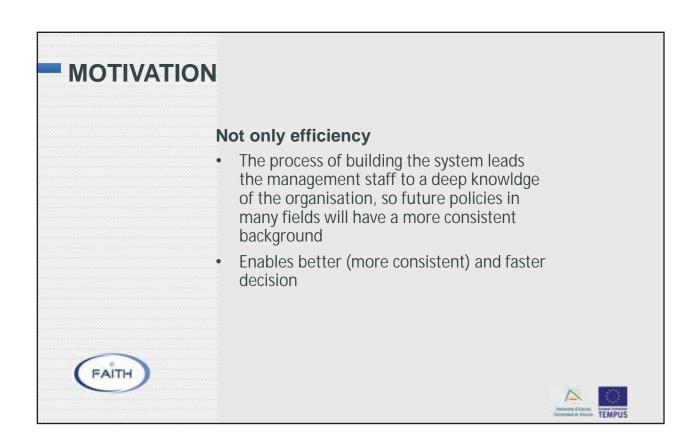
Software used

- In-house development:
 - Often based on Microsoft Office products
- Standard software
 - Only product mentioned is called SEMS (for student administration)
- · Grade of coverage of the processes by software ist mostly considered poor!









ERP FOR UNIVERSITIES

ERP Software

- Enterprise Resource Planning
- Used mainly in companies
- Provides an integrated view of core business processes, often in real-time, using common databases maintained by a database management system.
- Universities are large organizations, so ERP software fit very well







UNIVERSITIES MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

ERP for universities

- An university management system is an ERP with specific modules for Universities:
 - Financial management
 - Academia
 - Alumni
 - Research management
 - Human resources management







UNIVERSITIES MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE ADVANTAGES

- Increases the efficiency and Increases productivity while decreasing costs.
- Reduces information sharing lead times and work duplicities
- Enables better and faster decision
- Improves the security of confidential data from external threats







DRAWBACKS

Before starting you should know that:

- Big investment plus maintenance cost.
- The system is difficult to use so it is necessary to train staff.
- If there is one error in the data it will affect the whole organization.
- The configuration is slow and costly.







ANALYSIS, DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT

Initial State

- Buildings: Office of the University President, Faculties and other university dependencies
- Paper is the main information container.
- Each office may have local computers, but not necessary.
- Processes may not be optimized







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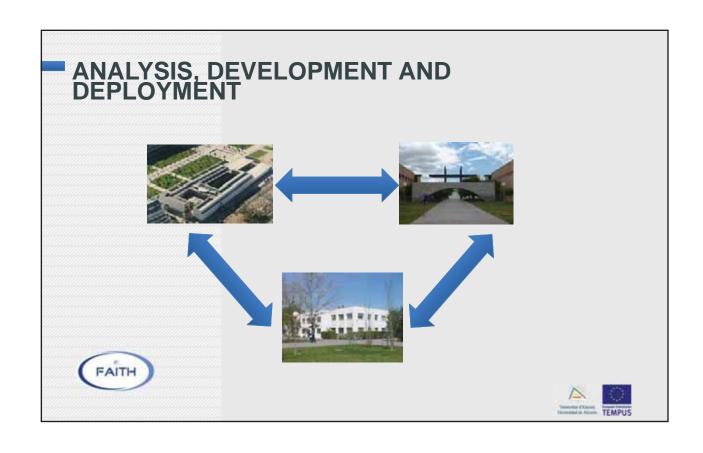
- Standalone buildings
- Communications: phone, internal courier...







Deploying the Network Design and build a LAN that connects the buildings Use the appropriate technology. Now, in the UA is GigaBit Ethernet for the backbone. It's mandatory to foresee future needings so "oversizing" it's not a bad idea. Find a place that fits the requirements to install main network devices: servers, routers, switches....



PROCESSES ANALYSIS

- This must be the very first step
- Study different processes that take part in the University normal way of working
- Interviews to staff
- Study and definitions of dataflow
- This is the moment to find inefficiencies and error prone behaviours







SOFTWARE DEPLOYMENT

Software

- Inhouse development.
 - UA policy
 - Need well trained staff
 - Deep knowlegde of the institution and its needings
 - Maybe a good idea if the University has a Software engineering department
 - Important aquisition of know-how







SOFTWARE DEPLOYMENT

Software

- Acquisition of collaboration with external Staff.
 - Example: Universitas XXI, collaboration among some universities in Spain
 - Costs sharing
 - · Know-how sharing







EXAMPLES

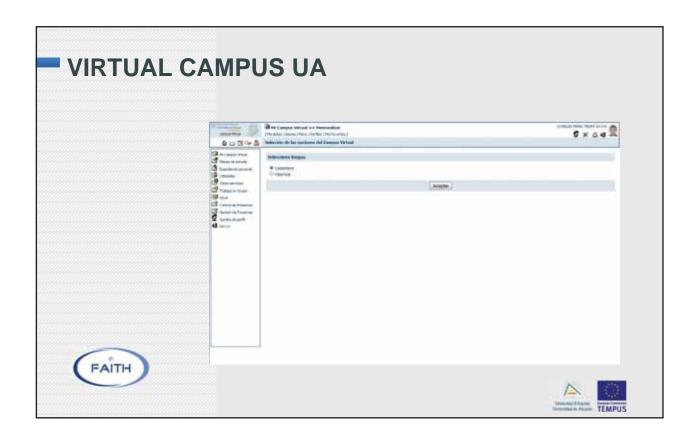
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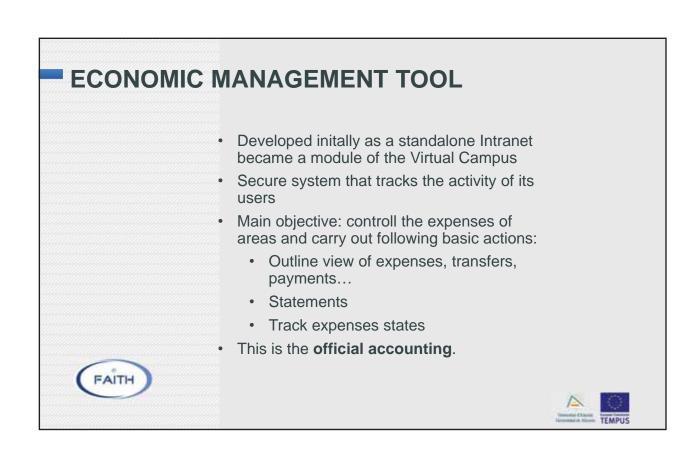
- It's an ERP where almost every process of the University is represented
- Example of in-house development
- Modules:
 - Human Resources
 - Academia
 - Financial management



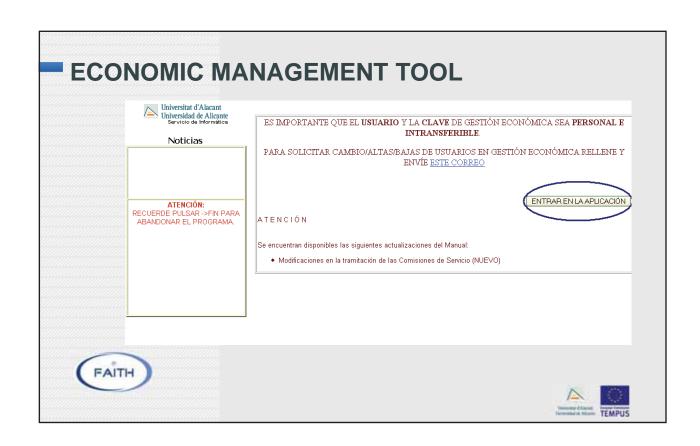


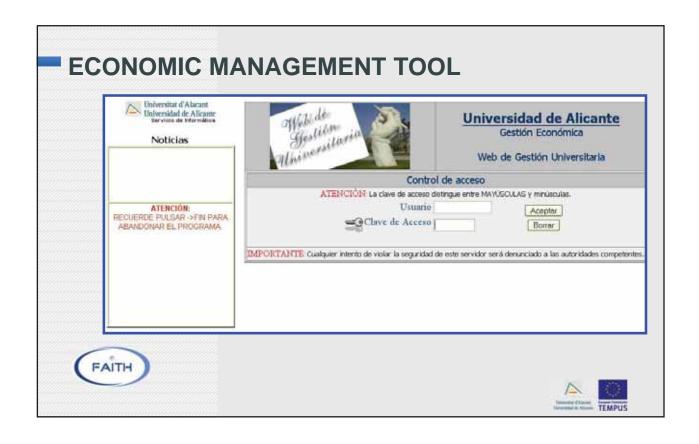


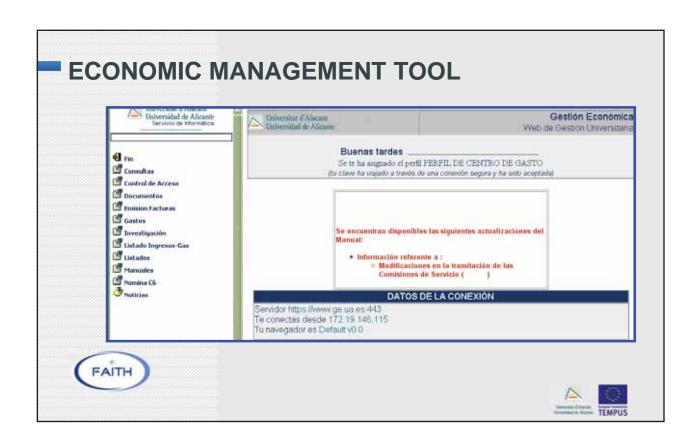




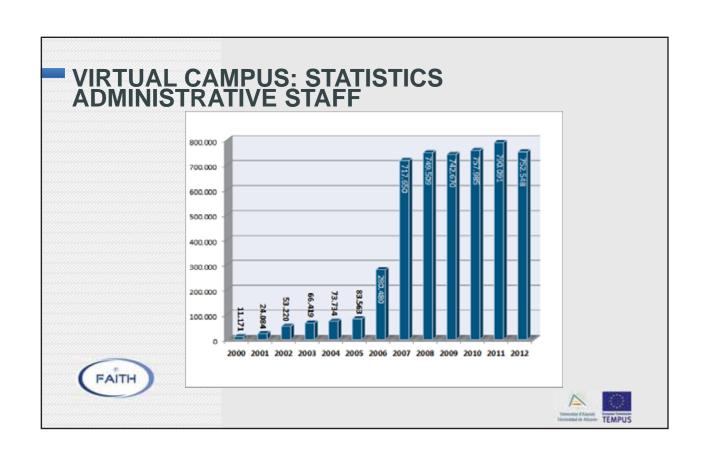
ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT TOOL Basic logic structure: Costs centre: Department of phisics Department of spanish literature International Relationships Office ... Each Cost centre has to start a file for every unit, called "Budget application". Example: International Relationships Office has one Budget application for each project

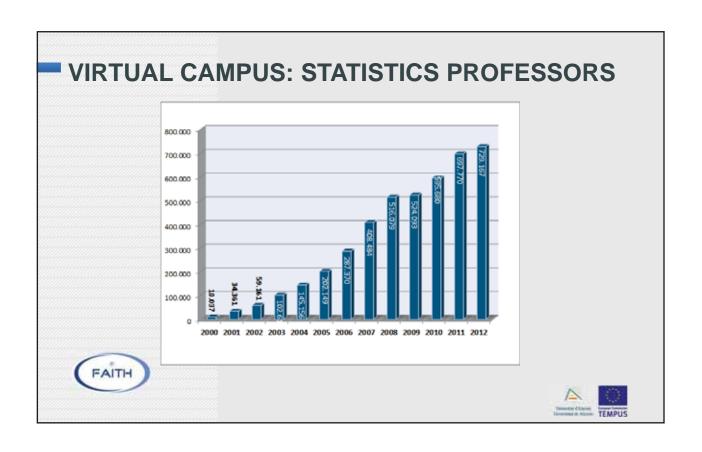


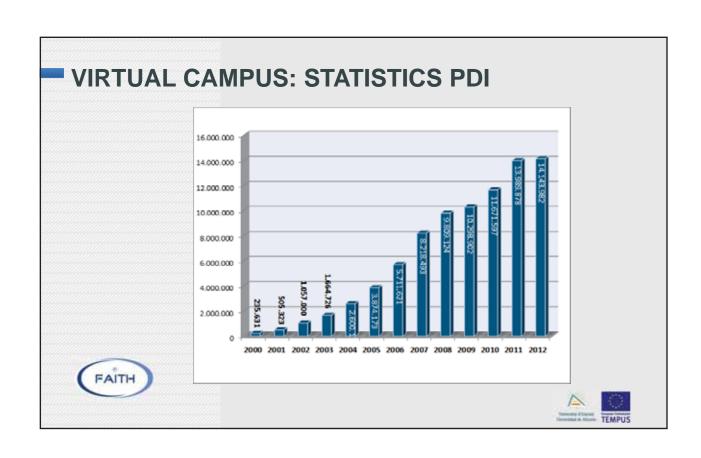




PECONOMIC MANAGEMENT TOOL Next goal: Analytic accountability • Once all the data is collected and processes controlled next natural step is to get "build" info from that data.











Preconditions for the implementation of a financial management software

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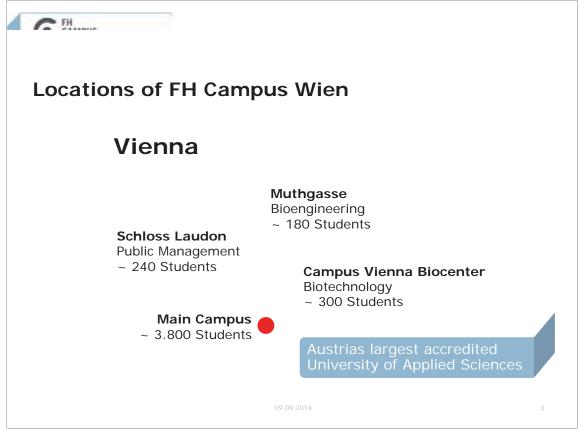
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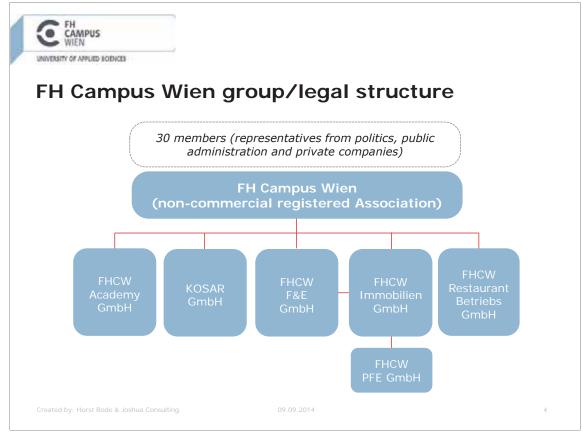
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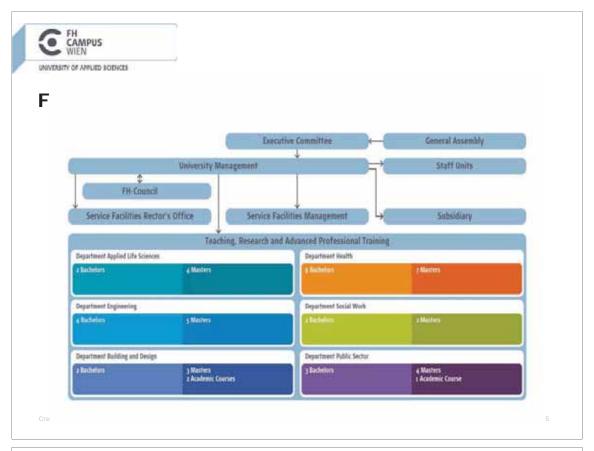
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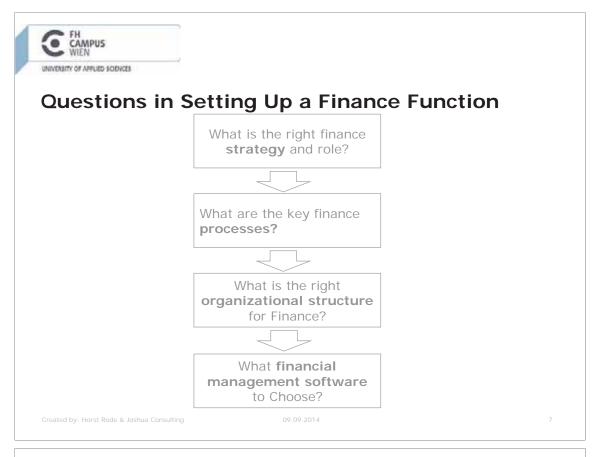
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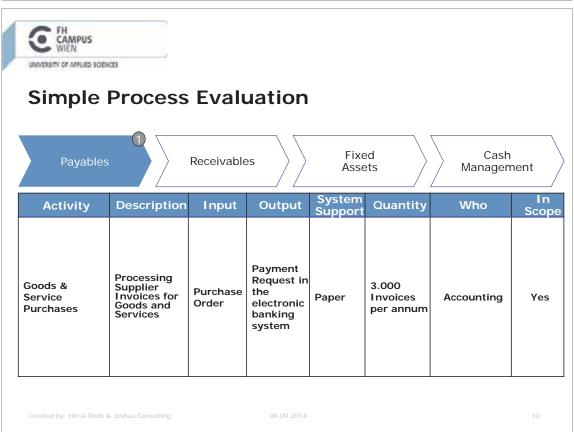
- Ensure day to day finance activities (e.g. processing of receivables and payables)
- Ensure financial discipline in the entire organization
- Manage budgets and projections
- Participate in strategic planning activities
- · Establish and maintain financing!

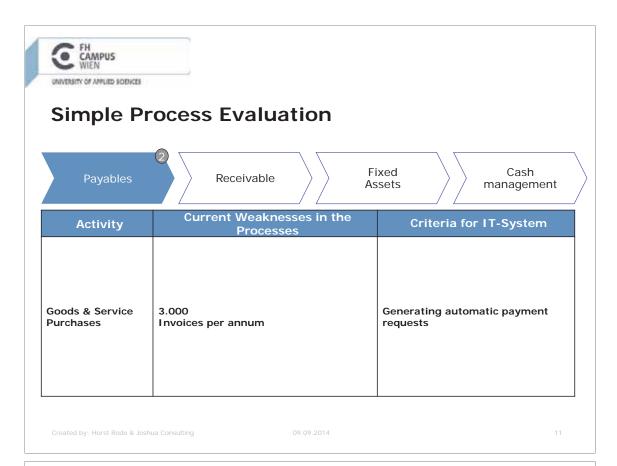
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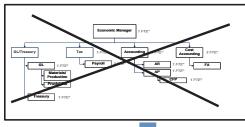








What is the right organizational structure for Finance?



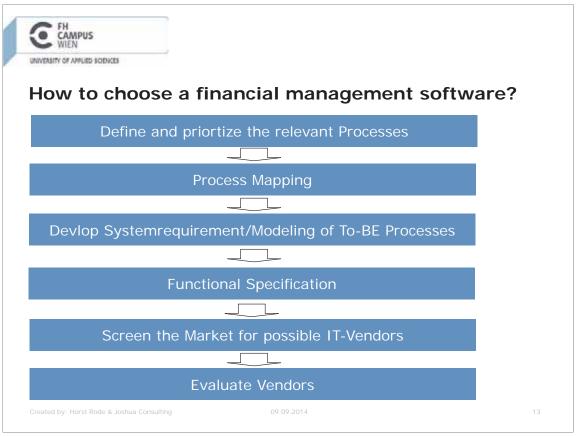


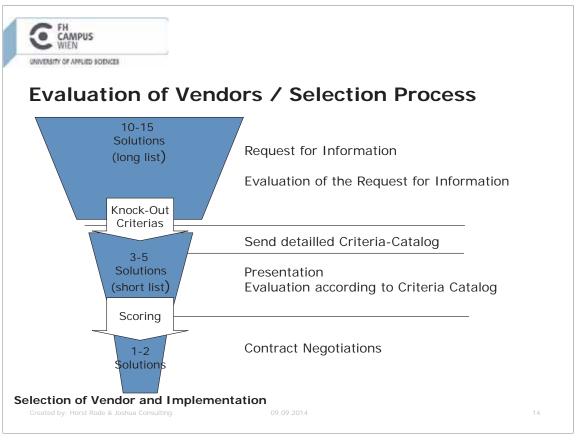
It does not have to be complicated:

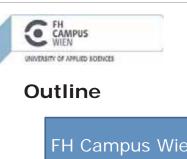
- Establish a head of finance as part of the management team
- Segregate duties within finance staff e.g. invoices processing and payments
- Establish basic governance principles

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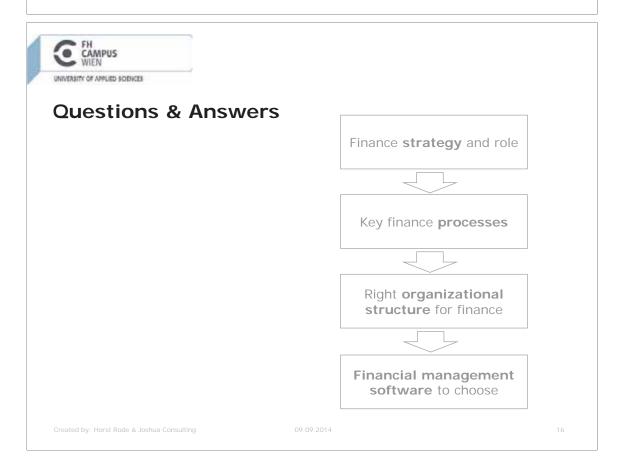
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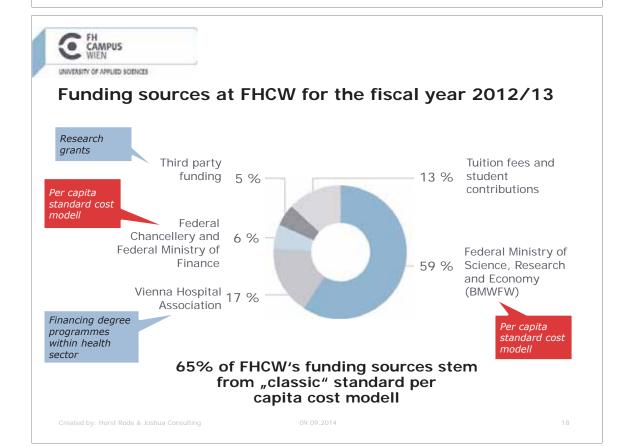
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Allocation of funds to cost catogories

Cost category	Share of total costs in %
Personnel Costs Degree Programmes	57%
Lecturers	20%
Part-time Lecturers	17%
Degree Programme Administration	14%
Researcher & Development Personnel	3%
Other Personnel	3%
Service Facilities ("Overhead")	19%
Personnel Costs	14%
Cost of Materials	5%
Occupancy Costs (Offices, Lecture Rooms, etc.)	17%
All other costs	7%
TOTAL	100%

N.B. Overall cost volume 2012/13: 36 mio. €

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Financial management @ FHCW Staff, IT-infrastructure etc.

Staff (FTE ... Full Time Equivalent):

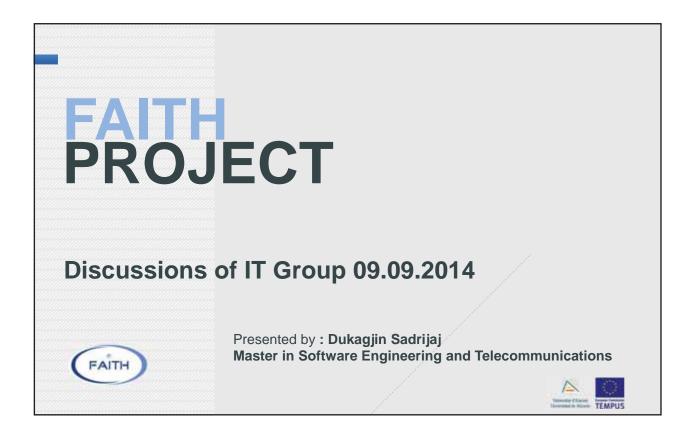
Accounting & Controlling: 6,4 FTE
Strategic Controlling: 0,5 FTE
Project Controlling incl. 3rd party funding: 0,5 FTE

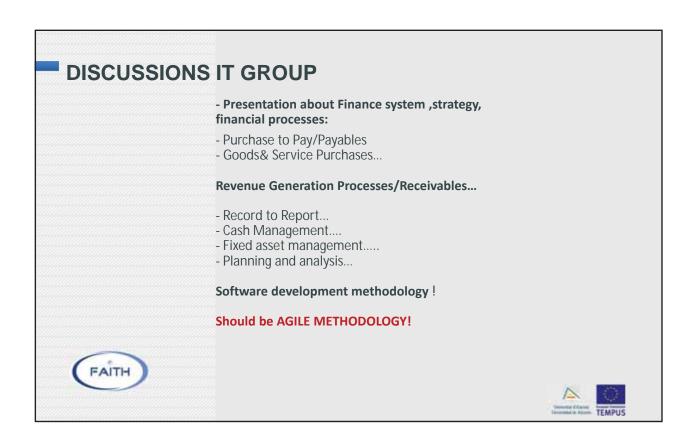
IT-infrastructure:

- > ERP*-system for Accounting, Cost Accounting, Salary Accounting (supplier: BMD, an Austrian-based supplier for standard software)
- > Server-based and web-based IT-tool for budgeting and reporting (supplier: PREVERO, Germany)
- * Enterprise Resource Planning business management software, usually a suite of integrated applications

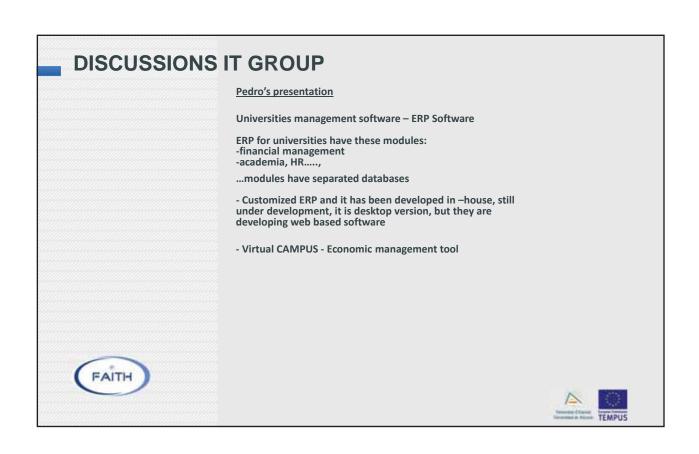
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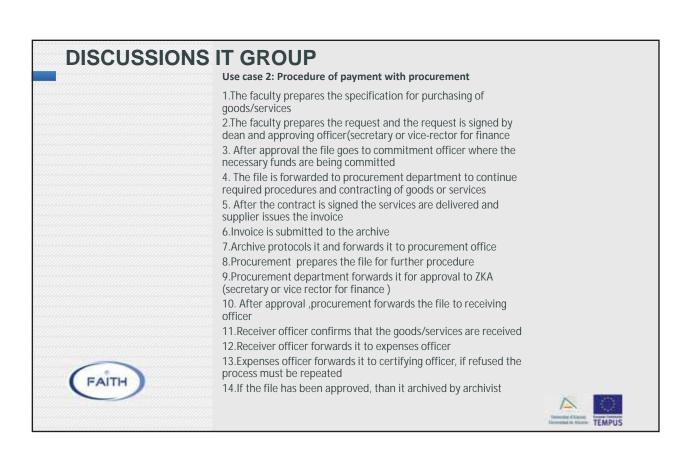




- Financial software of FH Campus has been developed in house - Microsoft SQL Server - .net -Evaluation of vendors/Selection process -Seven users for financial system



Getting user requirements from financial officers could be very difficult, it takes time. There is a need for synergy! Use case 1 – An example: Procedure of payment without procurement 1.The invoice is submitted to the archive 2. The archive officer protocols the invoice and forwards it to department of finance, respectively to payments officer 3. Payments officer prepares the invoice and other required documents 4. Payments officer get the approval from secretary of university (ZKA) and director of finances 5. Payments officer submits it to commitment officer 6. Commitment officer makes the commitment of funds 7. Commitment officer forwards it to expenses officer 8. Expenses officer forwards it to expenses officer 9. All documents including invoice remain in archive



DISCUSSIONS IT GROUP Facts to remember 1. System for finances and the system for students are separated 2. A list of the responsive personnel for organization for (IT and 3. Motivation was presented very well 4. The system has been developed in-house 5. It is completely automatic system 7. MS SQL Server database ... 8. Windows interface... 9. Agile methodologies such as SCRUM, Extreme programming ...It was not used 10. Seven people of are using the system for Finance 11. ERP system from the Austria – Finance software 12. Software is being used within campus only 13. ERP for University: Modules: Alumni? 14. From Data Center it has access to the Web 15. Network of fiber optic, Gigabit Ethernet 16. The system works only in Spanish language FAITH



Resource allocation, internal governance and budgeting processes

This topic covers the internal perspective of Higher Education Institutions. It covers general aspects of internal governance, organizational theory or quality management, as well as the process perspective of budgeting within an Institution.

With respect to the preparation of the system requirements for new software, it was agreed that the objectives of the related training workshop WS3 "Resource allocation" (Pristina, March 2015) should cover two aspects: on the one hand side best practises of the EU partners with regard to their processes of internal budgeting should be taken into account, on the other hand side it seemed to be necessary to focus on process management and process quality in general. The practical part of the workshop should then combine both aspects, as the task of the participants should be to visualize and analyse the budgeting processes of the Kosovan partners in detail, to get a closer idea on how financial management software could help to support these processes.

Therefore the input of the EU partners mainly focused on methodological aspects of quality management, process management and their linkage to strategic planning and organisational theory of Higher Education Institutions.

The analysis of the processes of internal budgeting itself then was subject of the practical part of the workshop.

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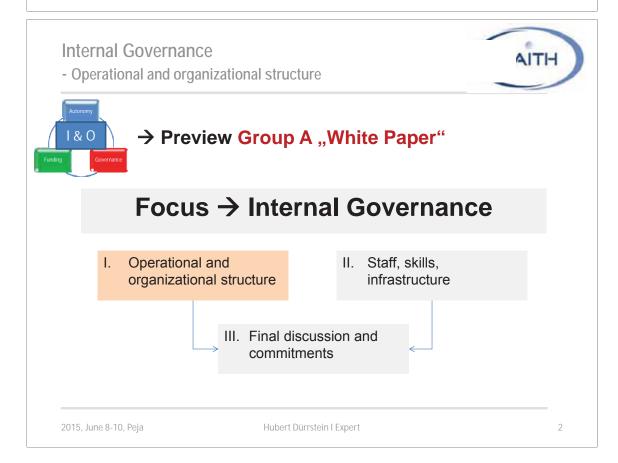
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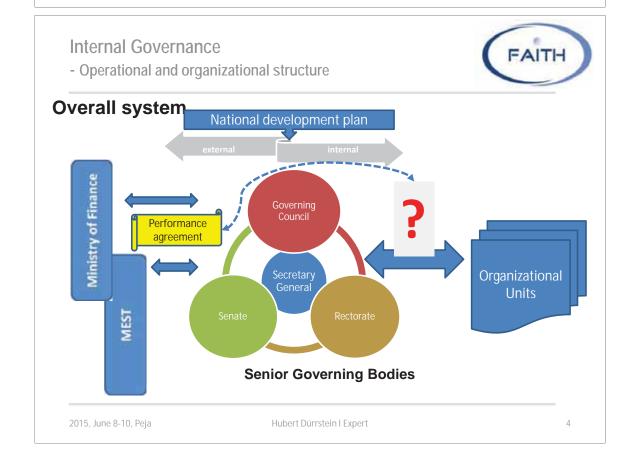


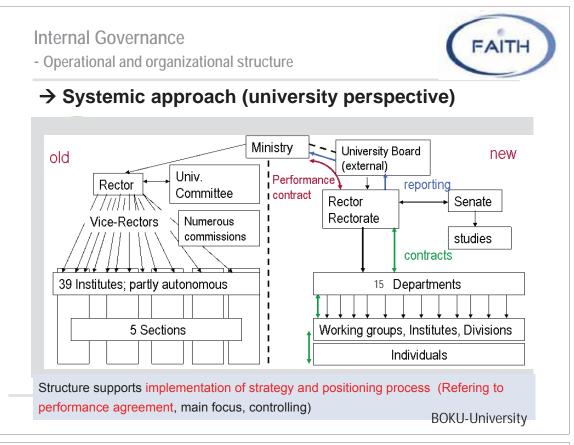
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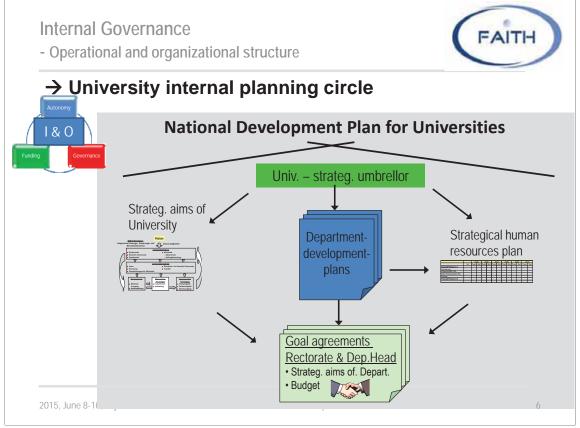
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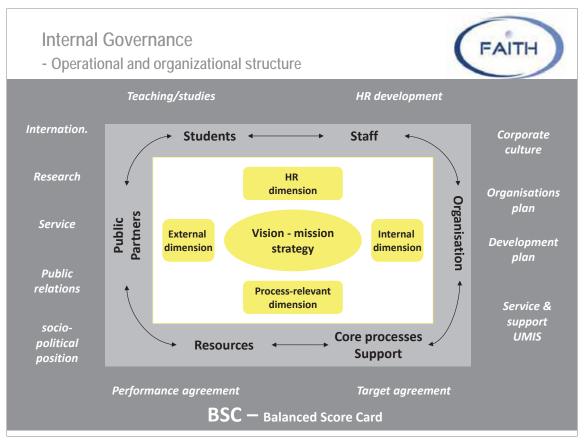
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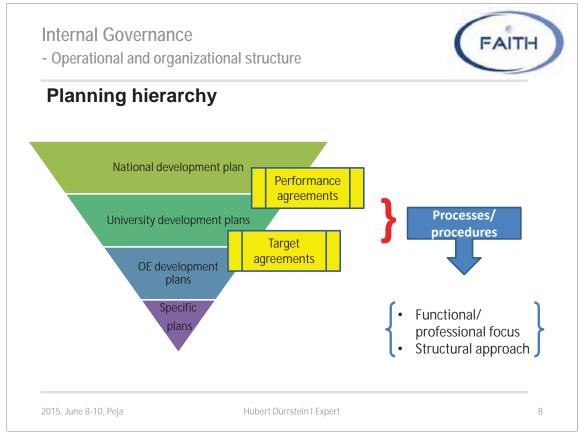
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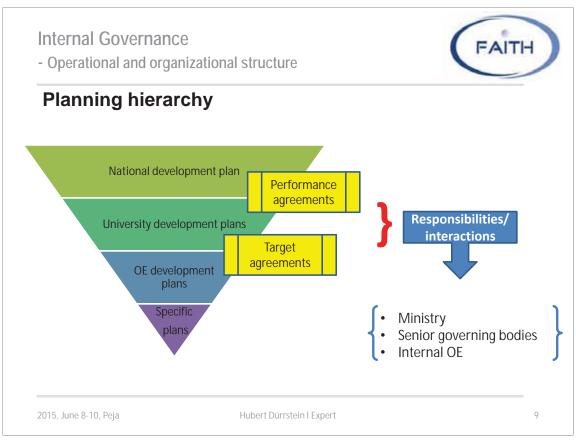


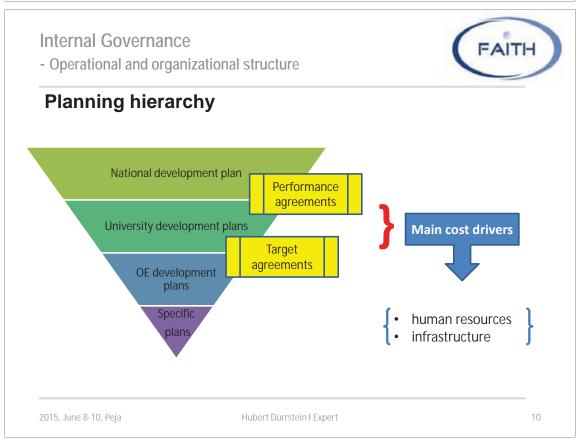


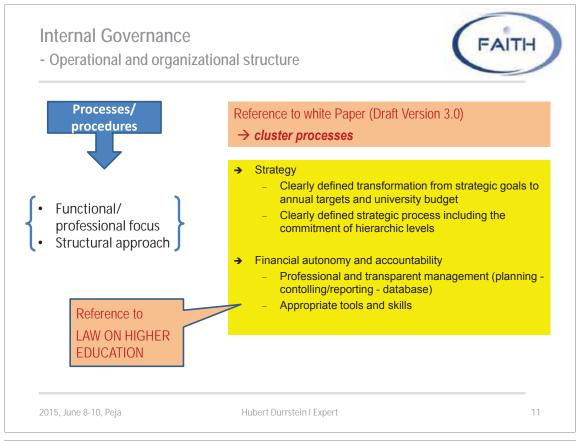


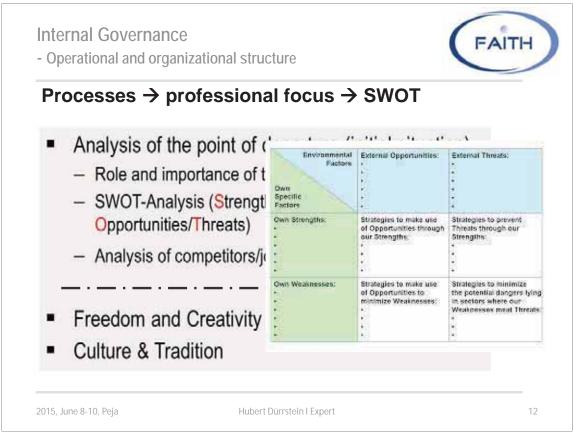








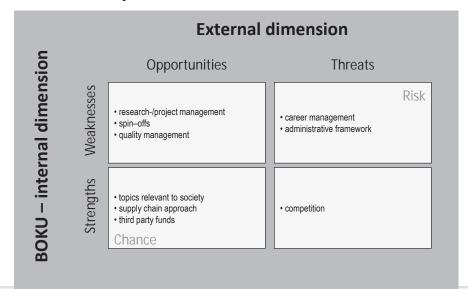




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Processes → professional focus → SWOT



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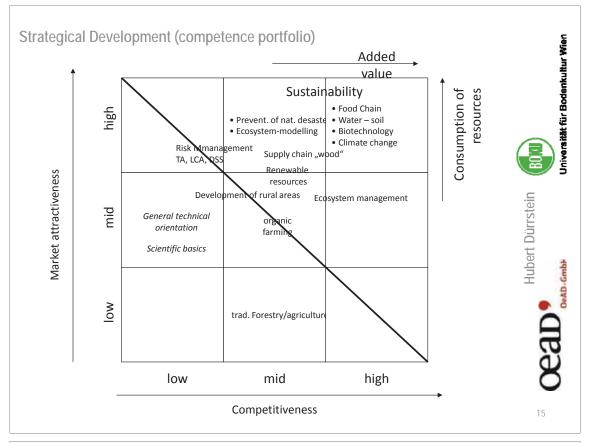


Processes → professional focus → postionning

- Requirement of a scientific profile
 - Universities → mission statement / self conception
 - Definition of the main focus and core competences
- Strategical future–oriented planning
 - Teaching
 - Research
 - Services
- Tools for realization
 - Management systems adapted to the specific issues of universities (including quality management)

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Processes → professional focus → strategic planning

Framework and demands

research

- Taking into consideration the national und international research landscape
- National requirements → Europe of knowledge (Creating knowledge, transferring knowledge, applying knowledge)
- Performance orientation
- European Research Area (Horizon 2020)

Approach → solution

- Identifying and enhancig core competences (→ national framework and institutionals strengths and opportunities (e.g. BOKU-university: risk and safety: prevention of natural hazards, global/climate change, safety of the food chain)
- Strategical cooperation and partnership
- Assessment of the output (goal-/performance agreements, human capital report)
- Utilization / transfer of knowlegde (mix of contract research and basis research; patents)

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Processes → professional focus → strategic planning

Framework and demands

teaching

- Status quo → additional demand
- European/International framework European area of higher education (Erasmus+)
- Mobility of students and teachers (→harmonization)
- "Market of education" competition for students (brain drain)

Approach → solution

- Conformance to national requirements
- International compatible study programs (English, joint degrees, "European Master" → Bologna-process)
- PhD programs (Integration in the Bologna-process)
- Quality management (Benchmarks)
- International activities and cooperation (adapted to national, European and international development and demands)

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Processes → professional focus → strategic planning

services

Framework and demands

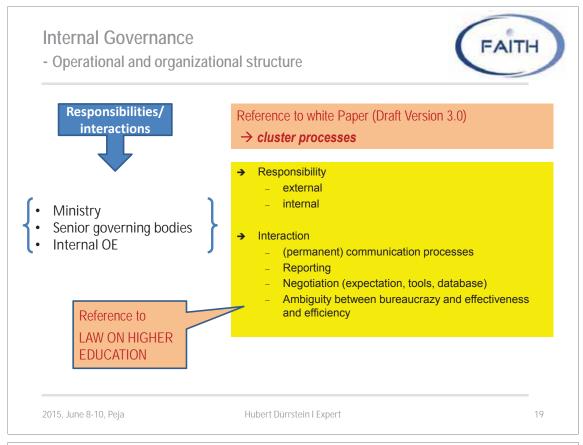
- Europe of knowledge (Creating knowledge, transferring knowledge, applying knowledge)
- Educational/Teaching/Training requirements
- Relevance/contribution of financing

Approach → solution

- Professionalization of services (financial model & management; HR issues; information management)
- Strengthening the continous professional education (combined with the Bologna-Architecture)
- Utilization of knowledge (e.g Spin off activities)

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Legal transition of Austrian Universities (UA 1993 vs UA 2002)

UA 1993 – Restricted legal capacity

- Head of institute responsible for projects (budget, personnel,...)
- Fixed budget, based on negotiations between University
- and Ministry
- Management based on selfgoverning bodies
- Reporting: by the institute directors
- Controlled by the ministry

UA 2002 – Full legal capacity

- University management responsible for the whole budget > subsidiarity
- University budget partly dependent on fulfilling the performance contract
- Management with less participation of all different groups employed
- Reports: Int. Cap. Rep., Performance Report by the rectorate
- Controlled by an "University Board"

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University Act from 2002

Management + internal organisation (§20)

Establishment of organisational units fitting to an appropriate structure concerning

- Research
- Teaching and Learning (Education & Training)
- Administration

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General recommendations

Forward strategy:

- Controlling instruments for a maximum of transparence
- Precise definition of leading and management responsibilities: rectorate, departments, senate, univ.-board,
 - → Corporate strategy is possible

Leverages of changing processes:

- Team work → rectorate and department heads
- Governance including BOKU and the different units and bodies → Synergies and integrated strategies

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Organisational issues – expected added value:

- Structure supports implementation of strategy and positioning process
 (Referring to performance agreement, main focus, controlling)
- Flexibility: gradual implementation (step by step)
- Consistent, coherent and stable processes (accounting, studies)
- Support and promotion of initiatives, innovative ideas and entrepreneurship
- Subsidiarity (dezentralized decision making and responsibility)
- Infrastructural integration (bring together) of department units

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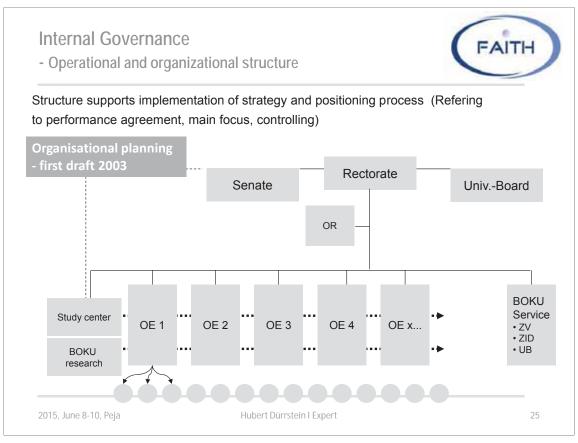


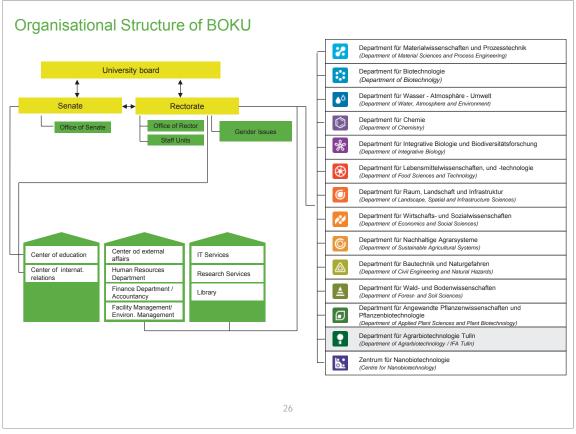
Organisational issues – additional achievements:

- International competitive organisational units (departments)
- Creation of professional nucleus (research platforms, supply chains)
- Competent experts at core positions (e.g. support of administration)
- Humans resources management and realistic career paths
- Universitäty management system (makeable processes for data and info transfer)
- Synergies + transparent, simple processes (service orientation)

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Internal Governance FAITH - Operational and organizational structure Structure supports implementation of strategy and positioning process (Refering to performance agreement, main focus, controlling) University Council (external) → Support and promotion of initiatives, innovative ideas Senate and entrepreneurship Rector 4 Vice-Rectors 18 members Centre for Development Office of the senate Study Dean Gender Research Scientific Initiatives Office of the Rectorate VIBT, CGCS, BCAS Supportive Services Research Support Office Library Personell administration Central informatics services Legal Department Facility Services Controlling Centre for Education Centre for International Departments 2015, June 8-10, Peja Hubert Dürrstein I Expert

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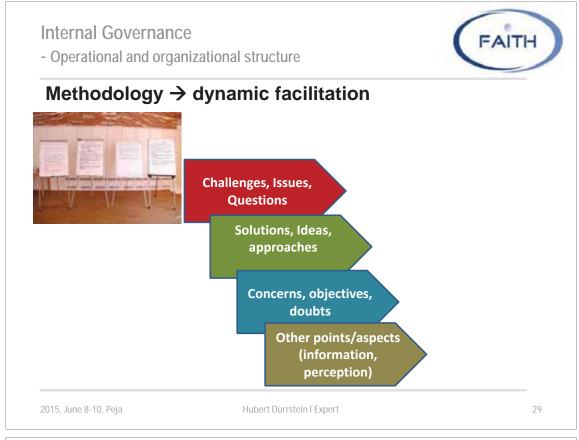


Matrix: Competences - structure

Departments competence fields	Soil and Ecosystem Management	Water – Atmosphere – Environment	Integrated Landscape Management	Technologies of Sustainable and Renewable Resou.	Food, Nutrition, Health	Biotechnology und Nanobio- technology
Economics and Social Sciences	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	Х
Food Sciences and Technology	XX	Х		XX	XXX	XX(X)
Biotechnology	Х	Х		XX	XX(X)	XXX
Center of of Nanobiotechnology	Х	Х		XX	XX	XXX
Chemistry	XX	XX	Х	XX(X)	XX	XX
Apl. Plant Sciences and Plant Biotechnology e	XX(X)	Х	Х	XX	XX	XX(X)
Water, Atmosphere, Environment	XX	XXX	XX	Х	Х	Х
Landscape, Spatial and Infrastructure Scienc.	XX	XX	XXX	Х		
Civil Engineering and Natural Hazards	XX	XX(X)	XX	XXX		
Material Sciences and Process Engineering	XX	Х	Х	XXX	Х	XX
Forest and Soil Sciences	XXX	XX	XX	XX(X)	Х	Х
Integrative Biology & Biodiversity Research	XX(X)	Х	XX	XX	Х	Х
Sustainable Agricultural Systems	XXX	Х	XX	XX(X)	XX	Х
Agrobiotechnology/IFA	XX	Х		XX(X)	XX	XX

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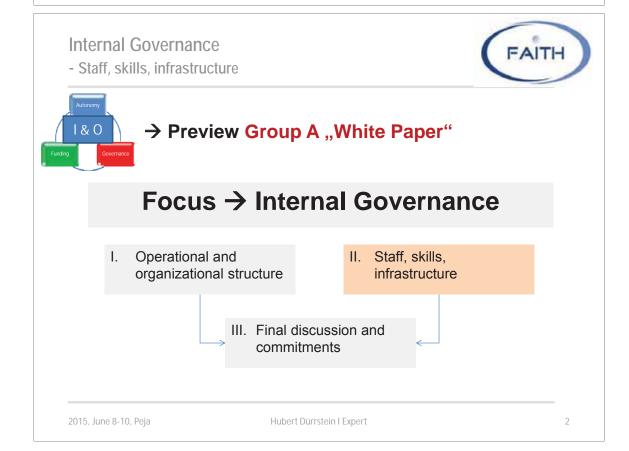
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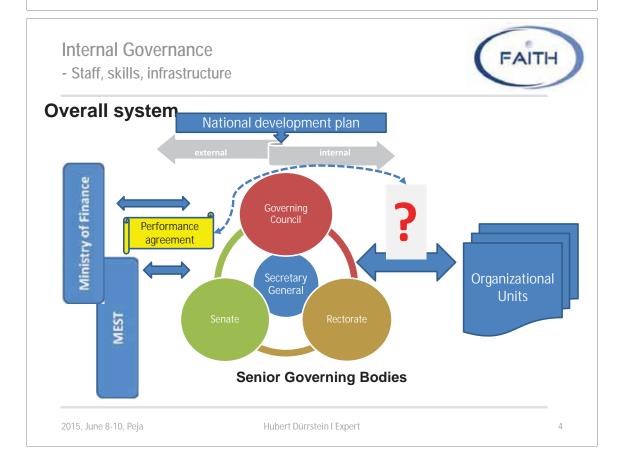


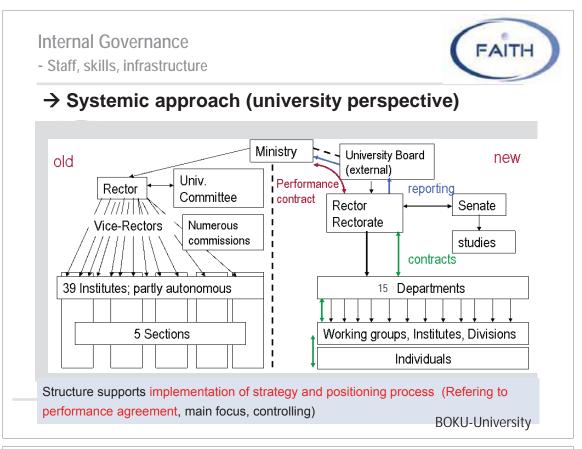
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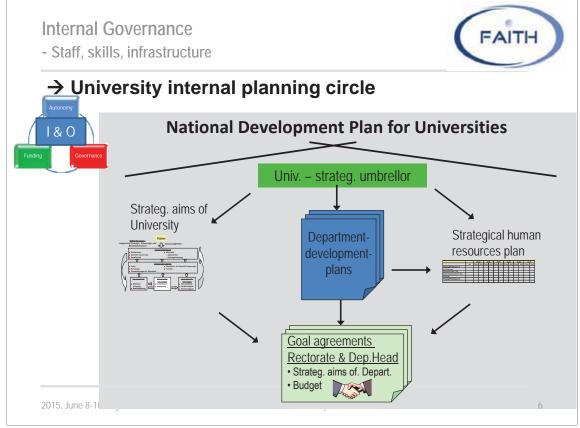
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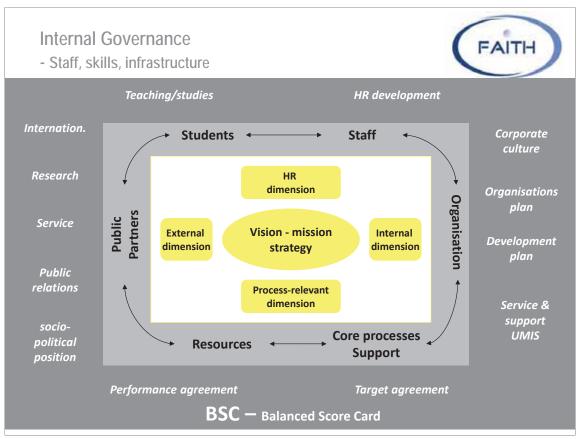
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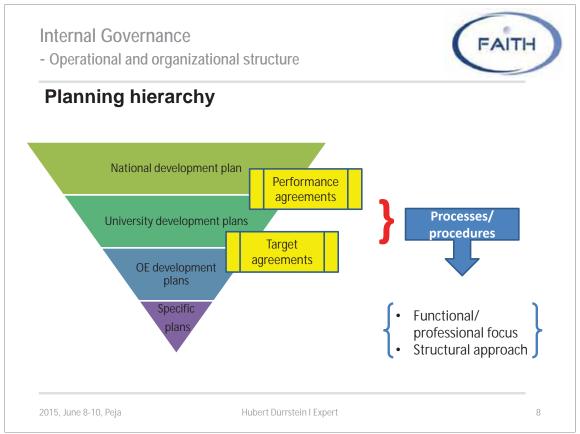
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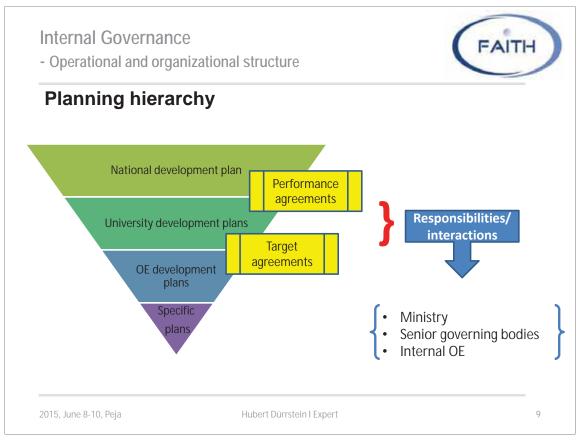


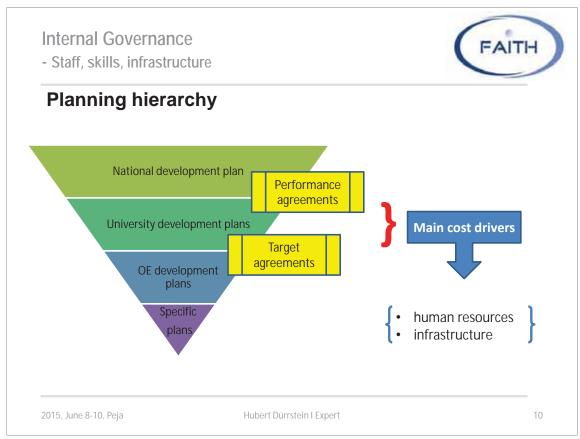


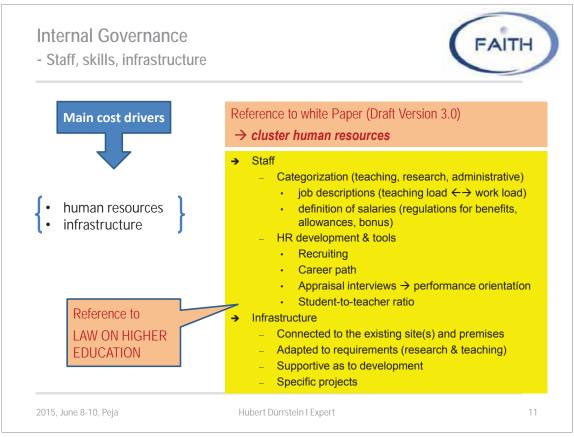


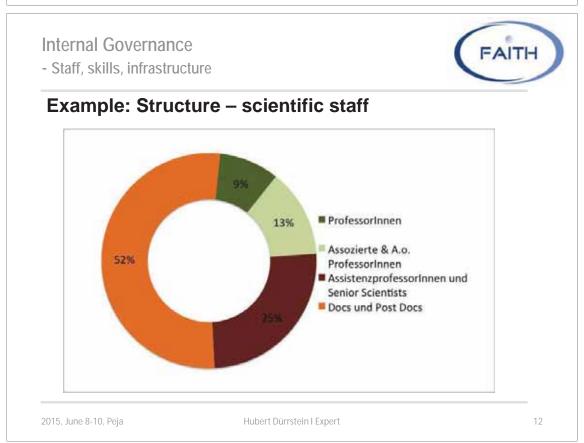


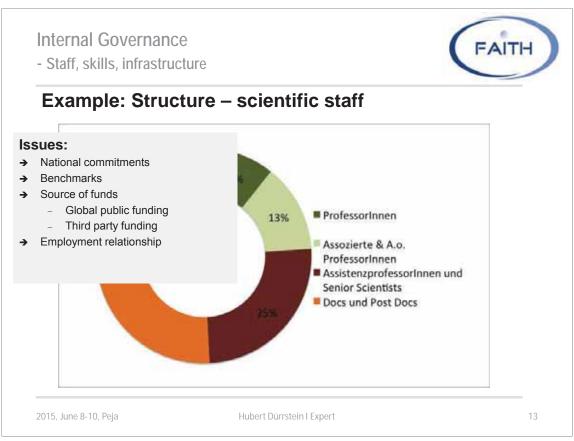


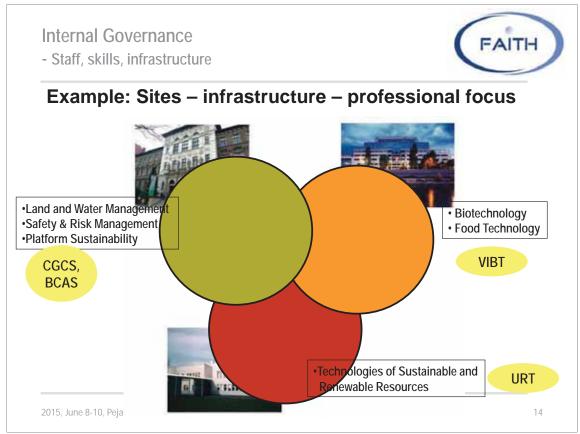


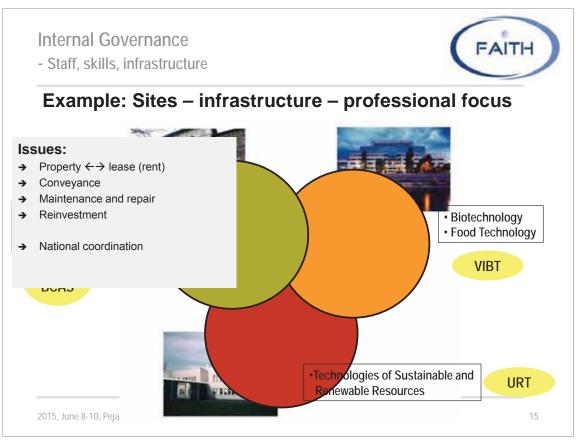


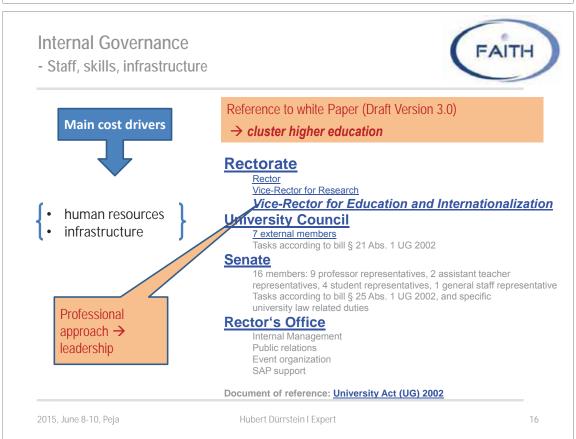












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- Staff, skills, infrastructure



Main cost drivers



- human resources
- infrastructure

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→ cluster higher education

Vice—Rector for education and internationalization Tasks and duties

Education:

- · Organization of our study program
 - · Bachelor program
 - Master program
 - Doctoral program
 - · Additional qualifications
- Information, advice and support for students and lecturers
- Quality assurance in education

Internationalization:

- · Support of student and lecturer mobility
- Internationalization of the study programmes
- Focussing the efforts in terms of content and target geographical regions

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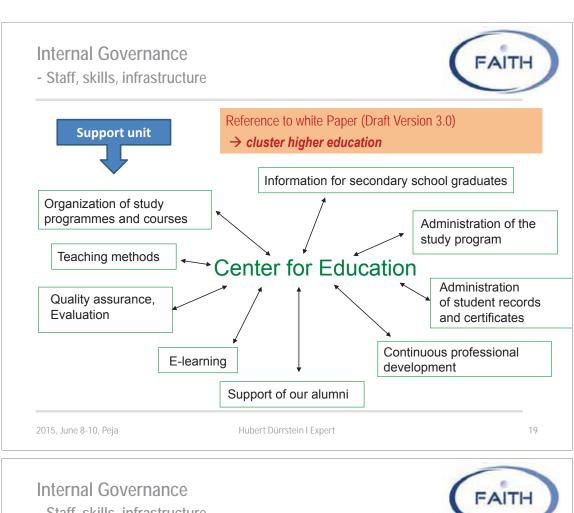
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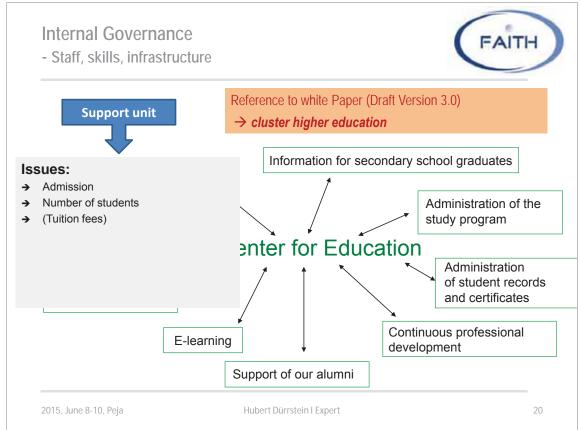
Partners and target groups for education

- · Austrian and foreign secondary school graduates
- Austrian and foreign persons interested in continuing education
- Austrian and foreign students of the BOKU
- · Our staff involved in teaching
- Our graduates (Alumni)
- Persons interested in continuous professional development
- The general public

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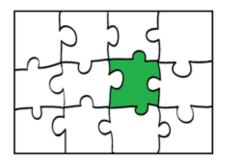
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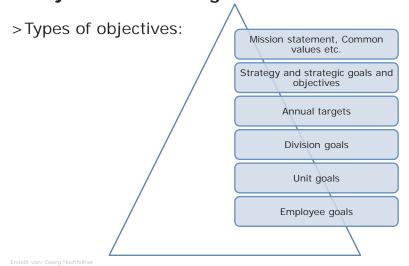
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 - Goals and objectives
 - Employees
 - Processes
- > Processes in Accounting: Examples
- >Workgroup: Process Design



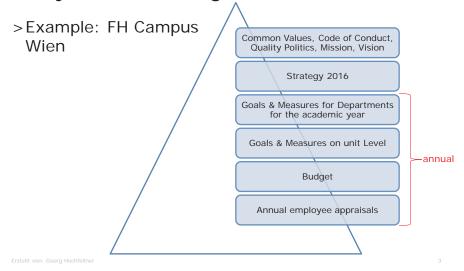


1. Objectives of the organization





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- > General considerations about objectives:
- The popular "SMART" model defines specifications for objectives. Objectives shoul be:

S	Specific
M	measurable
Α	Accepted / Attractive / Achieveable
R	Realistic
Т	Time-bound

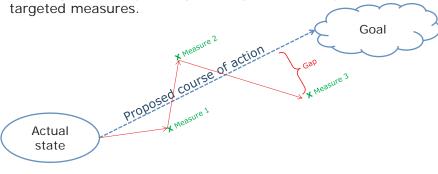
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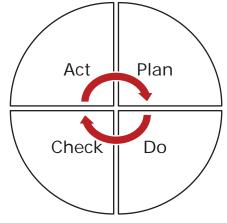
 In the long term there always will be discrepancies between planning and reality. This gap can get reduced by



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1. Objectives of the organization

- > General considerations about objectives :
- Feedback loops are the basis for continual improvement
- PDCA can help to achieve the organizations objectives



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1.1 Common values, mission statement

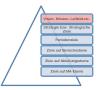


- > Common values:
- Various titles, e.g.: Common values, Corporate culture, Policy, Code of Conduct etc.
- Common values communicate the fundamental attitude of the organization. They help aligning the expectations of management and employees.
- It is difficult to find common values, that are more than the usual phrases. It is even more difficult, to find broad committment for these values in the organization. And it is most difficult to follow the values in daily business.

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1.1 Common values, mission statement



- > Example FH Campus Wien: 7 guidelines, including
- Strategic business areas
- Freedom of academic teaching principle
- Multi-disciplinary university
- Active incorporation
- Respectful interaction
- Diversity
- Health

Example Respectful interaction: By treating all staff and students respectfully and practicing an inclusive management style, we ensure high levels of flexibility and creative flair as well as the ability to realize our aims

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1.1 Common values, mission statement



- A vision a visual representation, how the organization wants to be long time in the future. It should be
 - · Inspiring, clear and challenging
 - · It makes sense for the market
 - · It is a kind of navigational light
 - Vision = Answer to the question: "where are we going?"
- For better understanding Saint-Exupéry: If you want to build a ship, don't herd people together to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea.

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1.1 Common values, mission statement



We consistently implement contemporary European concepts in both educational policy and higher education didactics, with the aim of becoming one of Europe's leading "lifelong learning" universities in the medium to long term.

For this purpose we employ student-centered teaching and learning, while also expanding our programme portfolio, in order to enable a growing number of students and graduates to have high-quality education and training for their entire career.

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1.2 Strategy

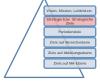
- > Strategy:
- Defines long-term goals (usually 3-5 years)
- It describes the behaviour in order to reach these goals
- It provides orientation marks
- Focuses on effectiveness
- Strategie = Answer to the question: "How?"
- For better understanding Seneca:
 "It doesn't depend on how the wind blows, but on how one sets the sails "

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1.2 Strategie



- > Example: Strategic topics at FH Campus Wien:
- Growth policy
- Institutional core competencies
- Teaching
- Further education
- Research & Development
- Quality
- Internationalization

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1.2 Strategie

- >Strategy: Relevance
- Strategic decisions can be vital for organizations!



"We don't like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out." Decca Recording Co. rejecting the Beatles, 1962

"With over 50 foreign cars already on sale here, the Japanese auto industry isn't likely to carve out a big slice of the U.S. market." Business Week, August 2, 1968.

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1.2 Strategie



- > Strategy development: STEP-analysis
- Popular tool for environmental megatrends

Sociological Change	e.g. demografic change, education, income, lifestyle
Technological Change	e.g. new technologies, new services, breakthrough inventions
Economical Change	e.g. ecomic growth, changes in labour market, new competitors
Political Change	e.g. law changes, change of government, change of political system

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1.2 Strategie

- > Strategy development : SWOT analysis
- Example Step 1:



Internal factors

Strengths:

- e.g. high growth rate

Weaknesses:

 e.g. weak organizational structures

External factors

Opportunities:

- e.g. law changes gave more autonomy for decisions

Threats:

- e.g. Quality level of study programs can not be held because of increasing numbers of students

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1.2 Strategie



>Strategy development: SWOT analysis step 2

External factors Internal factors	Opportunities: - e.g. law changes gave more autonomy for decisions	Threats: - e.g. Quality level of study programs can not be held because of increasing numbers of students
Strengths: - e.g. high growth rate	S-O: Matching-Strategies - Use autonomy to create new study programs. The high growth rate provides high student numbers for innovative programs	S-T: Neutralize thread - Conduct assessment for prospective students to find the most talented students and limit the student numbers
Weaknesses: - e.g. weak organizational structures	W-O: Eliminate weakness - Use autonomy to establish better organizational structures	W-T: Defensive strategies - Increase efficiency of administration and allocate the gained resources in teaching

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1.2 Strategy

> Strategy development process: Example FH Campus Wien

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University management: Review of vision & mission

Heads of departments: Discussion of review

Quality management: summarize

Univ. Mgmt.: Define new vision & mission, environment analysis, draft strat. guidelines

University management: Present results in Management Conference

Departments: SWOT Analysis, Draft strategic objectives

Quality management: Summarize

University management: Align department objectives, define Strategy

University management: Present results in Management Conference



1.2 Strategy

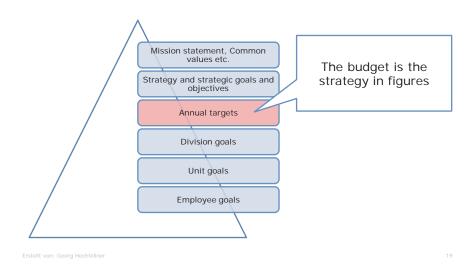
>Annual strategy update: Example FH Campus Wien

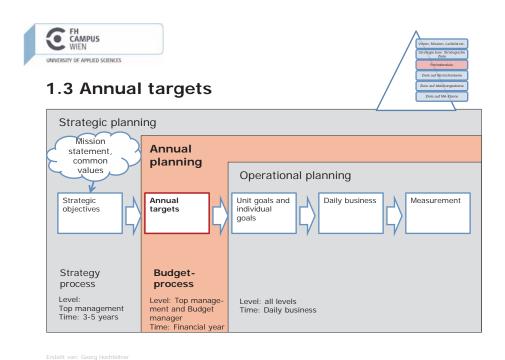
What?	Who?	Aug	Sep	Okt	Nov	Dez	Jän	Feb	Mär
Update of strategy									
Input: Environment Analysis	Expert	Presentation in Academic							
Preperation of the Budgeting	CFO	Meeting of University Management							
Management Review	QM, University	Academic Session							
Status of Strategic Measures	Management								
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Presentation of strategic objectives and measures	Heads of Dep	Management Confere			nce				

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1.3 Annual targets







2. Employees in the organization

- > Definition and documentation of the organizational structure
- Usual Documents: Organigram, job descriptions, contracts of employment
- The organizational structure should be clearly and comprehensible for outside parties
- The design of hierarchical structures requires carefulness, farsightedness and diplomatic skills

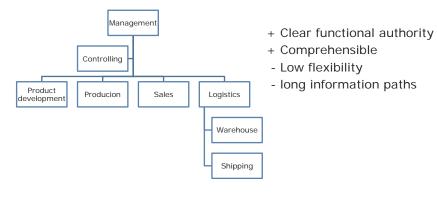
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2.1 Organigram

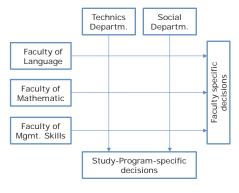
- > Common styles of organizations
- Line- and staff-organization





2.1 Organigram

- Matrix organization



- + synergies througt sharing of knowledge
- multiple supervisors, high need for coodination
- High complexity

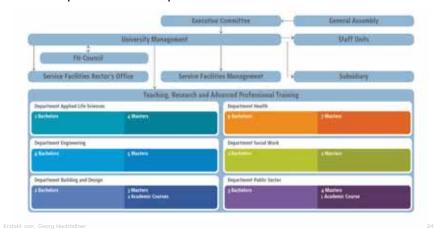
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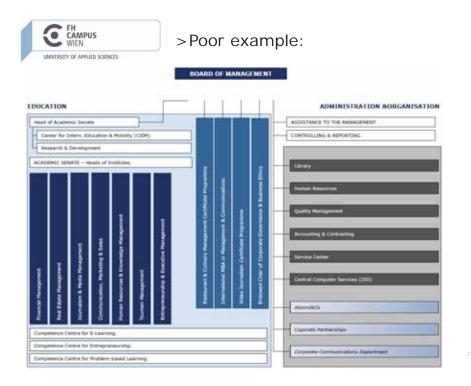
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2.1 Organigram

> Example: FH Campus Wien







2.1 Organigram

> Example: FH Salzburg





2.2 Job description

- Usual content:
 - Personal data, enterprise data*
 - Job title*
 - Salary classification
 - Supervisor and assigned unit*
 - In case: Authorities
 - In case: Substitute arrangement
 - · Short description
 - Exact description of the assignments*
 - · Permissions, duties, responsibilities and competences*
 - Date of issue, next update, signatures*

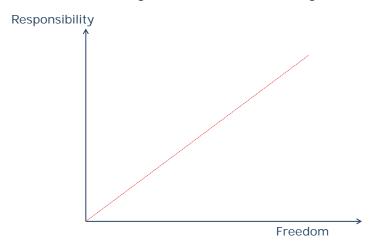
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2.3 Autonomy and accountability

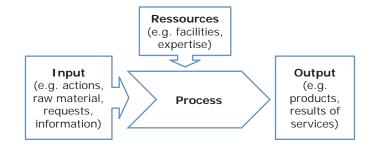


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3. Processes

> Definition according to EN ISO 9000: 2005: "set of interrelated or interacting activities which transforms inputs into outputs "

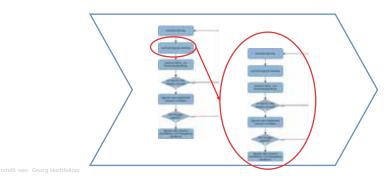


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3. Processes

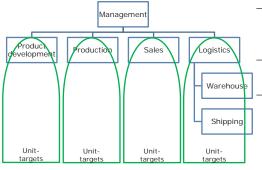
- Clear set of outputs, clear targets
- Unbroken organizational interfaces
- Defined internal or external customers
- Appropriate detail level





3.1 Why processes?

> Potential drawbacks of an exclusively functionorientated organization

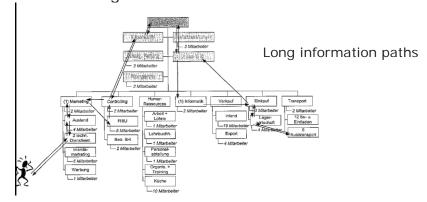


- Each unit focuses exclusively on the own targets
- Competitice pressure between units
- Poor cooperation



3.1 Why processes?

> Potential drawbacks of an exclusively functionorientated organization

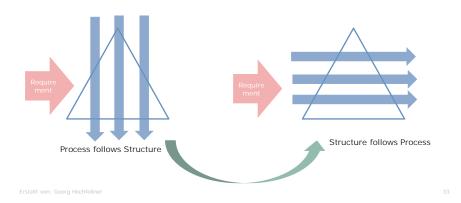


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3.1 Why processes?

>90°-Shift





3.2 Roles in process management

> Process owner

> Process team member

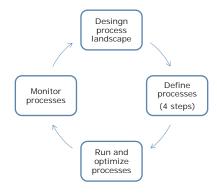
>Optional: Processmanager >Optional: Internal auditor

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3.3 Implementation of processes

> Good practice: 4-steps-method



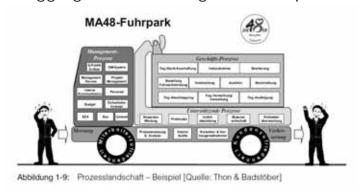
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3.3.1 Design process landscape

> The process landscape is the highest level of aggregation of the organizations processes

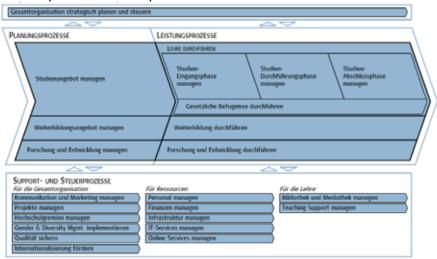


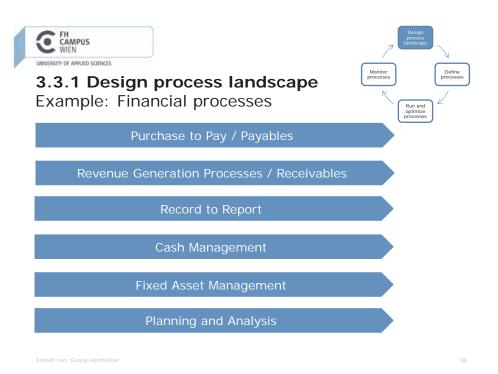
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3.3.1 Design process landscape

Example: FH Campus Wien



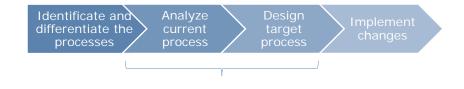




3.3.2 Define processes



> The processes can be defined in four steps:



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3.3.2 Define processes



- >The process landscape is the foundation for the following steps.
- > First for each process the process owners and process teams get named and their roles defined
- >In a succession of structured meetings the four steps get accomplished in each process team

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3.3.2 Define processes - step 1



- >Step 1: Identificate and differentiate the processes
- Process name
- Process purpose
- Input, Output, first step, last step
- Organizational interfaces and interactions
- Necessary resources
- Success factors
- Internal and external customers/stakeholders and their expectations



3.3.2 Define processes – step 2



- Present your process in a flowchart
- Usual symbols:



Result; first step; last step



Process step/activity



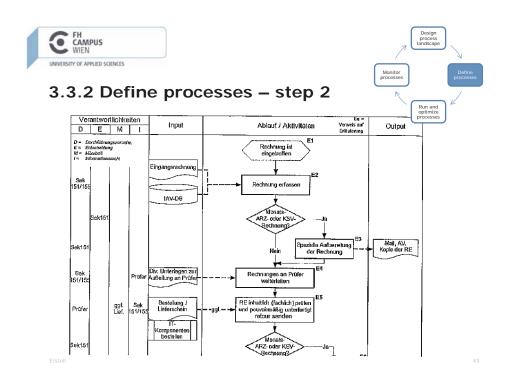
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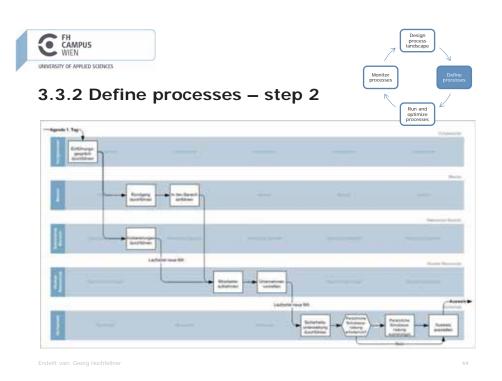


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Data storage







3.3.2 Define processes – step 3

Design process landscape Monitor processes Run and optimize processes

>Step 3: Design target process

- Tools for process improvement:
 - · Identify moments of truth
 - · Socratic method (cautious use!)
 - W-questions (who, what, how, when, where)
 - Interface analysis (who hands what how to whom; responsibilities; consequences and risks)
 - · Improvement portfolio

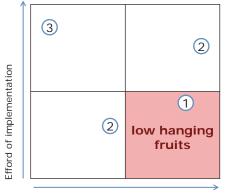
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3.3.2 Define processes - step 3





Improvement portfolio

Importance for the process

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3.3.2 Define processes - step 3

- Design process landscape

 Monitor processes

 Run and optimize processes
- > Schritt 3: Design target process
- Define process targets; align with strategic objectives
- Define perfomance indicators, target values and method of measurement
- Define reporting
- Complete and round off process description (final wording, format, flowchart graphics etc.)
- Create additional necessary documents (e.g. budgeting template etc.)
- Initiate approval by top management

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3.3.2 Define processes – step 3



- Define perfomance indicators:
 - 5 principles of a good indicator
 - The indicator is necessary ("who would care, if the indicator didn´t exist?")
 - It is plausible (understandable for the employees)
 - It has adequate accuracy
 - · It is known in time
 - · It is economical accessible
- Example:

Nr	Process target	Indicator	Target value	Method of measurem ent	Measuring rate	Responsibi lity
1	Debt defaults are minimized	Debt defaults in % of revenue	<3%	Automatic report in accounting software	Quarterly	CFO

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3.3.2 Define processes - step 4

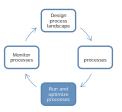
- >Step 4: Implement changes
- Purchase equipment, hardware, software
- Train the employees
- Communicate and start new process



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3.3.3 Run and optimize processes



- >Run new process
- > Pay special attention in the first months until the changes "refreezed"
- > "Quick" feedback loop: Process owner observes the process performance, and reacts immediately if there is a divergence

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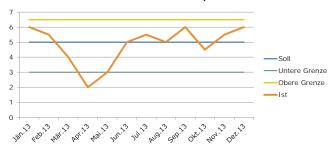


3.3.4 Monitor processes

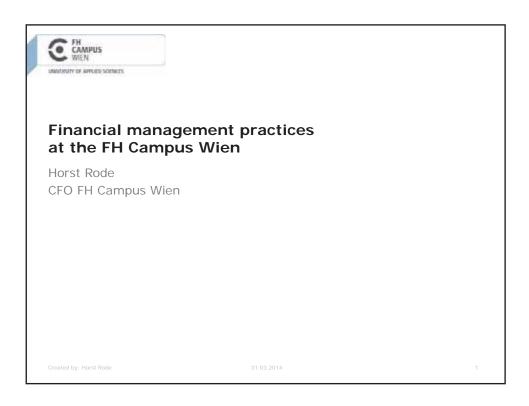
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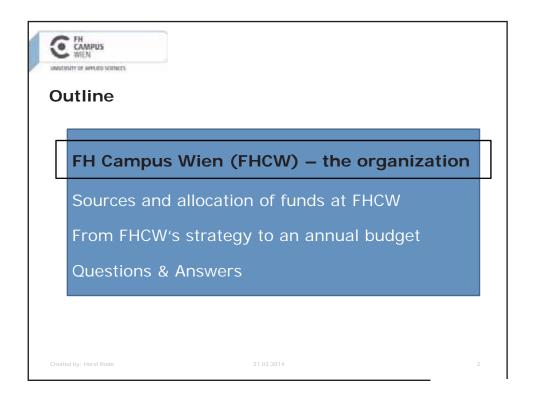
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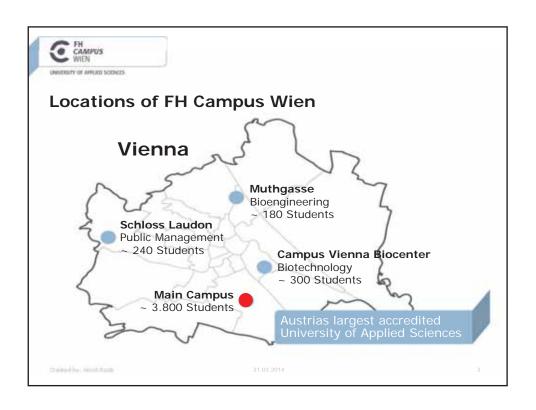
 Run and optimize processes
- > "Slow" feedback loop: Reporting of the process performance over a longer period
- > Display of the indicators as trend and
- > Deduce measures for improvement

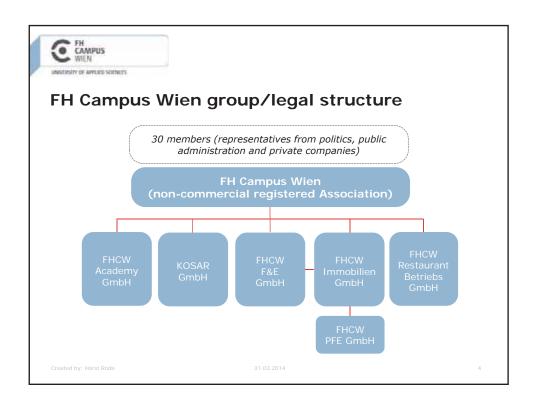


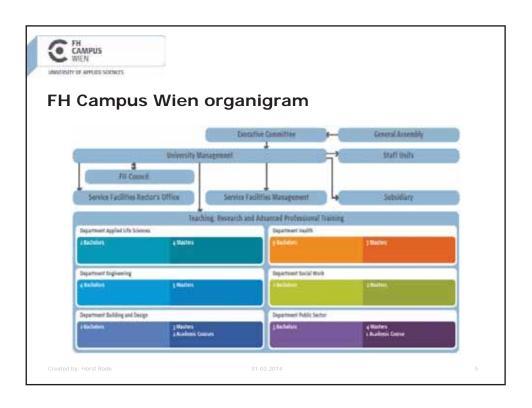
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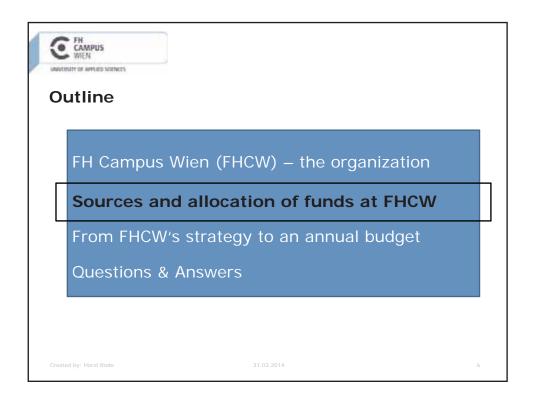


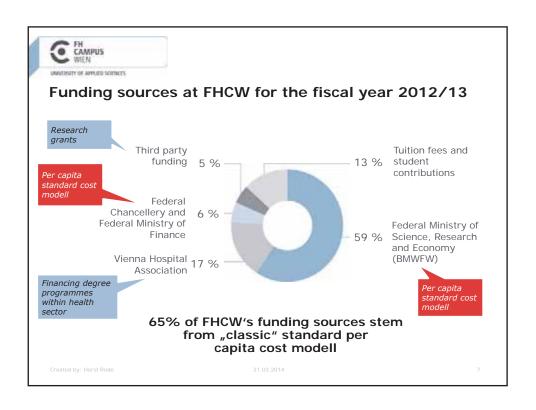


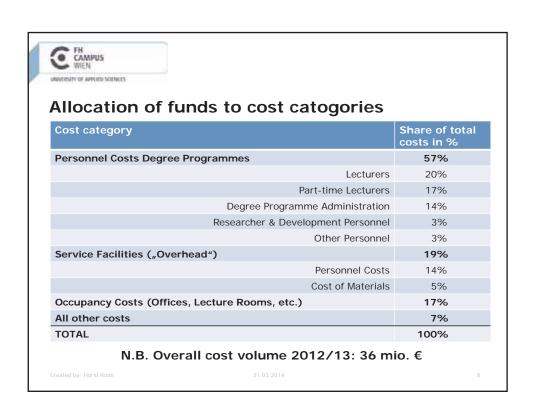


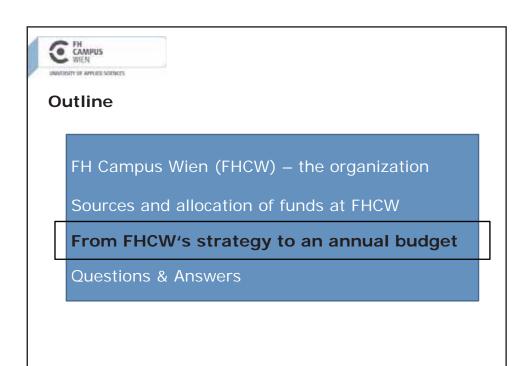














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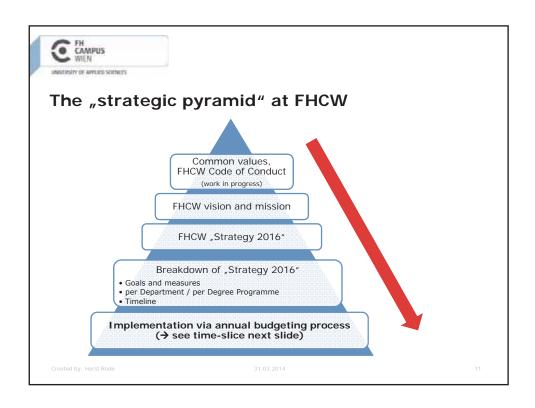
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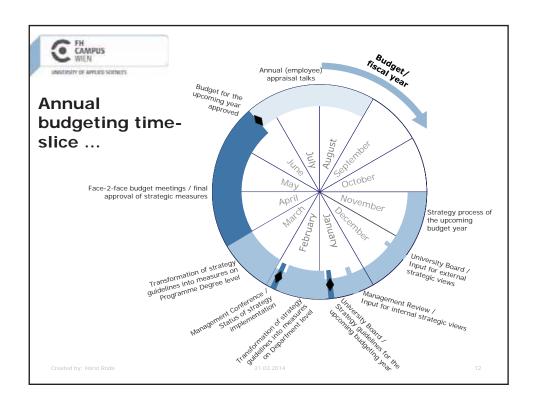
Accounting & Controlling: 6,4 FTE
Strategic Controlling: 0,5 FTE
Project Controlling incl. 3rd party funding: 0,5 FTE

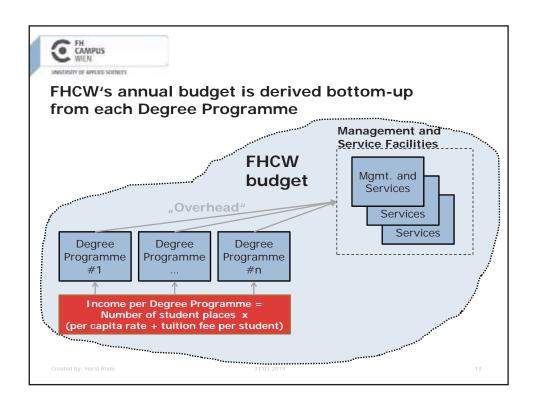
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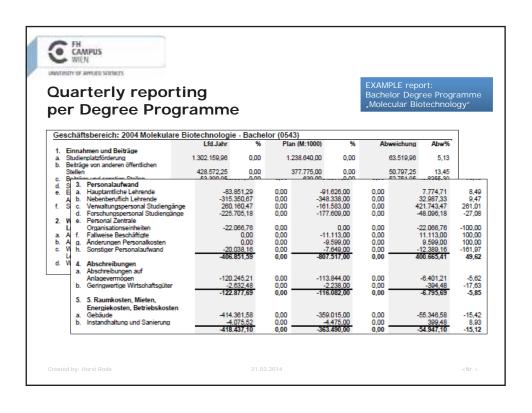
- > ERP*-system for Accounting, Cost Accounting, Salary Accounting (supplier: BMD, an Austrian-based supplier for standard software)
- > Server-based and web-based IT-tool for budgeting and reporting (supplier: PREVERO, Germany)
- $\mbox{\ensuremath{^{\star}}}$ Enterprise Resource Planning business management software, usually a suite of integrated applications

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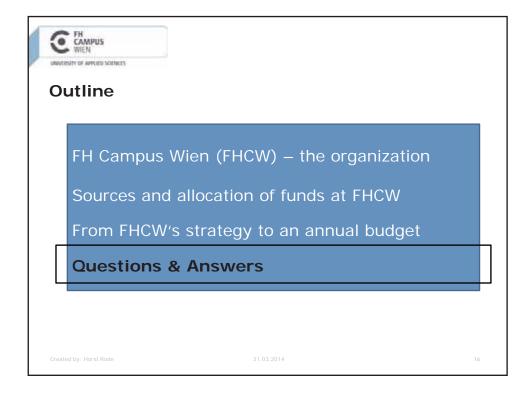


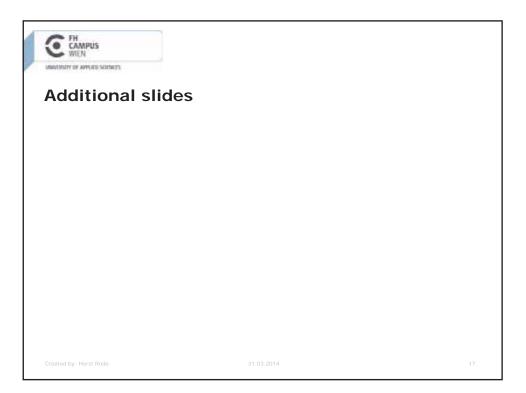
Our mission: Shaping the future through education

Key words:

- > according to international standards
- > entrepreneurially managed university
- > institutional independence
- > through strategic partnerships
- > focus is on applied research and development
- integration into national and international networks

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THE INTERNAL CONTROL UNIVERSITY OF ALICANTE

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WHY INTERNAL CONTROL?

- A set of control and monitoring activities are necessary in any type of organisation, whether they are public or private, as it optimizes the management of resources and allows to implement an effective decision making process. This is crucial when it comes to the public sector.
- During the last years the public sector has lost credibility on how they manage the resources.
- It is essential to implement good control measures that are based on principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.





I. INTERNAL CONTROL AT SPANISH PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES





SOME FACTS AND DATA

- A Public University in Spain is an entity that falls under the scope of public administrations.
- A first level analysis revealed that each public university manages the economic resources differently.

What is causing this?

Why this behaviour can be only seen in universities and not in other public administrations?





LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Spanish Legal Framework for Public Universities:

At a NATIONAL level:

Spanish Constitution, 1978 Organic Law 6/2001, December Organic Law 4/2007, April

At a REGIONAL Level

Social Councils Laws





LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Based in our legal framework, to address an internal audit process should not be a complex process.

However, if we analyze the legal framework, and we discuss the rules that have been set up on this legal basis, we can conclude that it is very difficult to establish a common audit process for all public universities.

What are the causes that hinders the development of a standardized audit process?



FAITH



DIFFICULTIES TO DESIGN A STANDARDIZED AUDIT PROCESS

1) THE UNIVERSITY AUTONOMY (Spanish Constitution 27.10): freedom for research, teaching and learning.

<u>Limitations to the autonomy of universities:</u>

- To coordinate the national university system through legal bodies established by the Spanish Constitution
- The university delivers a public service
- Exclusive competences of the State / Autonomous Communities

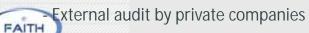
Although common legislation is applied to all public universities, each university has autonomy on implementing different developments. Therefore, it is very difficult to align all public universities under the same pattern.



More difficulties ...

2) CAPACITY FOR SELF-REGULATION

- •Following the "university autonomy" each university can develop their own rules for all aspects of management (if they are not in contradiction with superior rules)
- •Statutes that legally defines its operation
 - ♦ Collect the regulation of the economic and financial system
 - ♦ Control systems of expenditure and revenue several possibilities:
 - Previous audit
 - The Autonomous Community provisions
 - Controls through internal audits



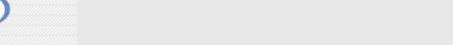


PRINCIPLES OF INTERNAL CONTROL IN SPANISH PUBLIC UNIVERSITY

Internal control of universities has evolved from a previous test conducted by Ministry of Finance, to a control in which preventive actions coexist with subsequent control.

Thus, it is clear that the internal control should be oriented in two directions:

- Enhance permanent financial control and public audit as essential tools for improving the functioning of public services
- Promote a culture of internal control as a basic element for the quality and excellence



FAITH

PRINCIPLES OF INTERNAL CONTROL IN SPANISH PUBLIC UNIVERSITY

If you look at the rules for economic and financial control that are established by the university statutes, you will see that there is indeed a trend towards retrospective control linked to the need of promoting an internal culture towards economic and financial control.

The importance of internal control is not only justified by legal or statutory principles, but also by the willingness of universities to show **transparency in all its actions to society.**





II. The Budget Control Office at the University of Alicante





ESTABLISHMENT OF UA OFFICE

- It was set up on January 1st, 2011.
- Staff Members: 2
- Rules approved by the Governing Council
- The regulatory framework for the internal control function at the University of Alicante is determined by LOU Article 82 that states:

"All Autonomous Communities establishes rules and procedures for the development and implementation of the budget at the university, and also develops appropriate audit technics to control income, expenses and investments, all this under the supervision of the Social Councils."





ESTABLISHMENT OF UA OFFICE

- Meanwhile, the Statute of the UA states that:
 - ♦ The University will ensure internal control of the income and expenses by creating a Budget Control Office
 - → This office will be an administrative unit that <u>will function preferably</u> <u>with audit techniques</u>, and will be controlled by the Rector, who will report to the Social Council every year





FUNCTIONS

- The Budget Control Office of the University of Alicante **designs and develops an annual Action Plan** with the purpose of establishing a framework for internal control of the economic and financial management at the University of Alicante.
- The main objective is to ensure that the performance is in line with the legal system and follows the principles of sound financial management.
- This internal control is done through financial monitoring and also by post audits.





FUNCTIONS

FAITH

- 1. Intervening Function or legality
- Has an internal and preventive perspective and pursues to ensure the fulfilment of budgetary discipline and a good management of the income, expenses and use of public funds.
- The Rector is empowered to regulate the formal and material aspects of the expenditure process
- In case the internal control body reports discrepancies on a revised record, they shall wait until the Rector resolves this discrepancy.



FUNCTIONS

1. Intervening Function or legality

- Subject to do pre-audits:
 - ♦ Works contracts, supply contracts, service contracts, other contracts
- The audit function is exercised in its two modalities:
 - → Formal Intervention: <u>verifying compliance with the legal requirements</u>
 <u>for the adoption of the agreement</u> by examining the mandatory
 documentation
 - ♦ Intervention materials: determining the effective use of the funds





FUNCTIONS

- 2. Financial Control or a posteriori.
- To verify to what extent a specific economic and financial management has been made following the principles of sound financial management,
- To use technical audits or other control techniques.
- To verify the compliance of all legal aspects attached to the specific and financial management





FUNCTIONS

- 2. Post Financial Control.
- After:
 - ♦ To check the reliability of financial reporting
 - → To evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency in achieving the objectives
- It is done with statistical sampling on the following types of expenditure:
 - ♦ Administrative contracts (works, services, supplies and administrative special)
 - ♦ Expenditures processed through the Central Bank Account
 - → Expenditure records processed over 3 000 EUR

 FAITH



OTHER ACTIONS OF THE BUDGET CONTROL OFFICE

- Control of external funds received from public funds (works, supplies, services)
- Physical inspection of the materials/equipment acquired through each Cost Center
- Checking scientific equipment and the rest of the ERDF funded inventory material
- Development of a Guide Preview Control
- Annual report of the Office activities





OTHER ACTIONS OF THE BUDGET CONTROL OFFICE

The Annual Report must include:

- •External Audit Reports (Generalitat Valenciana, Ministries', European Commission European...)
- •Recommendations made by external auditors
- •Internal Audit Reports





III. CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS LEARNED





CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS LEARNED

The internal control in public universities must rely on financial control (prospective and retrospectively) and on a cultural change of the university staff on internal control

To put in place high quality management and good mechanisms that will allow to:

- To strength public financial auditing and continuous control.
- To enhance the role of economic and financial advice of the internal control bodies.





CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS LEARNED

- Ensure the maintenance of specialized training through continuous education that fosters the exchange of experience with audit committees and internal control offices of other institutions.
- To improve the control culture.
- To increase and improve human resources as well as material resources for a good internal control.
- To regulate the functions, procedures and consequences of the internal control office activities





CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS LEARNED

- Support the implementation of audits in the European Higher Education Area.
- Adoption of annual work plans.
- Ensure the credibility of the internal control bodies, by tracking the recommendations and ensuring accountability (especially when facing bad practices)
- To create Audit Committees as a mechanism to ensure an effective internal control.



CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS LEARNED

- The need of an ethical infrastructure: set of tools, systems, conditions for exercising control over the ethical performance of all university members.
- Analytical accountability: is a basic tool for any decision making process at the university (university management & knowledge of accurate costs)
- Implement good tools that will allow to calculate the different costs: this will allow the implementation of indicators that measures the university management and the strategic control of the university management.



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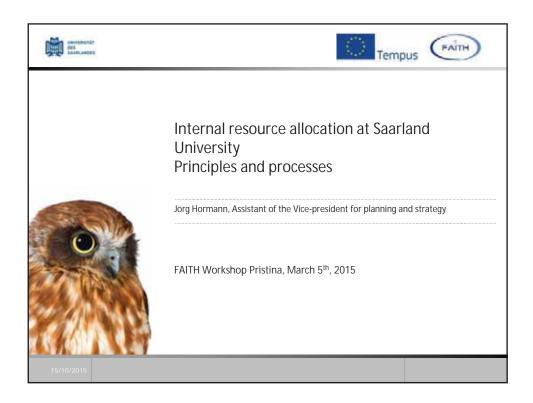
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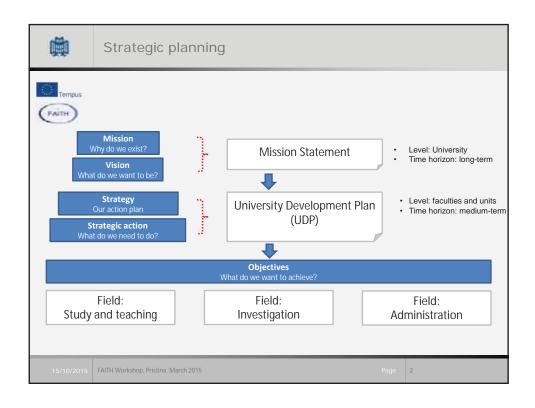
- Finally, we should highlight the key points to keep an office of internal control to be effective and operational:
 - ♦ Absolute independence
 - ♦ Stability
 - ♦ Adequate means and tools
 - ♦ Continuous training
 - ♦ Institutional Support

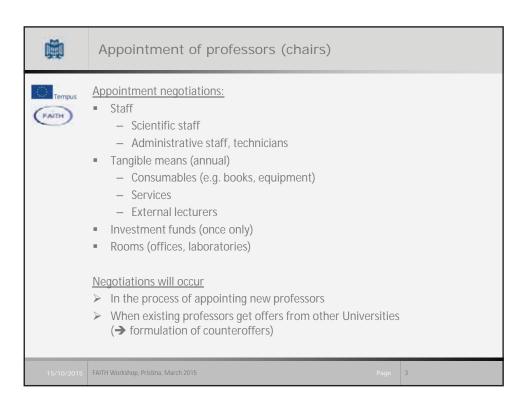


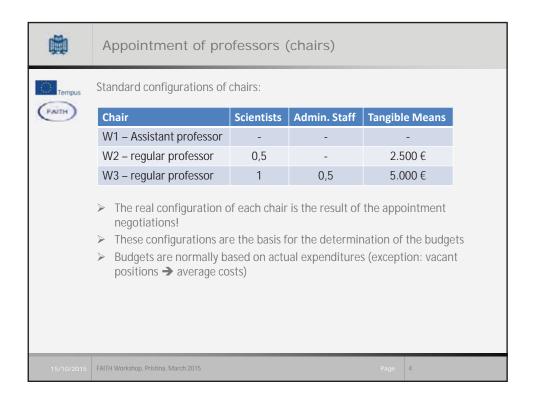


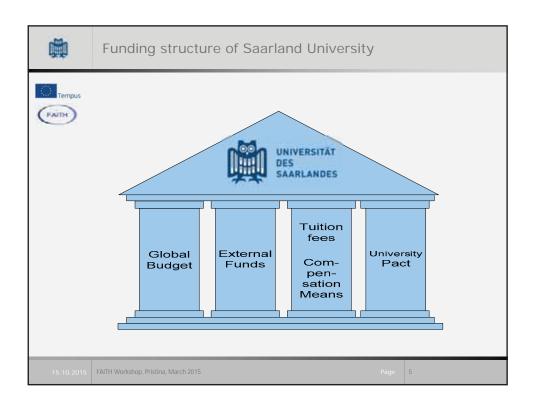
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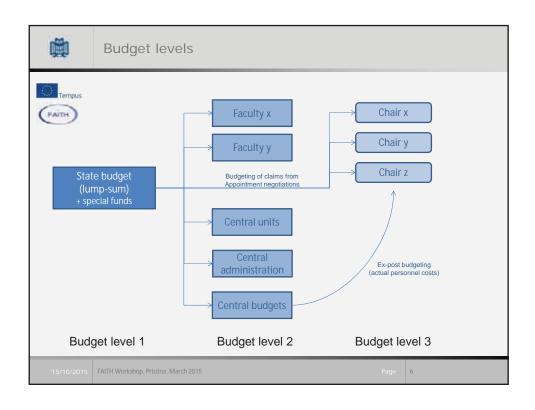


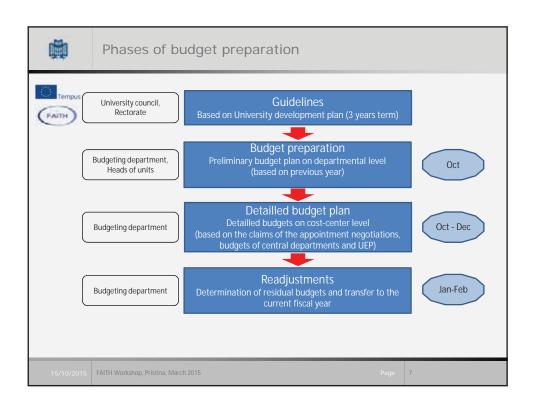


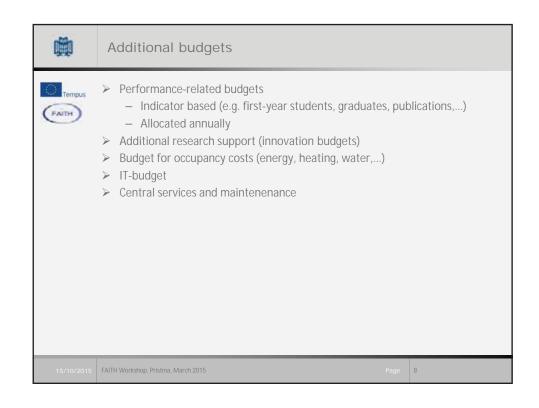


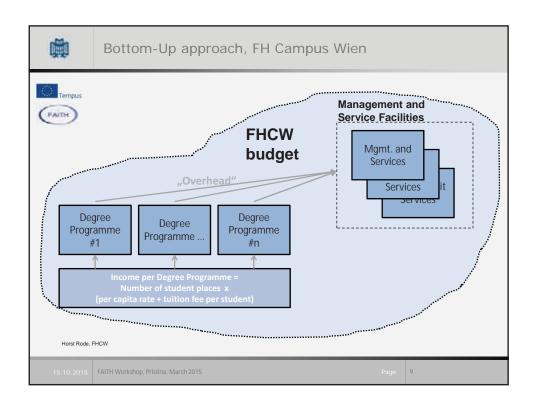


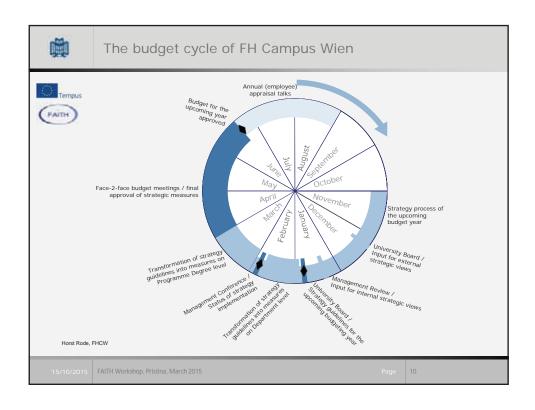


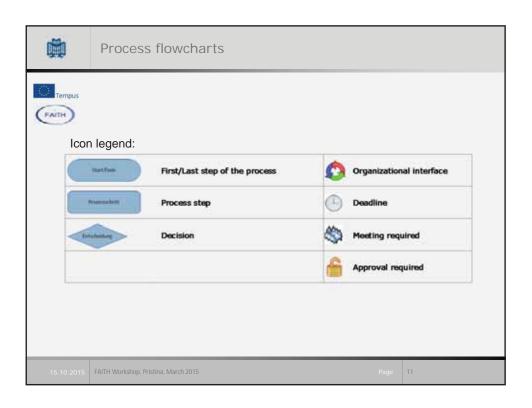


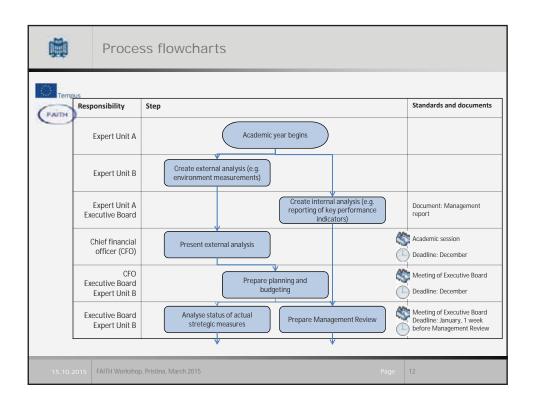


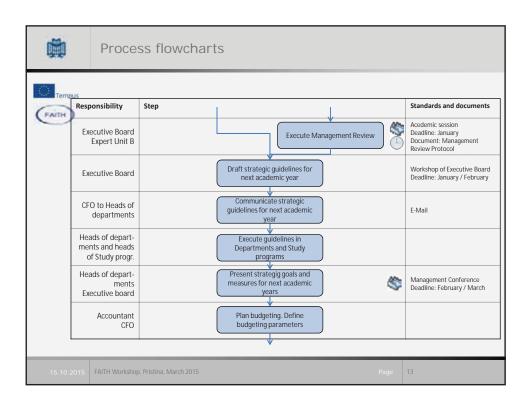


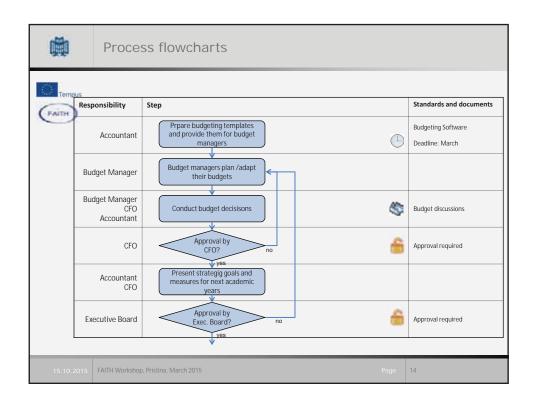


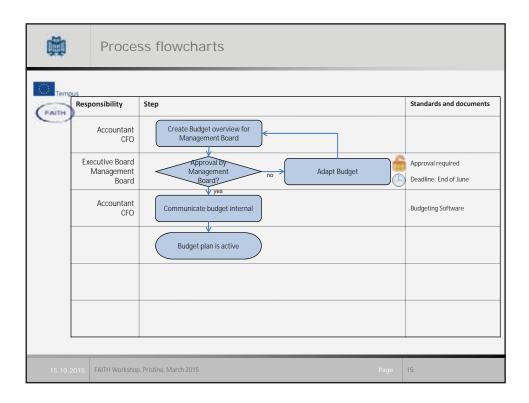


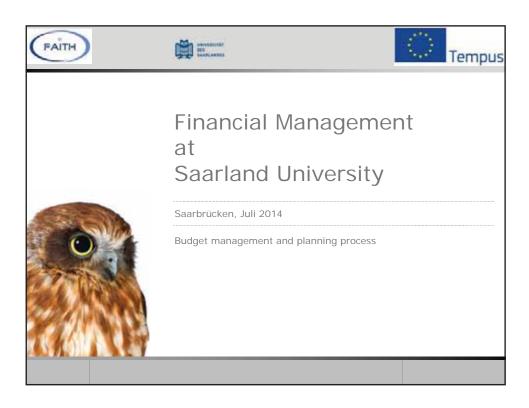


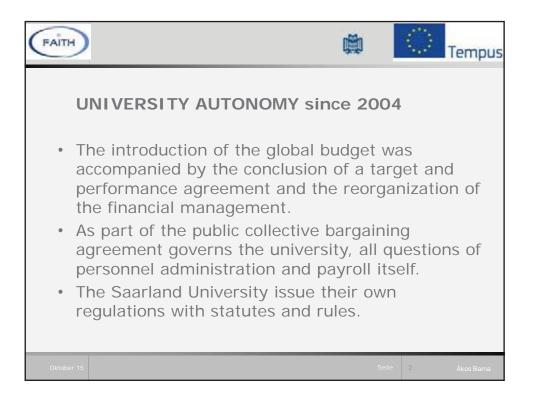
















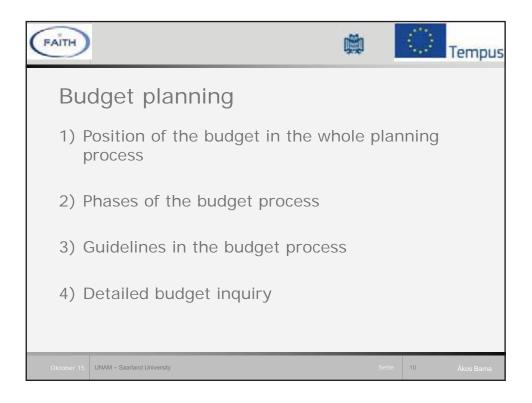


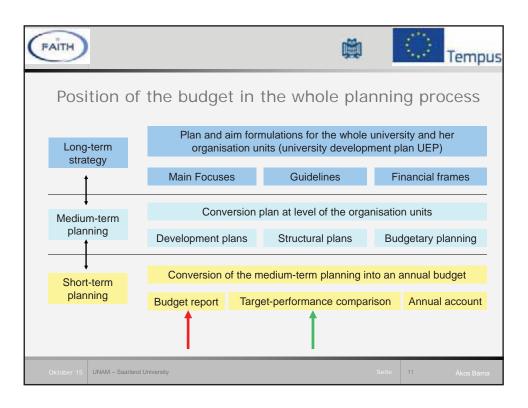




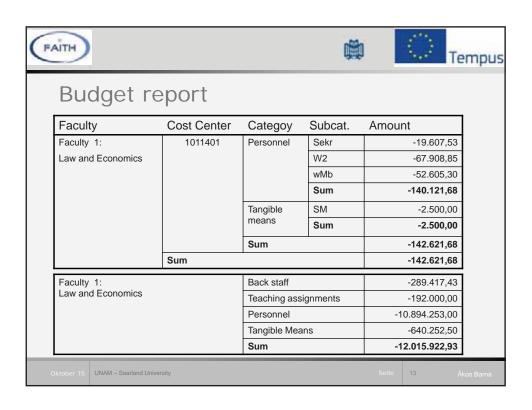


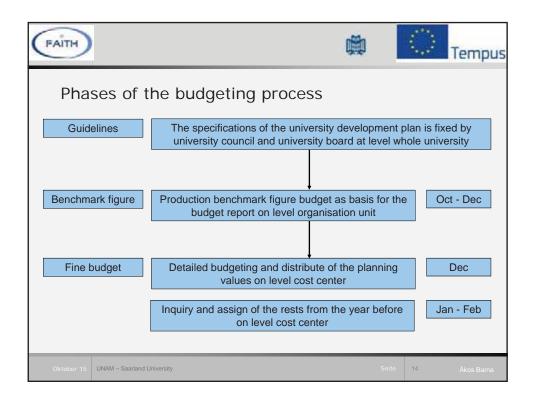


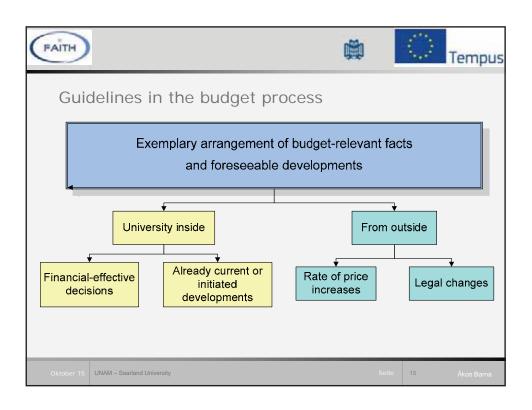






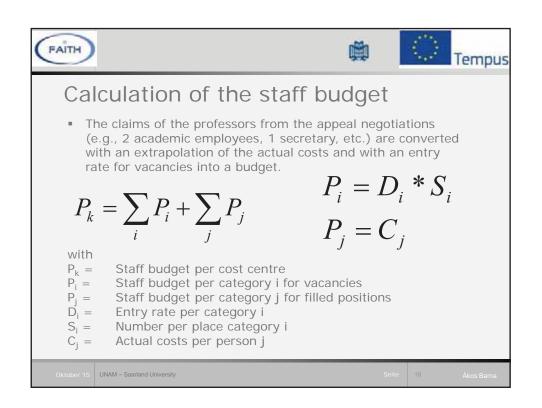






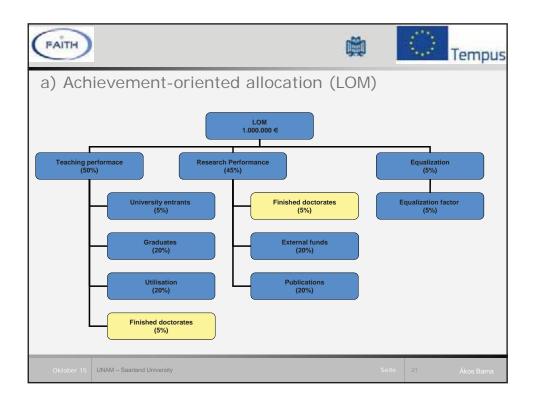


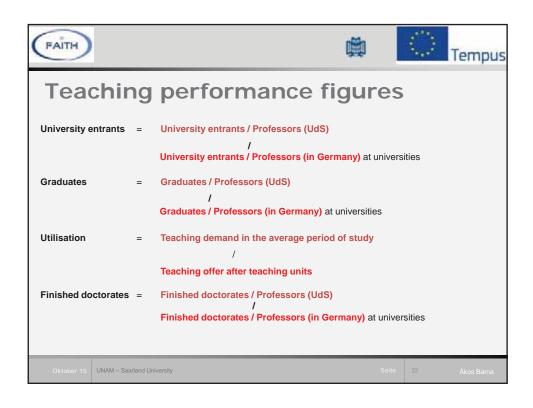


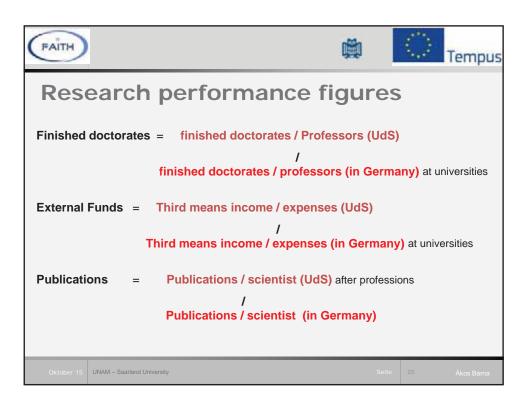


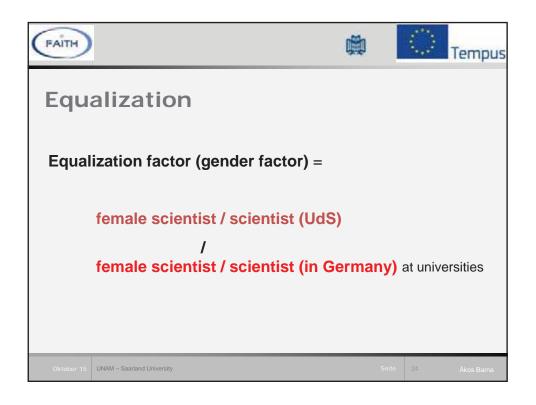


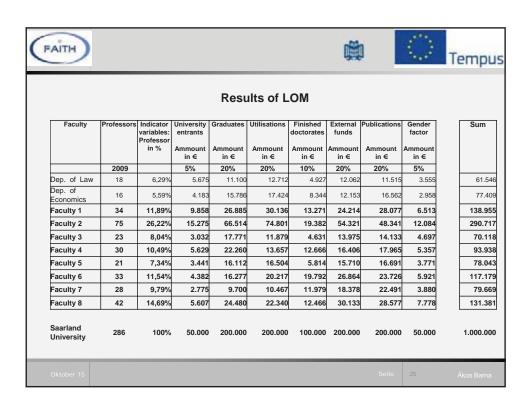


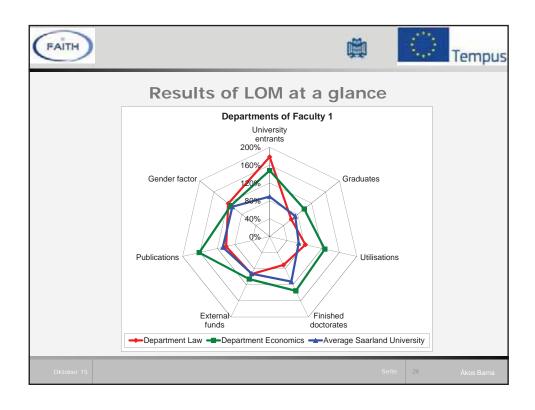


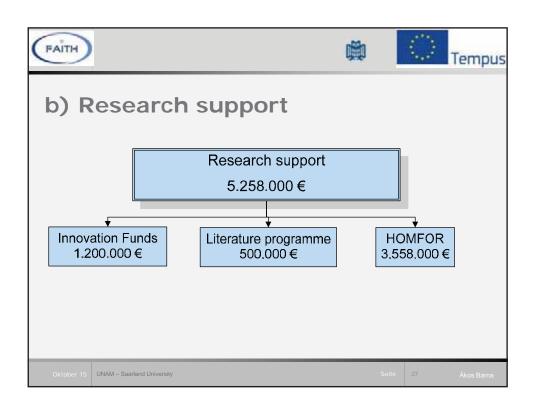


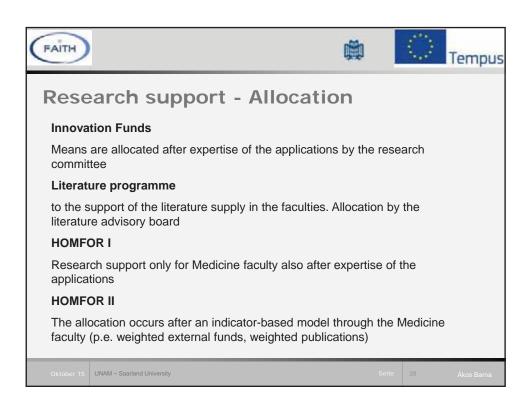


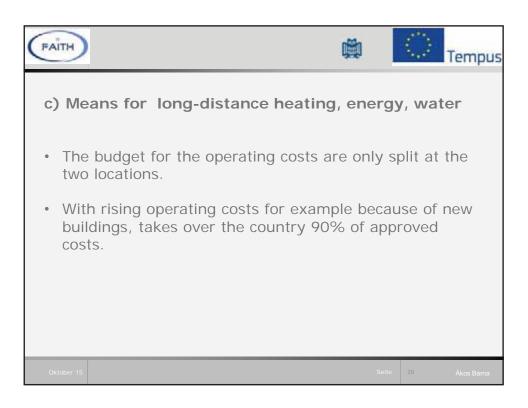


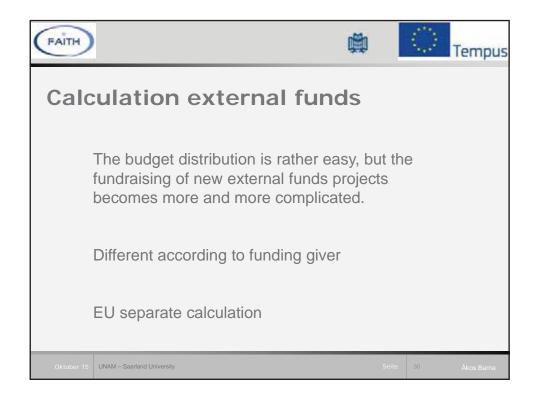




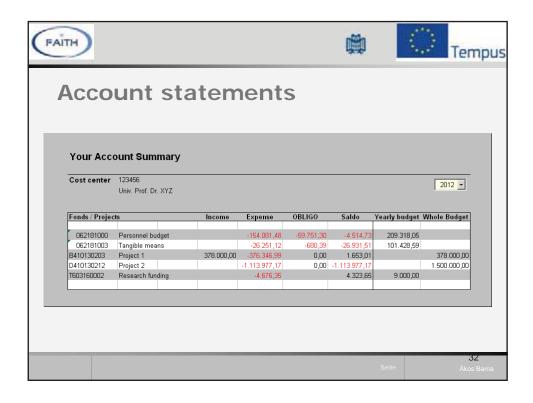


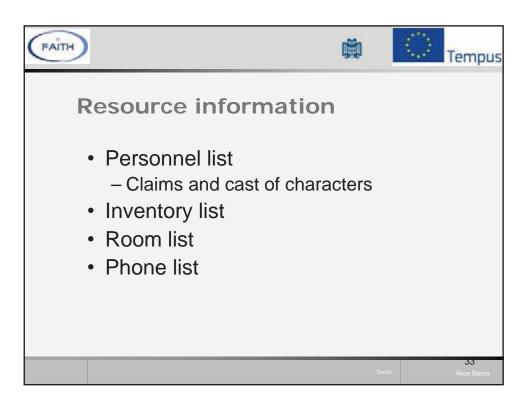


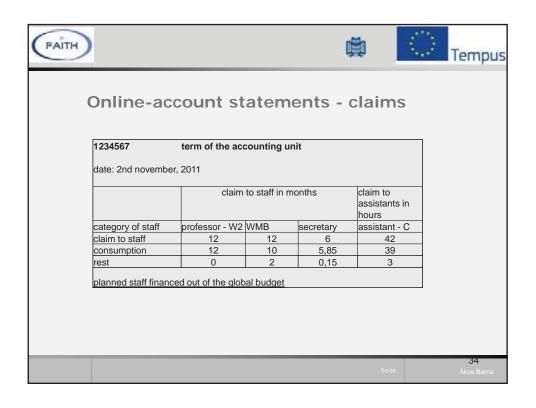




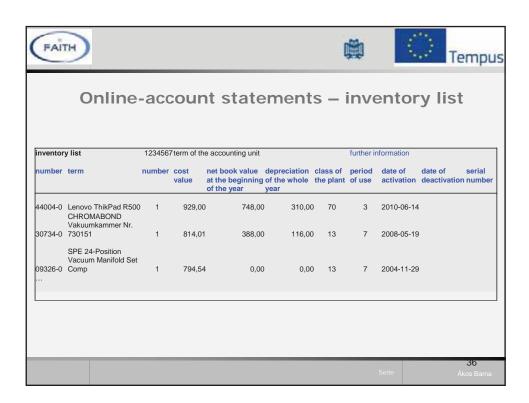


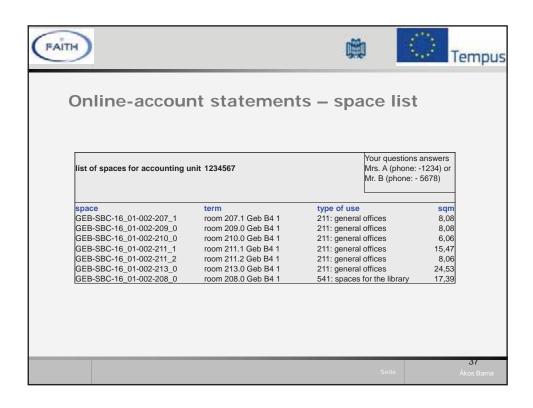




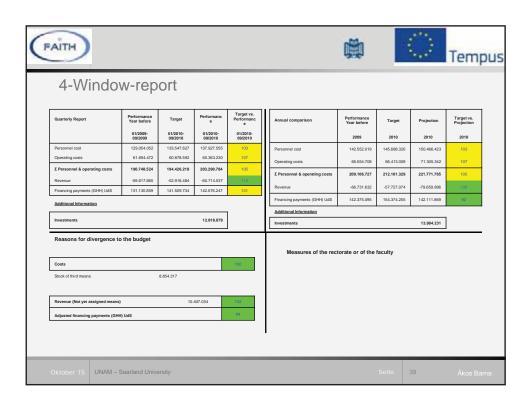


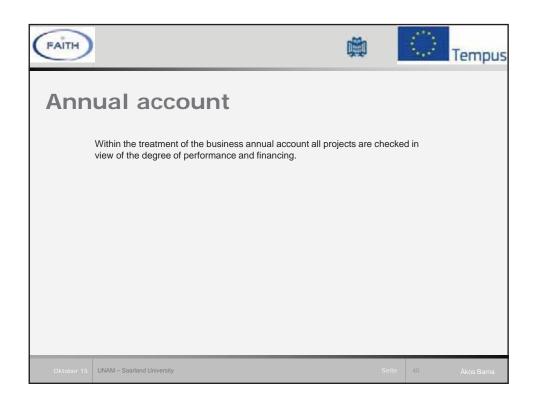


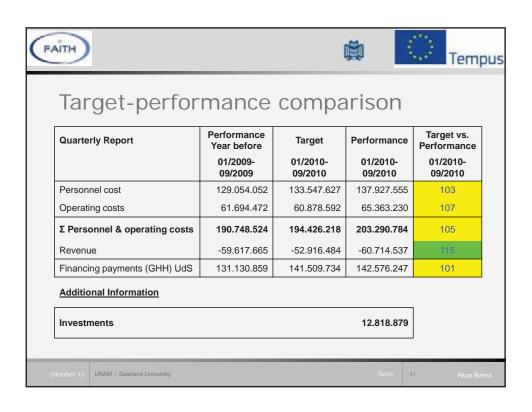


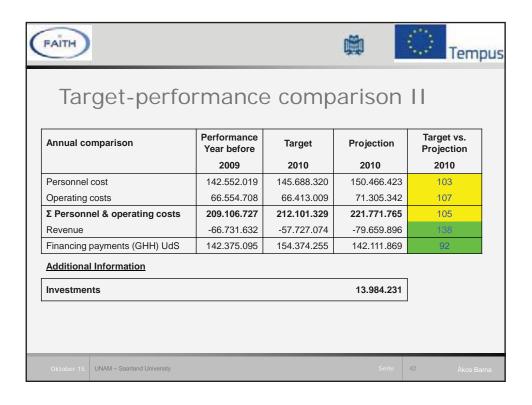


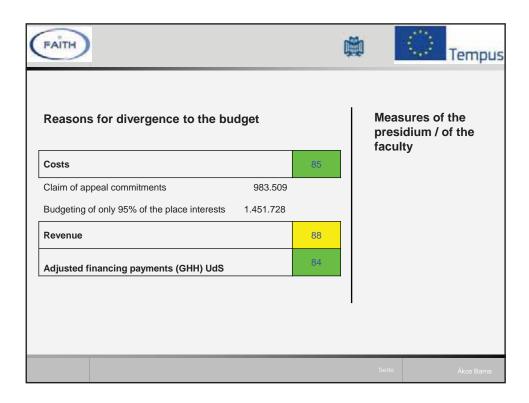












Workshop Results

1 Agenda

- 1) Workshop inputs
- 2) Process landscape in accounting
- 3) Processes in detail
- 4) Lessons learned

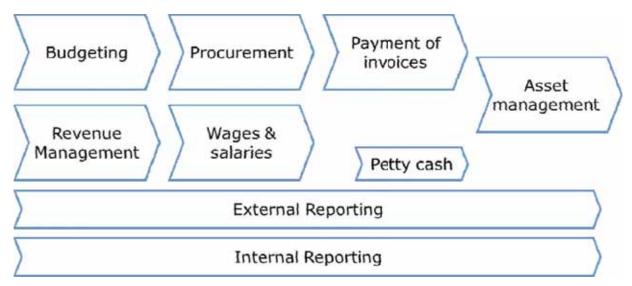
2 Minutes of the Meeting

2.1 Workshop inputs

For details see presentation in annex

Date	Venue	Content
03.03.2015	MEST	 Strategic management in HEI HEI and the hierarchy of objectives Common values, mission statement Strategy and strategy tools Allocation of resources: Annual targets and budgeting Organizational structures in HEIs Freedom and responsibility
04.03.2015	UP	 Basics about processes Benefits of process orientation Roles in process systems Process landscape Basics about flowcharts Example 1: University of Saarland Organization and Structures Allocation of resources Example 2: Detailed budgeting process of FH Campus Wien Workgroup: Process landscape Workgroup: Process design "Budgeting"
05.03.2015	UP	> Workgroup: Process design "Payment of invoices"> Lessons learned

2.2 Process landscape in accounting



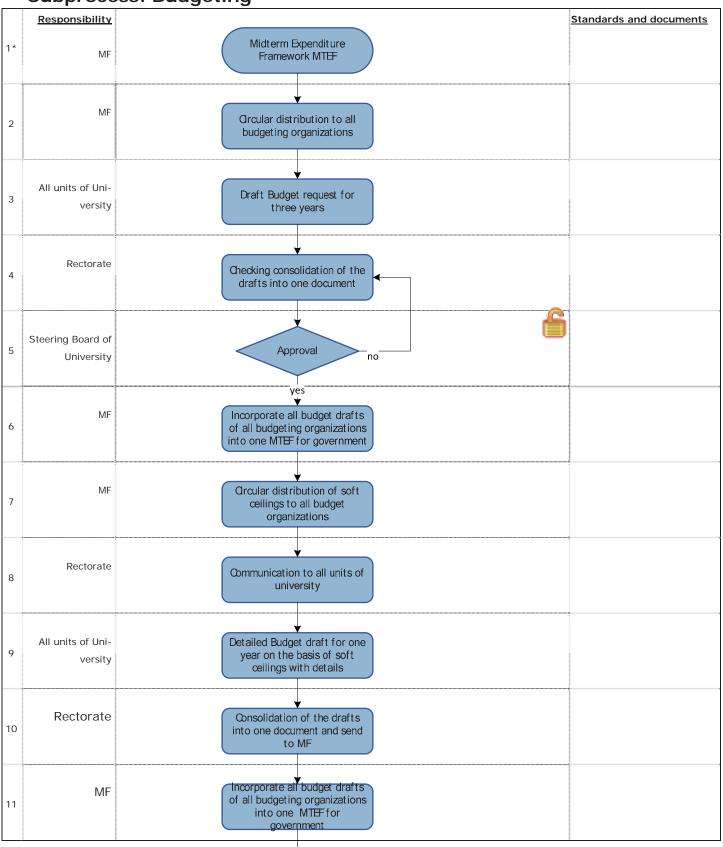
The workgroup identified 9 relevant processes in accounting (see figure above). For two of these processes we were able to design flowcharts: Budgeting and Payment of invoices.

2.3 Processes in detail

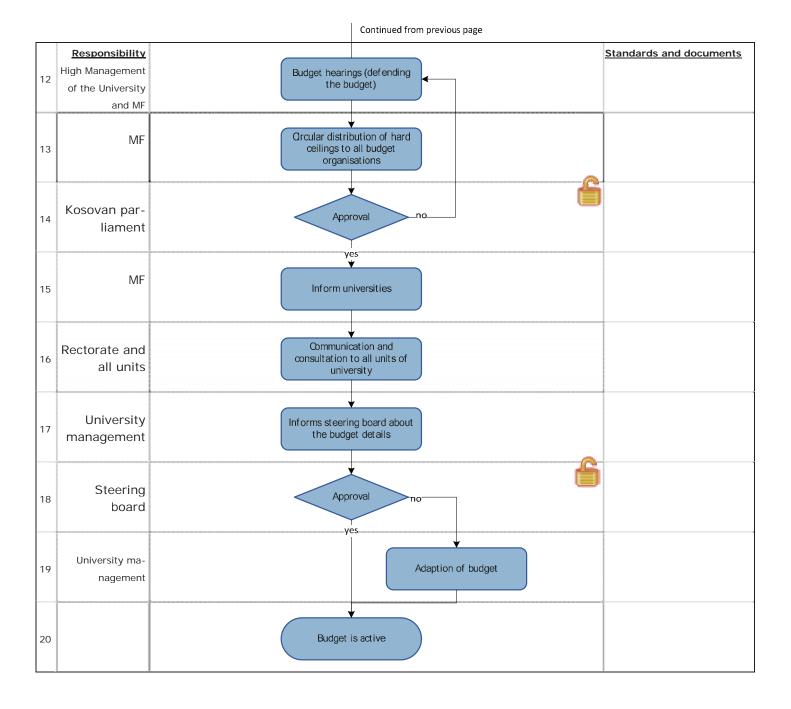
Icon legend:

Start/Ende	Fist/Last step of the process	Organizational interface
Prozessschritt	Process step	Deadline
Entscheidung	Decision	Meeting required
		Approval required

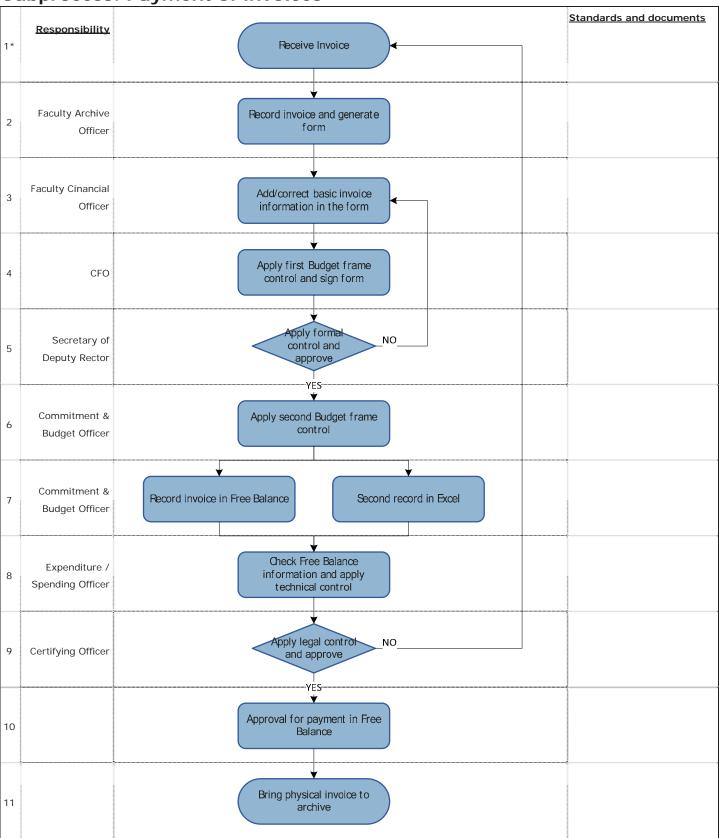
Subprocess: Budgeting



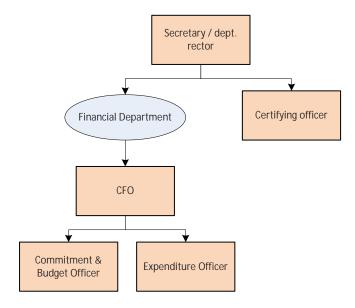
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Subprocess: Payment of invoices



Roles in this Process:



2.4 Lessons learned

- 1. Discussing the processes and designing the flowcharts enables us to define clear specifications for the accounting software. Therefore it is necessary to continue and also define the seven other processes of the process landscape
- 2. In the budgeting process the hole planning and deciding about the allocation of resources is described too short in only two steps: The Budget requests of the units and the consolidation of these requests in one document (steps 3 and 4). This two steps should be discussed more detailed, because they describe some of the key task of an autonomous management
- 3. The process for payment of invoices is very elaborated. Unfortunately there is no difference in the handling of different kinds of invoices. There should be simpler procedures for invoices of smaller amounts, or for recurring payments, to increase the efficiency of the payment of invoices.

Fundraising

Training workshop WS4 (Peje, June 2015) worked on the topic of fundraising. The workshop aimed to strengthen the capacities of Kosovan partner representatives in managing the acquisition and handling of external funds. EU partners' input focused on the introduction of the possibilities to acquire EU/international (research) funding programs and on good practice in proposal writing and budget design. Examples of fundraising strategies were introduced to make the participants aware of the framework needed in order to be successful in raising external funds.

In the practical part of the workshop the participants were asked to present and discuss their experiences in managing projects and to develop new ideas for projects.

Materials	Author	Page
Introduction to Fundraising	Carolina	273
	Madeleine	
How to effectively design a project budget: general	Noelia López	301
principles		

INTRODUCTION TO FUNDRAISING

8 June – 10 June 2015, Kosovo OGPI, UA







ABOUT THE TRAINER.....

- Senior Project Manager
- 8 years experience in drafting project proposals
- 8 years experience in managing projects
- From the donor perspective, part of the Spanish Ministry of advisory group





BUT BEFORE SOME QUESTIONS....



How could justify the funding of activities in the framework of Higher Education?





How does it work – fundraising -?
What kind of projects and which activities?



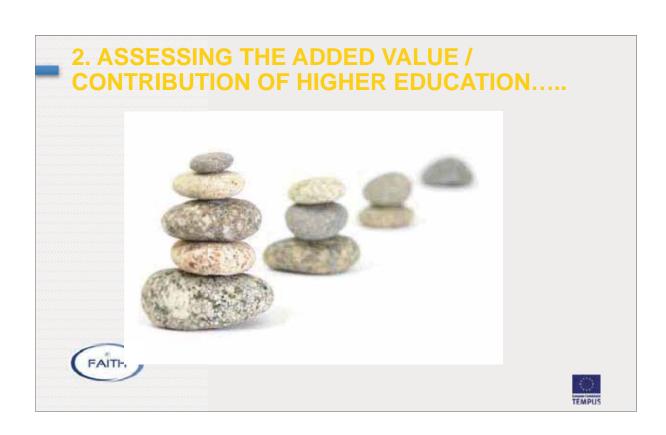
1. DEFINITION/S





- Fundraising or fund raising (also development) is the process of soliciting and gathering voluntary contributions as money or other resources, by requesting donations from individuals, businesses, charitable foundations, or governmental agencies (see also crowd funding).
- "Fundraising is the noble art of teaching people the pleasure of giving"
- "People do not give to people. They give to people with causes. They give to people who ask on behalf of causes."





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HIGHER EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- "Higher education (HE), including research carried out in universities, has a crucial role in development. It helps generate the human capital needed in key areas such as health, agriculture and engineering, and builds a country's capability for self-reliance" – Sian Lewis
- Skilled labor + Technological capability = > productivity
 = > competitiveness

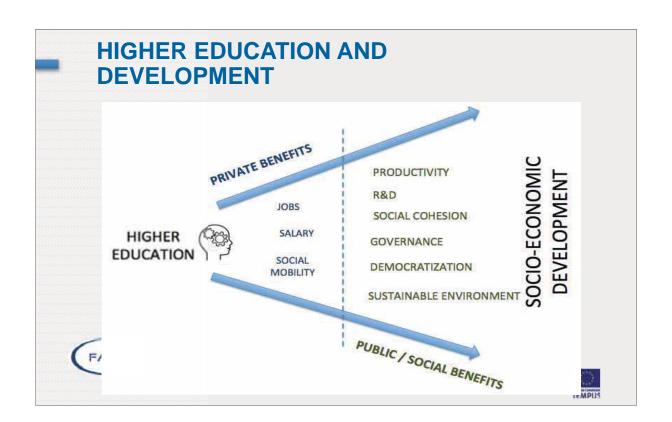




HIGHER EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- Universities could drive innovation & entrepreneurship
- "Higher education is critical because it provides the high-level skills and research to apply current technologies and to assimilate, adapt, and develop new technologies, two drivers of productivity" (Putting Higher Education To Work, World Bank East Asia and Pacific Regional Report. 2012)





TEMPUS

EXAMPLE: NORHED

- = Norwegian programme for capacity development in higher edcuation and research for development
- "Higher education and research are priority areas of Norway's development cooperation policy. Norad believes that sound, strategic investments in higher education and research in low and middle income countries (LMICs) pay off in the form of strong academic institutions and their societal en-gagement. Such investments have many benefits, not least that they contribute to development of their countries' intellectual resources, competent workforces, visionary leaders, gender equality and human rights. In the long run it also contributes to evidence-based policies and decisions that en-hance sustainable economic, social and environmental development."





ENRICH - ENERGY, R&D AND GROWTH

- EA Region experiences unsustainable energy practices which prevents its countries to reach acceptable standards of socio economic development
- Some poblems more specifically identified by ENRICH:
 - Inadequate STI research support from HEIs;
 - Low university-industry cooperation;
 - Shortage of qualified staff for STI activities at HEIs;
 - Lack of funding....



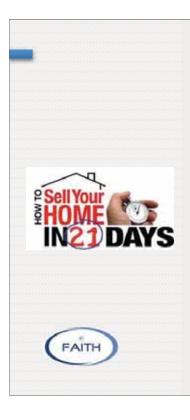




3. FUNDRAISING BASICS

- FUNDRAISING = SELLING
 To sell one idea / project (= product)
 To sell one institution / reputation / intangible
- SELLING means...
 To know our product
 To know the possible customer
 To know the trends





... AND ALSO MEANS...

 Before starting our "selling process" we need to...

Invest... (HRR Training, etc...)

Set up a **strategy**

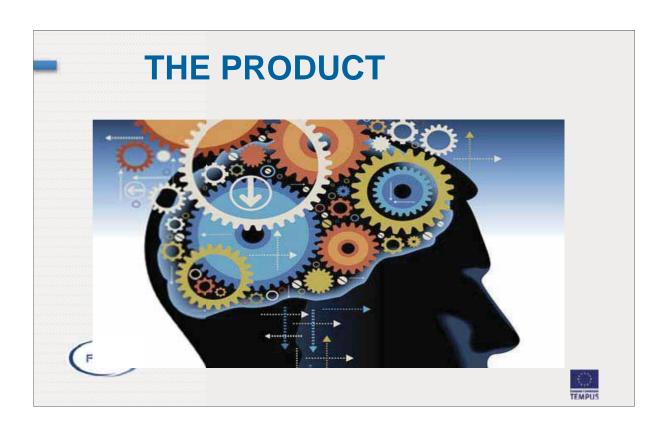
Develop a (fundraising) culture

Develop policies / rules (incentives)

• Apply selling techniques







THE PRODUCT My project My institution My Network IMPORTANT: ANALYSIS (LFM) + PROPOSAL FAITH



WHAT KIND OF CUSTOMERS MAY WE FIND?

- INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS
- NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS
- REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS / AUTHORITIES
- FOUNDATIONS
- NGOs
- UNIVERSITIES
- •







FUNDRAISING SOURCES - EXAMPLES

NATIONAL SOURCES

- Governmental Funding (Public HEIs)
- Public Funding (national/regional);
- Funding from private Foundations;
- Fees with Students;
- Contracts with enterprises;
- Contracts from Consultancy of the teaching staff;
- Courses for the local industry, etc...





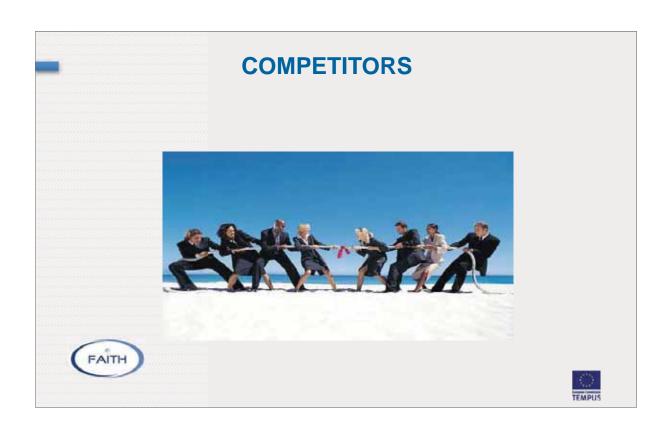


HEI FUNDRAISING SOURCES

INTERNATIONAL

- Courses or International Congresses;
- Calls from International Organisations (EC, World Bank, etc.);
- Calls from international private
 Foundations (Ford, Rockefeller, Bill & Melinda Gates, etc.);
- Other international sources;





COMPETITORS

- DO KOSOVO HEIS COMPETE BETWEEN THEMSELVES?
- WITH WHICH COUNTRIES DO YOU COMPETE?
- WHICH ARE YOUR COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGES?
- WICH ARE YOUR COMPARATIVE DISADVANTAGES?









FAITH

- Fundraising is neither a spontaneous or individual activity; it requests an articulated system of actors, regulations, organisational issues and functions.
- At higher education level the requests of international fundraising justify the need of a specific university policy, together with a strong institutional commitment.
- An international fundraising strategic plan is the usual answer to organise the fundraising of a HEI and a way to improve its effectiveness at different levels (department, Faculty, institutional)





POSSIBLE OBJECTIVES

- Contributing to the funding of the international activities of the institution
- Training Human Resources;
- Developing a Fundraising culture at institutional level;
- Strengthening the links with donors;
- Improve the positioning of the university at international level;

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POSSIBLE STEPS

- 1. Analysis. Online survey about possible international activities which could be funded by international donors, together with training needs analysis
- MACRO ANALYSIS
 - Internationalisation policies (strategic plan)
 - Measures and policies to boost fundraising
 - Regulations for the participation in international projects





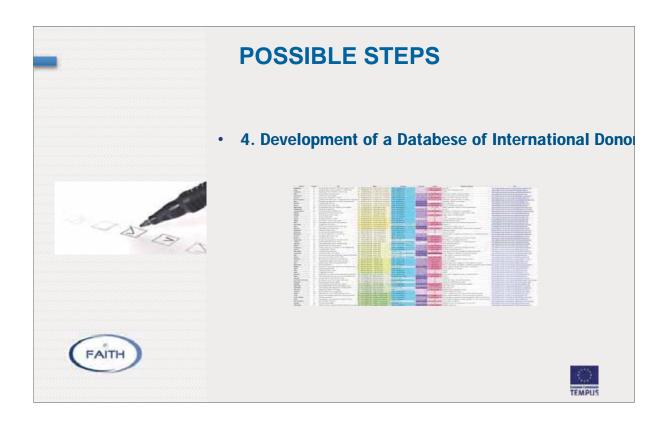
POSSIBLE STEPS

- MICRO ANALYSIS
 - International publications
 - Patents
 - Contacts
 - PhDs
 - International Contracts
 - International networks
 - Availability to work abroad
 - Languages
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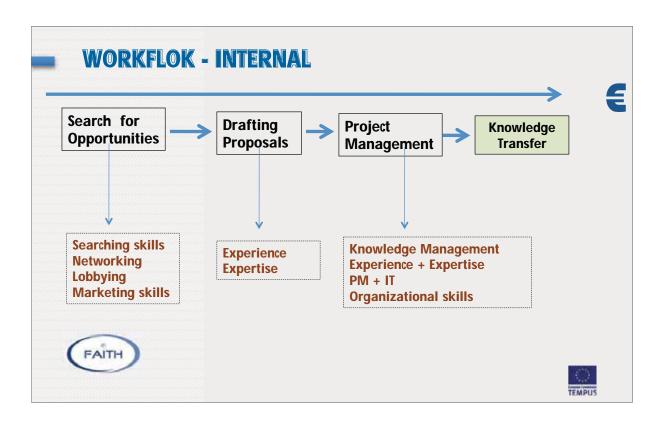


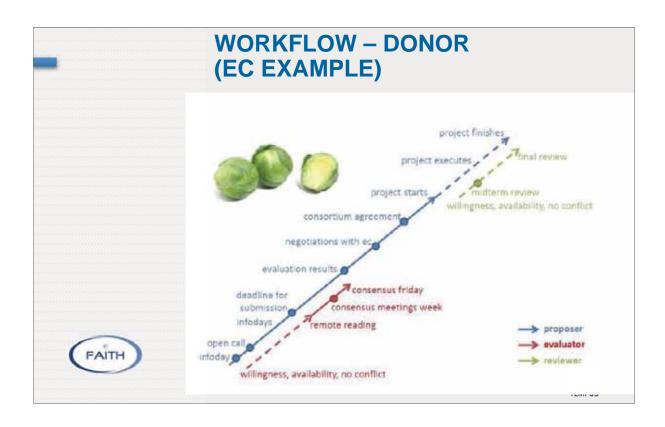


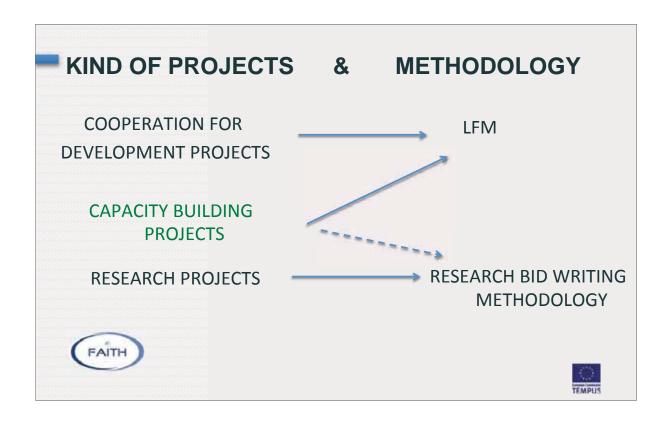


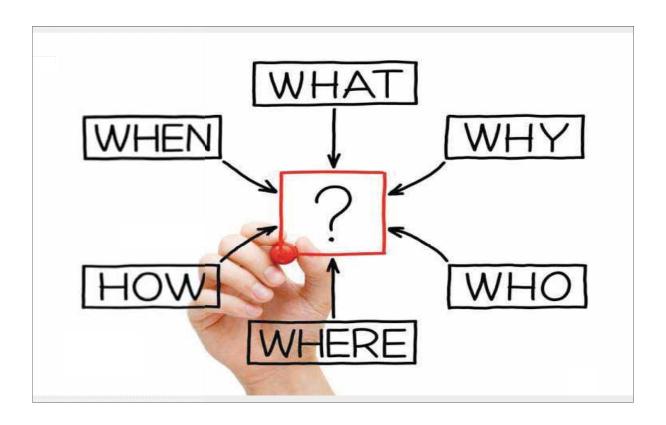












FUNDRAISING CASE STUDY: OGPI THE UNIVERSITY OF ALICANTE





INTERNATIONALISATION AT UA

UA develops different international activities:

International Mobility activities (in & out)

International Curriculum activities

International Research activities

International cooperation activities (international projects)





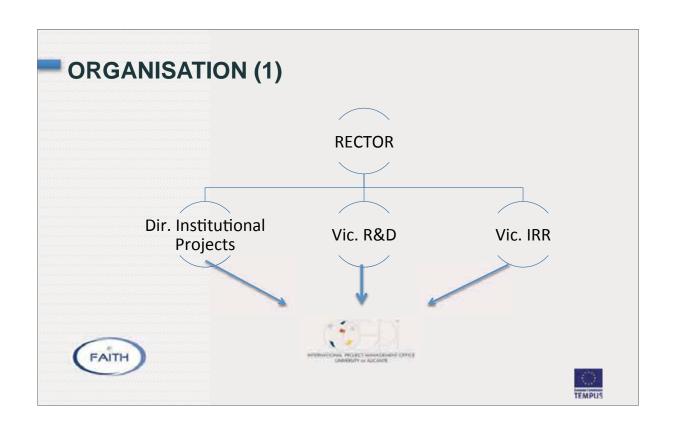
EXPERIENCE OF UA IN INSTITUTIONAL MANAGEMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

The International Project Management Office (OGPI) of the University of Alicante has had an intense level of activity in the last decade in **capacity** and **institutional building** projects in third partner coutries

These projects have been principally developed under the EuropeAid umbrella, presenting UA as a European-level leader in different programmes (Tempus, ALFA, Edulink, etc.)

Our projects intend in the main to facilitate the **transfer of knowhow** of diverse areas of management of higher education institutions





HUMAN RESOURCES

STAFF: about 18

COUNTRIES: Hong Kong, Italy, Spain, France, etc.

LANGUAGES: English, French, German, Chinese,

Italian, Spanish

BACKGROUND: International Relations, Economy, Translation, Public Relations, Marketing, Law, Sociology, Education



PROFILES

PROJECT MANAGERS (JUNIOR & SENIOR) ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER IT STAFF (IT)



RESEARCHERS & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF (UA)

FREE-LANCE EXPERTS





UA OGPI TOPICS & SUBTOPICS

- 1. Access to Higher Education
- **Educational Development**
- Innovation and Research Management
- 4. Internationalisation
- 5. Quality and accreditation
- 6. Curriculum development
- 7. Planning and management of HEIs
- University-Industry Cooperation
- **Funding of HEIs**



UNIVERSITY SERVICES GENDER ISSUES INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

TEACHERS TRAINING E-LEARNING

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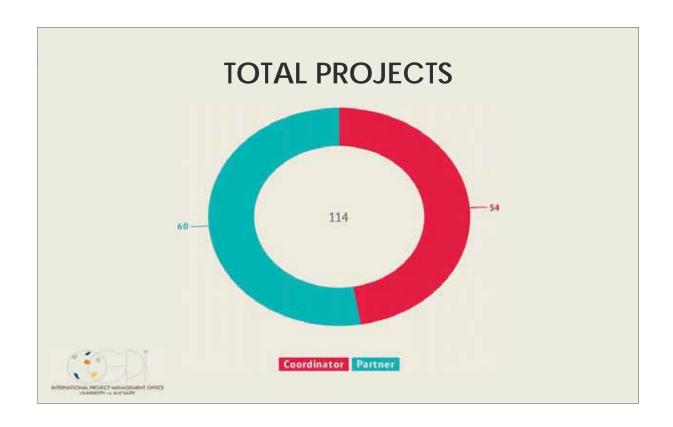
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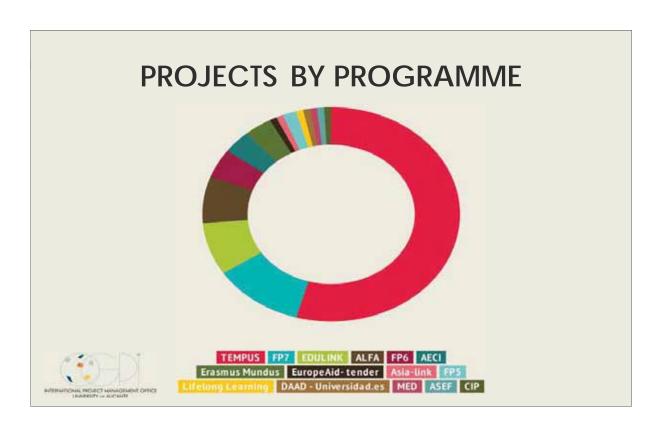
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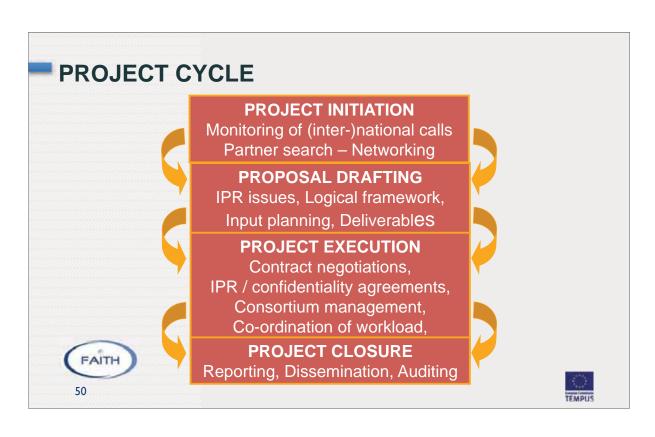












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FAITH

UNIVERSITY SERVICES GENDER ISSUES INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

TEACHERS TRAINING E-LEARNING

IROS DEVELOPMENT TRENDS AND STRATEGIES FUNDRAISING

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FOOD SECURITY ENVIRONMENT

OOL FOR COOPERATION CONTRACT DEVELOPMENT

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SERVICES DEVELOPMENT
HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

HUMAN AND ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT



GOOD PRACTICES- PUBBLICATIONS

- Intellectual Property Rights:
 - Research.eu (Nano2Market)
 - IPHandbook of Best Practices (Concept Foundation)
 - EU-Asia Higher Education Platform (Links that matter: Recurring themes in EU-Asian Higher Education Cooperation Guides for EU Industry (Innovaccess)....
- HEIs internationalisation
 - "Prácticas y tendencias para la internacionalización y la cooperación entre universidades de América Latina y UE'
 - "Casos prácticos para la gestión de la internacionalización de universidades....





GOOD PRACTICES- TRAINING

- ► Training for Spanish HEIs/ TEMPUS programme / Spanish Ministry of HE (2009-10-11) + 2012
- ▶ Training for Columbian HEIs/ Fundraising / Columbian Ministry of HE (2012)
- Online course for Latin America on University/Industry CEDDET (2008-2012)
- DIES programme, Training for latina America deans/ DAAD (2012-13)
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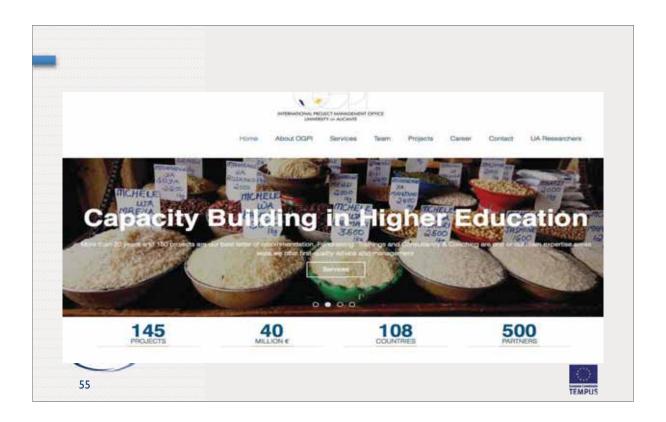


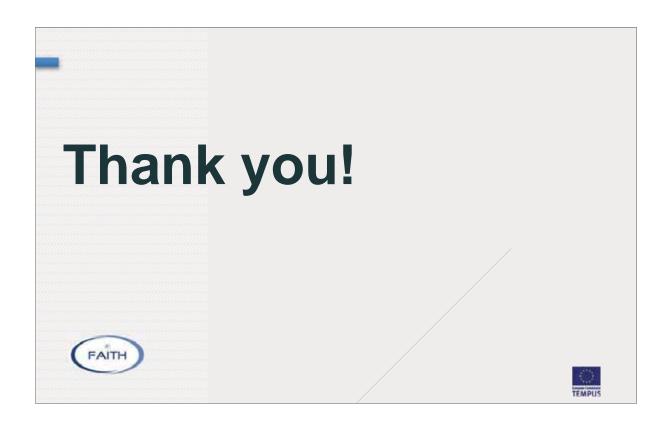


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FAITH PROJECT

HOW TO EFFECTIVELY DESIGN A PROJECT BUDGET GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Noelia López Senior Project Manager

> 8th- 10th June 2015, University of Peja Peja, Kosova







PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES

- I. SOME BASICS ON BUDGET DESIGN
- II. USUAL BUDGET HEADINGS & HOW TO BUDGET A PROJECT ACTIVITY
- III. HOW THE UNIVERSITY OF ALICANTE PREPARES A PROJECT BUDGET
- IV. SOME TIPS ON
 - a. HOW TO MANAGE A PROJECT BUDGET
 - b. HOW TO RUN A DRAFTING PROPOSAL PROCESS
- V. PARTICIPANT PORTAL





I. DESIGNING THE PROJECT BUDGET: BASIC CONCEPTS

What is a budget?

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Eligible Costs:

- ✓ They are necessary
- ✓ Incurred during the project period
- ✓ Real, identifiable and verifiable
- ✓ Reasonable
- ✓ Directly related to the project:
 - Staff costs allocated to the project
 - Travel costs from project partners that are working in the action
 - Purchase of equipment
 - Consumables
 - Subcontracting
 - Other Costs: organisation of seminars, etc.







I. DESIGNING THE PROJECT BUDGET: BASIC CONCEPTS

Ineligible Costs

- ✓ Return of capital
- ✓ Debt and debt service charges
- ✓ Provisions for losses or debts
- ✓ Interest owed
- ✓ Doubtful debts
- ✓ Exchange losses
- ✓ Costs of transfers from the Agency charged by the bank of a beneficiary
- ✓ Costs declared by a beneficiary in the framework of another action receiving another grant from the Union budget





I. DESIGNING THE PROJECT BUDGET: BASIC CONCEPTS

Required documentation when starting to design the project budget:

- Programme guidelines and FAQs
- Call helpdesk!!!!

- Budget template
- Grant Agreement or Grant Contract (template) + General conditions that would run the project in case the draft proposal is selected
- Other annexes as templates, etc.

Essential document:

PROJECT PROPOSAL





II. COMMON BUDGET HEADINGS

DIRECT COSTS

- 1. STAFF COST
- 2. TRAVEL COST
- 3. EQUIPMENT
- 4. OTHER COST
- 5. INDIRECT COST
- 6. TOTAL PROJECT COST
- 7. FINANCING

Max. depending on the call!!!!





1. STAFF COSTS

Main Characteristics:

- Staff costs per categories (depending on the programme) (Gross Salary, Social Charges and statutory costs included)
 - Salary defined by the working tasks foreseen in the project
 - Person month/days cannot be higher than what is stated in the
 Programme rules (always check annexes) *
 - Always follow the coordinator/partner remuneration policy

Steps:

- 1. To know all your partners daily/monthly costs (categories)
- 2. Define all partner's effort for each project activity
- 3. Calculate the staff costs





STEP 1: To find out the daily/monthly salary cost of each partner

- Check the monthly salary cost of each partner: Monthly Salary + Social Charges
- Define the salary per each category (usually technical & administrative staff) or real costs per person (depending on the programme)
- Not all partners have all categories, check first with each partner
- Find out hours per month and hours per year for each partner

1 person/month = 1 person working full time during 1 month



P/M -> hours per month & year !!!!



STEP 2: To define the effort that each partner must devote to the project activity

					PERSON	MONT	HS			
		RW	ANDA	BUR	UNDI	KE	NYA	TANZ	ANIA	
						ADMI				
		ADMIN	TEC	ADMIN	TEC	N	TEC	ADMIN	TEC	Total
DEV	ACTIVITY 0		2,5		2,5		2,5		2,5	10
DEV	ACTIVITY 1		7		7		7		7	28
QUALI / DIS (15%)	ACTIVITY 2		2		2		2		2	8
MANAG (10%)	ACTIVITY 3	0,2	1	0,2	1	0,2	1	0,2	1	4,8
		0,2	12,5	0,2	12,5	0,2	12,5	0,2	12,5	50,8





STEP 3: To calculate the Staff Cost

	STAFF COST								
PARTNER UNIV.	RW	RWANDA		BURUNDI		NYA	TANZANIA		
STAFF	ADMO	TEC	ADMO	TEC	ADMO	TEC	ADMO	TEC	
COST	500	1000	500	1000	500	1000	600	1200	
ACTIVITY 0	0	2.500	0	2.500	0	2.500	0	3.000	10.50
ACTIVITY 1	0	7.000	0	7.000	0	7.000	0	8.400	29.40
ACTIVITY 2	0	2.000	0	2.000	0	2.000	0	2.400	8.40
ACTIVITY 3	100	3.000	100	3.000	100	3.000	120	1.2000	4.62
	100	12.500	100	12.500	100	12.500	120	15.000	
	12.600		12	.600	12.600		15.120		52.92





2. TRAVEL & SUBSISTANCE COSTS

Main Characteristics:

- Beneficiaries: staff members that works at the partner institutions
- Funded activities: trainings, project management meetings, dissemination activities, etc.
- Prior EC authorisation: for travel expenses related to travels done to countries not covered by the project

Steps:

- 1. To define which activities implies a travel
- 2. When and where the travel will take place
- 3. Total number of travel flows per activity: total number of participants per each partner institution
- 4. Travel duration





2. TRAVEL COSTS & PER DIEM

Travel Cost:

- Define the unitary cost for each type of mobility
- Travel Cost should cover all costs from point of origin (home) to final destination (meeting place) by any means of transport (train, bus, taxi, flight, etc.)
- Other Costs that are also included: airport taxes, travel insurance
- Cheapest mean of transport!

Per diems:

- Usually is a Flat rate suggested & approved by the EC
- Includes: subsistence cost, accommodation, daily transportation costs,





STEP 1: To compile all the Key Info

- What? Definition of the activity
- When? See project calendar
- Where? In which partner institution
- Who? Number of participants
- Duration = number of meeting days

	PARTICIPANTES						
	RWANDA	BURUNDI	KENYA	TANZANIA	TOTAL	DAYS	
ACTIVITY 0							
ACTIVITY 1	2	2		2	6	5	
ACTIVITY 2	2	2	2		6	5	
ACTIVITY 3		2	2	2	6	5	
ACTIVITY 4	2		2	2	6	5	

STEP 2: To calculate the travel and Subsistance Cost

DIETAS
RWANDA BURUNDI KENYA TANZANIA TOTAL

	DIETAS					
	RWANDA	BURUNDI	KENYA	TANZANIA	TOTAL	
ACT.0						
ACT.1	2.000	2.000		2.000	6.000	
ACT.1.1	2.000	2.000	2.000		6.000	
ACT.1.2		2.000	2.000	2.000	6.000	
ACT.1.3	2.000		2.000	2.000	6.000	
	6.000	6.000	6.000	6.000	24.000	

	TRAVEL						
	RWANDA	BURUNDI	KENYA	TANZANIA	TOTAL		
ACT.0							
ACT.1	2.000	2.000		2.000	6.000		
ACT.1.1	2.000	2.000	2.000		6.000		
ACT.1.2		2.000	2.000	2.000	6.000		
ACT.1.3	2.000		2.000	2000	6.000		
	6.000	6.000	7.000	9.000	24.000		

PER DIEM	200

	1.500 €
EA/EU	
,	1.500 €
EU/EA	
	1.000 €
EA/EA	
	600 €
EU/EU	
	150-400€
Local	



3. EQUIPMENT

Main Characteristics:

- Relevant for the completion of project objectives
- Limited amount, as stated in the budget
- Equipment usually covers: books, fax, photocopy machine, software, laptops, PC's, video projector, installation costs, maintenance and transport, etc.
- The beneficiary and responsible of the equipment Partner Institution





4. OTHER COST

Main Characteristics:

 Usually includes: organizational costs (meetings, workshops..), rental of exhibition space, conference fees, project web design, translation, audit costs, bank charges, etc.

Steps:

- Think wisely which other costs are really needed for a specific activity
- Avoid unnecessary costs.





5. PRINTING

Main Characteristics:

- Usually includes: printing of dissemination materials (leaflet, posters..), publications, reports, etc.

Steps:

- Think wisely which printing costs are really needed for a specific activity
- Avoid unnecessary costs.





6. INDIRECT COSTS

Depending on the call!!!!

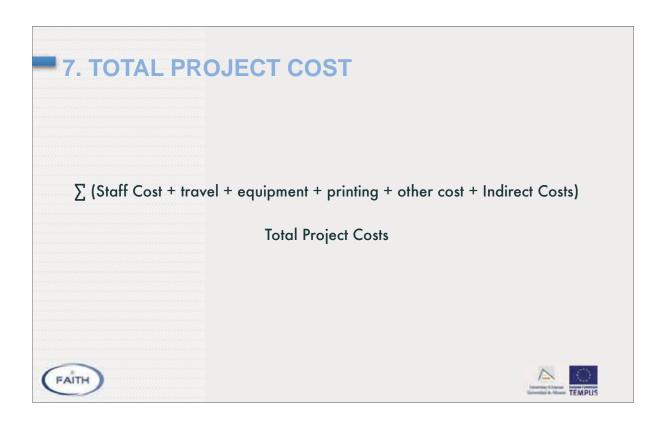
% of the Total Direct Costs

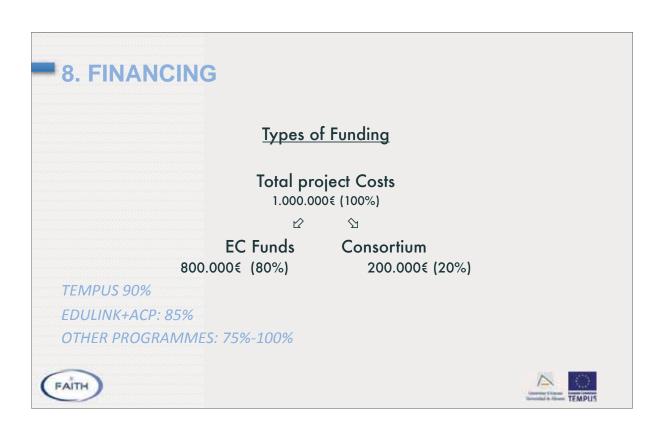
Type of costs: Water, electricity bills, office supplies, etc. How is usually calculated:

(% established in the call guidelines)









SELF-EVALUATION WHEN SUBMITTING A PROJECT PROPOSAL (BUDGET)

- Does the relation between the total estimated costs and the project expected results make sense?
- Are the foreseen expenses really needed in order to develop a project activity?
- Are all project activities represented by the project budget?

REALISTIC BUDGET good relation COST - EFFECTIVENESS





COMMON MISTAKES

Common mistakes if we fulfil the budget data directly into the form:

- To overvalue the project cost
- To undervalue the project costs
- To forget necessary costs

In order to prepare a REALISTIC and CHEAP budget

Templates!!





BUDGET TEMPLATE

- The budget is develop in a separate file (Excel file)
- The budget is detailed by including several budget lines
 - Categories of staff cost, number of working months (per each partner)
 - Tasks to be subcontractred
 - Travels: number of flows / destination + per diem
 - Equipment
 - Printing
 - Other Cost





III. UA METHODOLOGY

- Working document (template)
 - An Excel file
 - Each project budget should be design in one excel template
 - EC template integrated in the working template
 - Each budget line (or WP, depending on the size of the project) should be breakdown in a single excel sheet
 - Use double entry system: activities partners or budget headings partners
- When we start working the project budget?
 - Partnership is closed
 - Drafting project is completed





MAIN CONCLUSIONS

- Supporting documents
- Templates! Detailed budget
- Work out the budget together with the person that drafted the project idea
- Get familiarised with the project activities
- Budget = realistic and cost-effectiveness





IV. UA TIPS ON HOW TO MANAGE THE BUDGET FUNDS

As a Project Coordinator – Centralized Management of the Total Project Funds

As a Project Partner – Check the budget & Tasks (KICK-OFF)





OUR USUAL DRAFT PROPOSAL TIMING AND ROLES

New published Call!!!

How we organize our work when drafting?

UA Case Study





HOW WE DISTRIBUTE THE WORK LOAD (ROLES)

Depending on the total number of project proposal to be submitted and UA's role in each project proposal = Work Team

Roles: Project Manager (technical) / Financial Manager / Administrative

Define roles & responsibilities:

- -Project Manager: Only Drafting Proposal!
- -Financial Manager: Budget
- -Administrative: Contact partners, gather docs, and assemblies the project proposal

Regular Meetings (weekly, etc.) All the team!!!

We all share the responsibility! Work performance must be perfect!

No one can fail!

HOW WE ORGANIZE THE PROJECT PARTNERS

Identify the right person (Technical / Administrative Staff)

Start well in advance!!!

Short deadlines – Avoid last minute documents!

Daily Mail and Phone contact

All partners must understand from the beginning what is expected from them!! All partners also shares the resonsability of submitting the required info and docs!!!



COMMON RISKY SITUATIONS

Internal:

- Submission: Online
- Wrong Deadline (Online, never the last day)
- We compile all partner's info and docs and ours is missing!
- · Lack of internal coordination
- Overlapping Gaps (Tasks)
- Max number of characters (working on the on-line vs word doc.)
- Type of project and different requirements (i.e. Structural Measure y Joint Projects).

External:

-Mistakes at Partnership Statement (signature, stamps.... Ask for a Pdf version before sending the original!!)





V. PARTICIPANT PORTAL

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal

- The Participant Portal is the single gateway to fundingrelated interactions between applicants and the Commission/Agencies
- New ways of presenting calls
- · New ways of presenting documentation and guidance
- New integrated Grant Management System
- Paperless exchanges no more blue ink signatures







V. PARTICIPANT PORTAL

The information needed is the following:

- 1- PIC number of all partners: institution registered, documentation uploaded and official documents (DECLARED vs VALIDATED)
- 2- Contact Person and email of the person responsible of administrative issues in the participant portal (this person must have an **ECAS** account) http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/support/manual/urf.pdf
- 3- Other documentation depending on the call



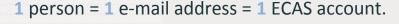


WHAT IS "ECAS"?



ECAS means European Commission Authentication System. It is the system for logging on to a whole range of web sites and online services run by the Commission.

This ensures a secure, "single sign-on" approach:





The creation of an ECAS account is free and easy.













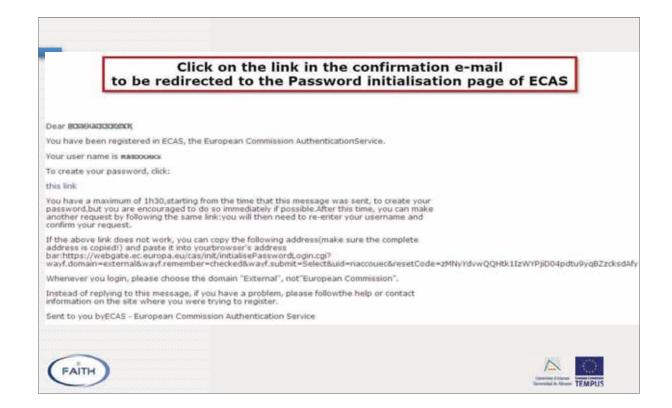








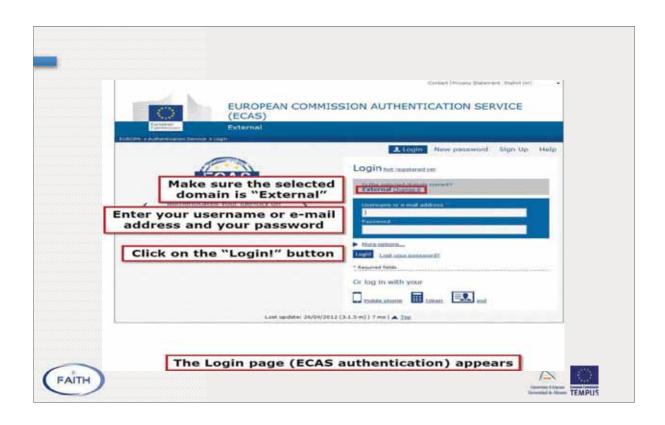














PERSONALISED SERVICES

The Participant Portal allows each user to have access to a personalised space, based on 3 main elements:

Each user is supposed to have a **unique ECAS account**, which is the **unique identifier for persons** (linked to their professional email address).

Each ECAS account is linked to one (or more) **PIC number**(s), which are the **unique identifier for organisations**.

Each ECAS account is linked to all the roles that the user has in projects and/or organisations through IAM. One user can have as many roles as necessary.



TEMPUS

THE NOMINATION PROCESS: "ORIGINAL ROLES"

Some roles are automatically provisioned in the early stages of the Project ("original roles") as follows:

The proposal initiator in the proposal submission phase will automatically be recognised by the Commission as the **Primary Coordinator Contact**.

The contact persons of the participating organisations identified during proposal submission will become Participant Contacts at the beginning of negotiations.

The LEAR (Legal Entity Appointed Representative) is validated by the Commission during the validation process of his/her organisation.





PARTICIPANT PORTAL SERVICES: AFTER LOGIN

My Organisation(s)

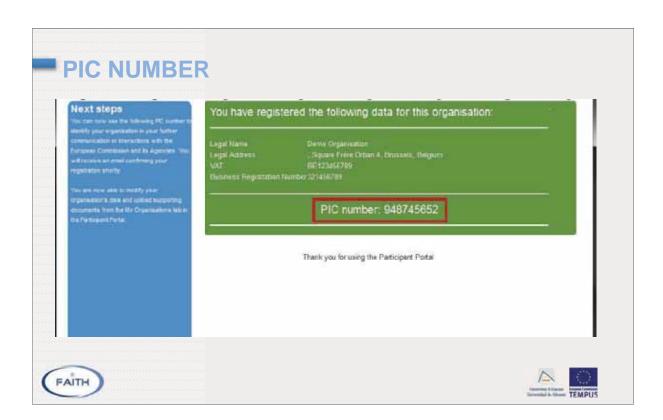
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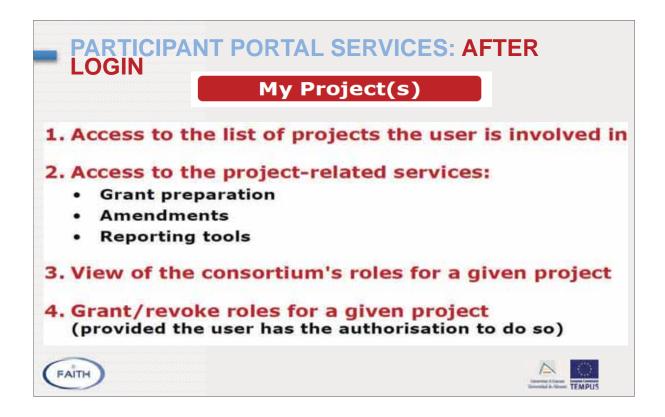
- The person registering the data (Self-Registrant) receives online the PIC number for his/her organisation.
- Participants are encouraged to register their organisations as soon as possible before drafting a proposal.
- Possibility to register an organisation on behalf of someone else.
- Management of multiple PICs is possible.
- 2. Access to organisation-related data
- 3. Update of organisation's data





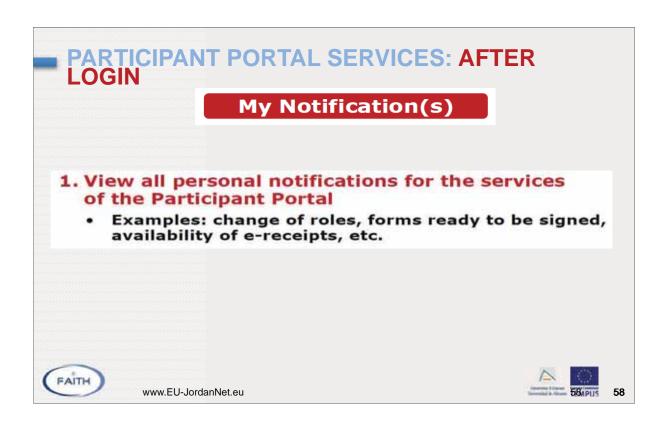














Any Questions???
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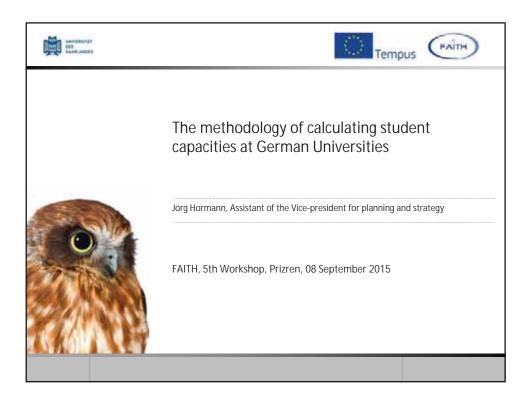


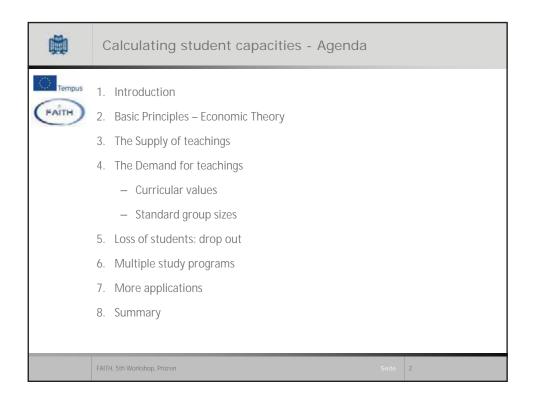
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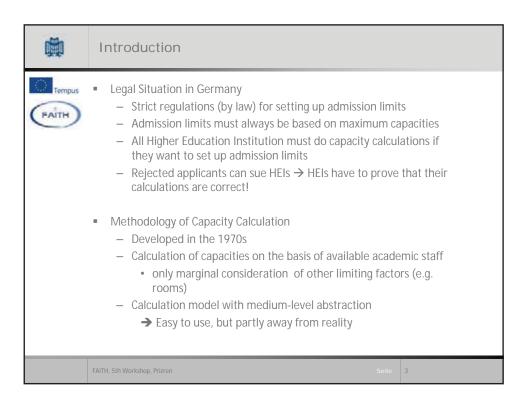
Based on the development of the white paper, which describes per-capita funding as a possible model for financing Kosovan Higher Education Institution, the topic of the training workshop WS5 (Prizren, September 2015) was designed to focus on the management of study places at Higher Education Institutions. The workshop gives attention to the question on how to effectively manage the student capacities of Higher Education Institutions and how to calculate the number of study places of study programs. EU partners introduced the calculation methodology that is used at German Universities. Besides that, the second focus of the input was the question on how to determine the costs of one study place.

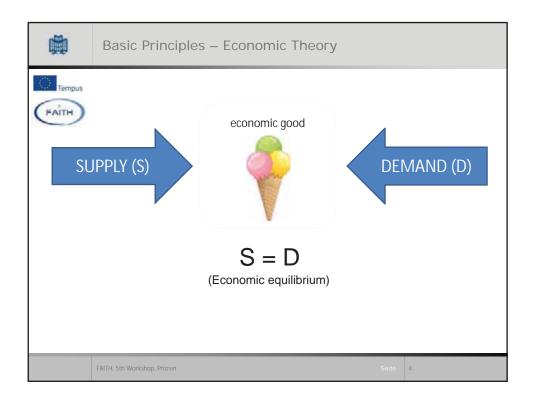
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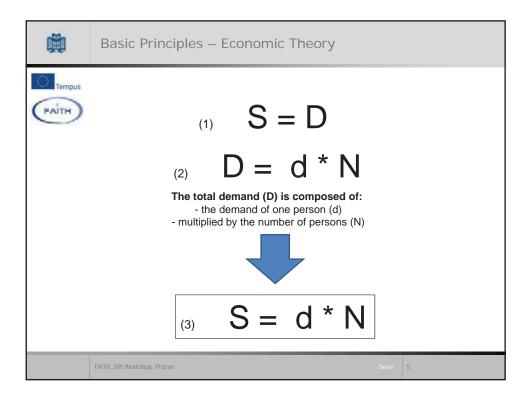
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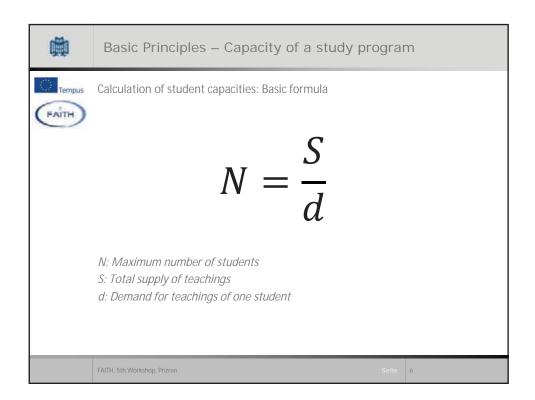


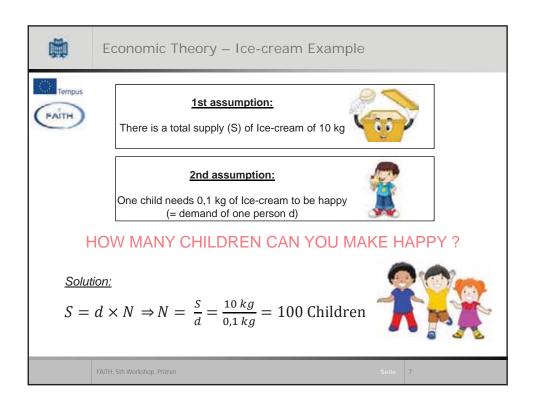


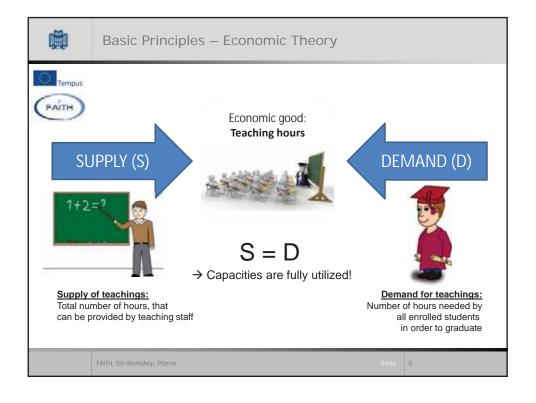


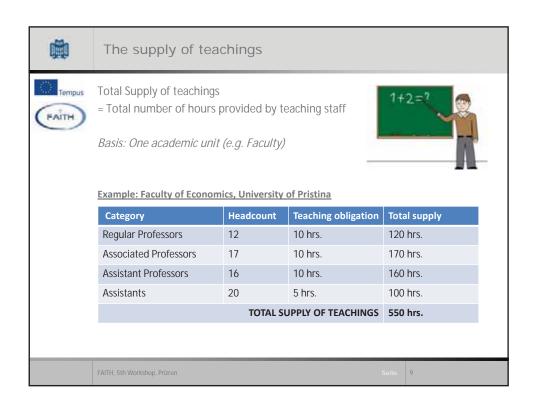


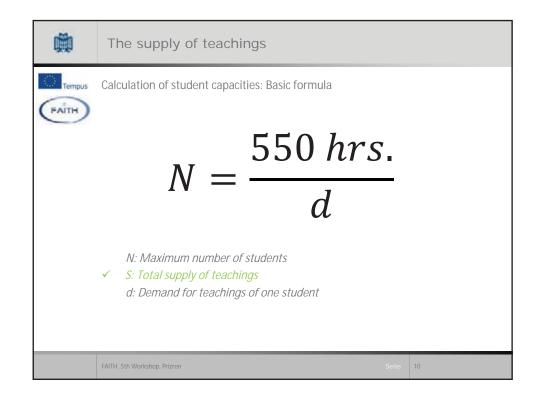


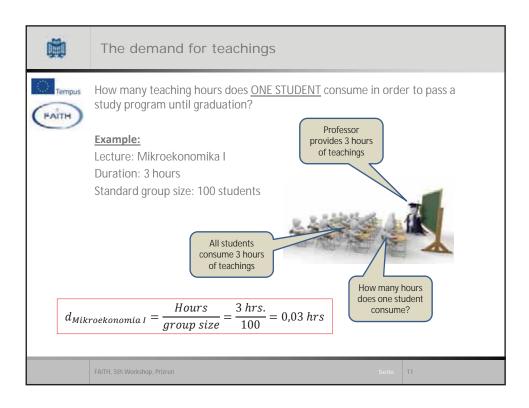


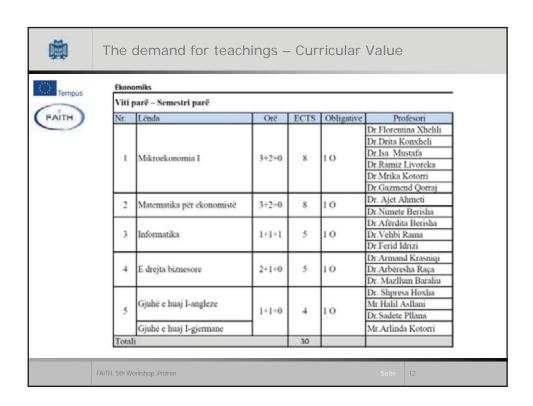


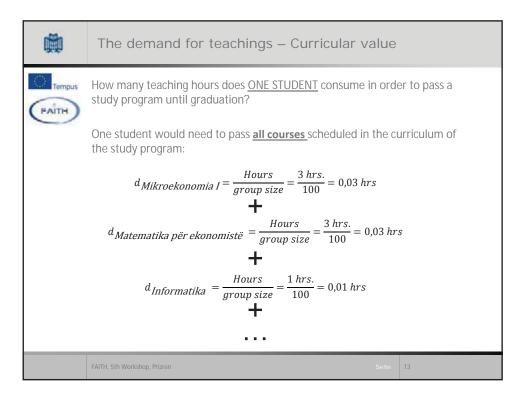


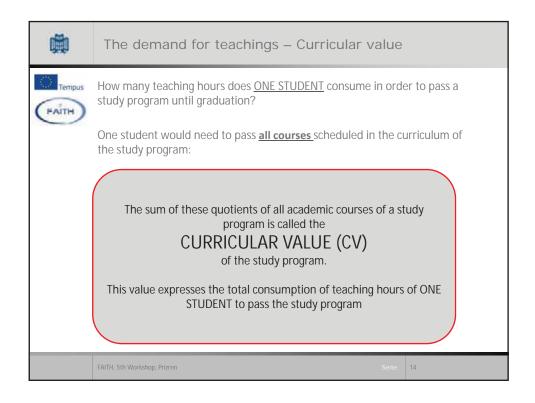


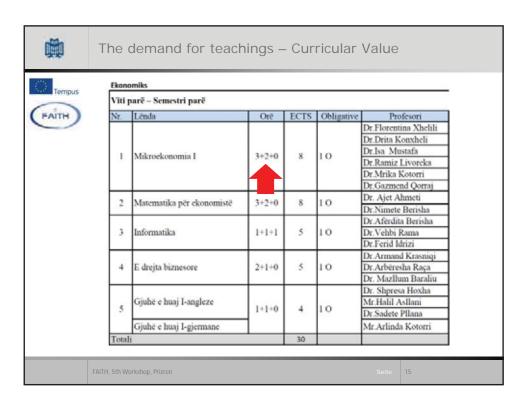


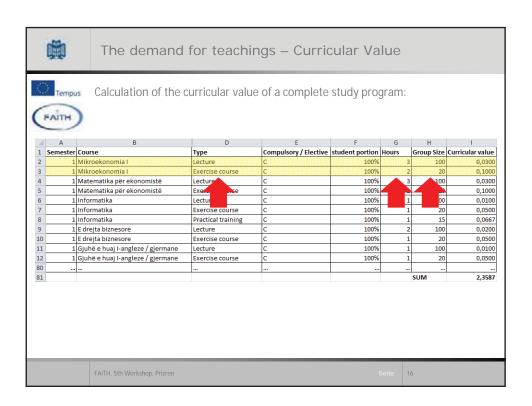


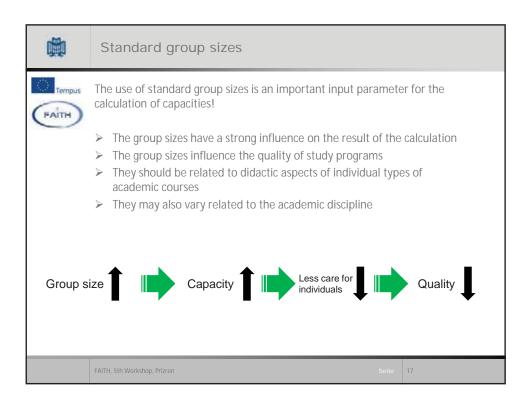


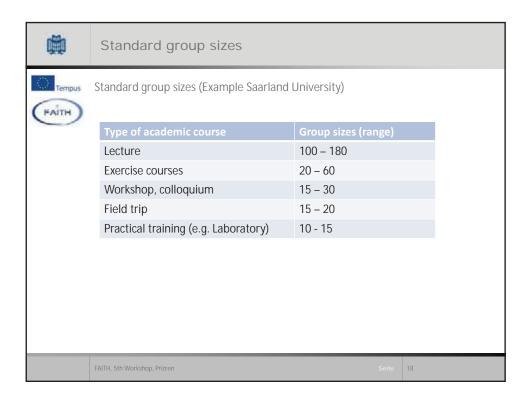


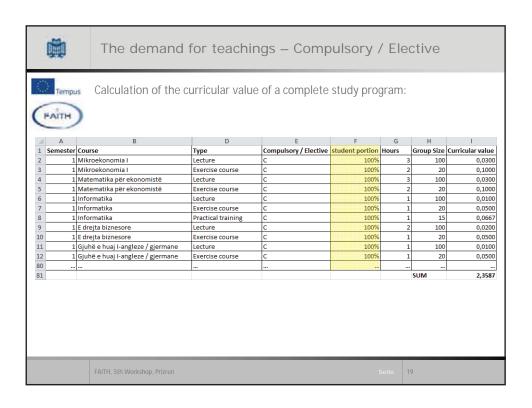


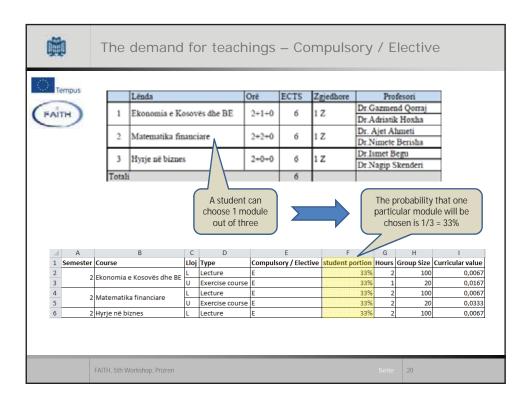


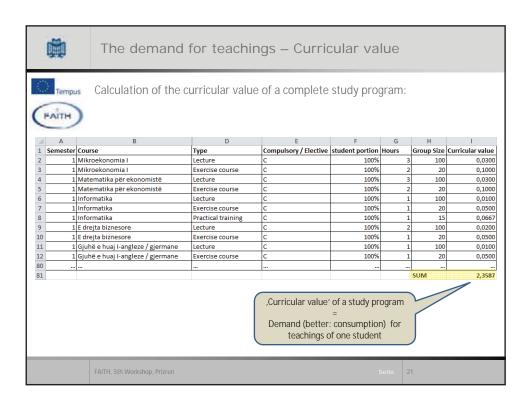


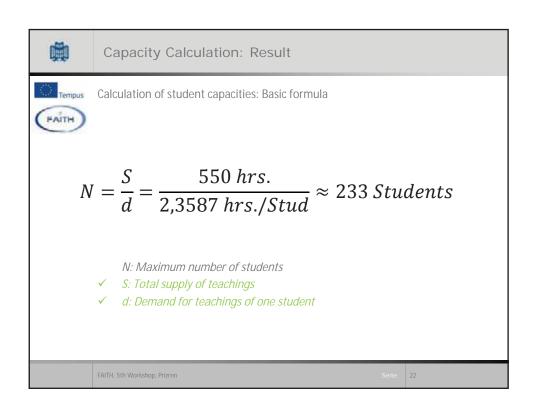


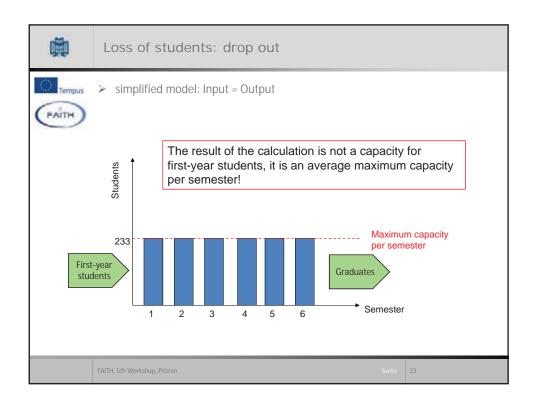


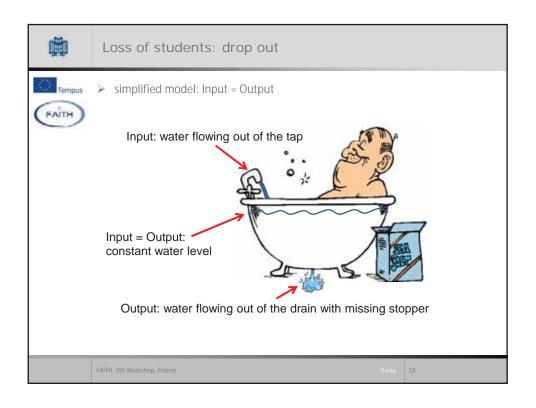


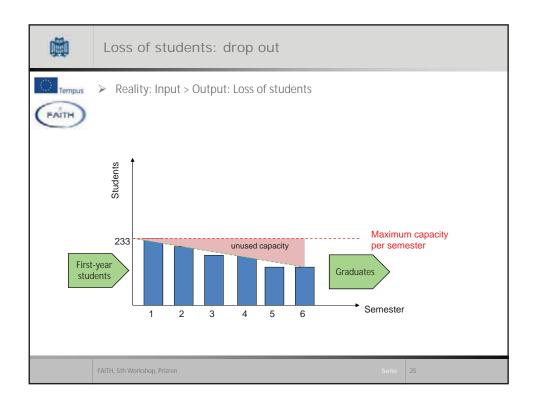


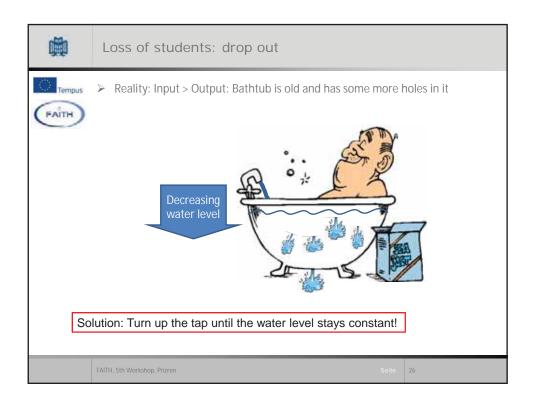


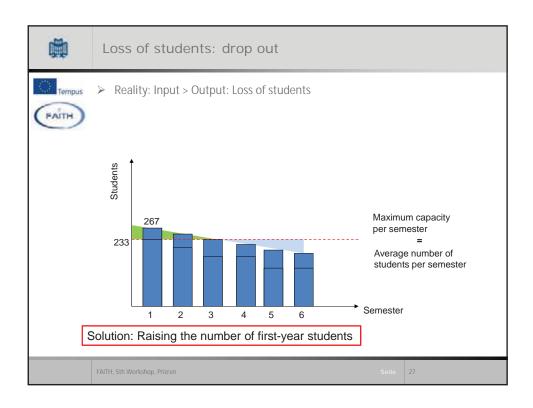


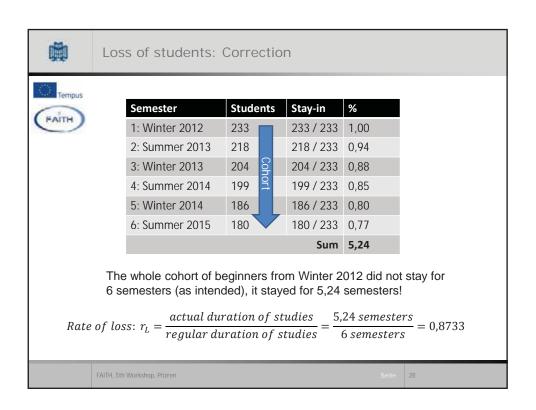


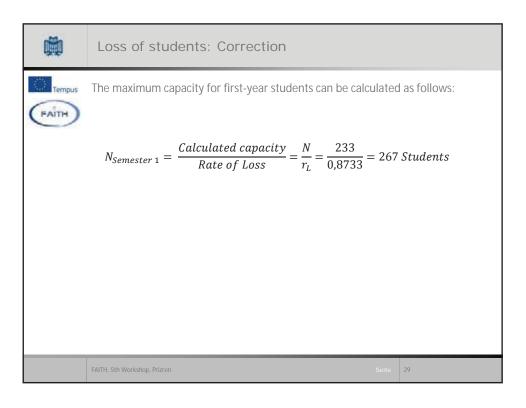


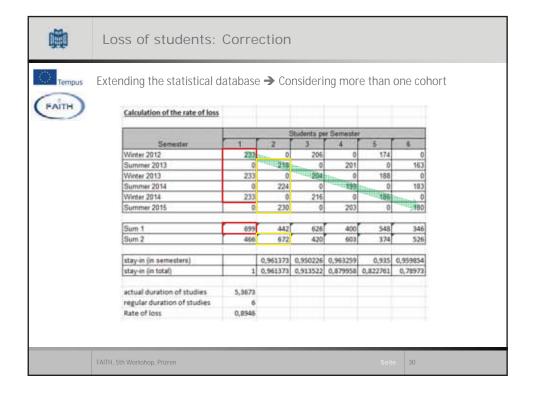


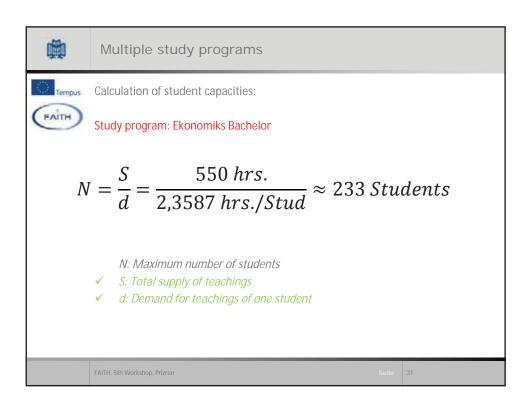


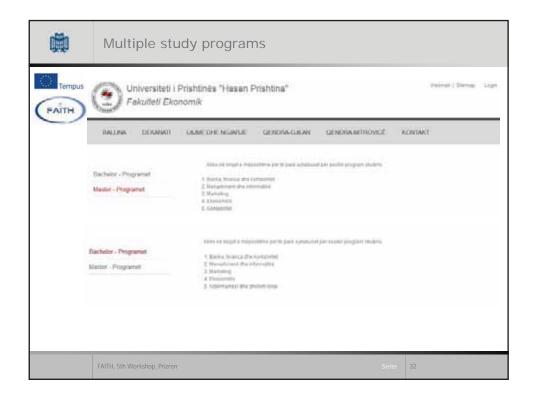


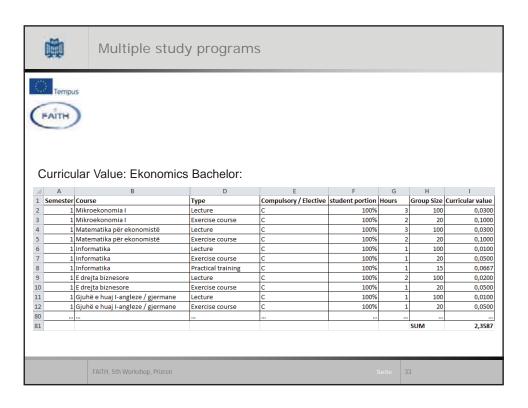


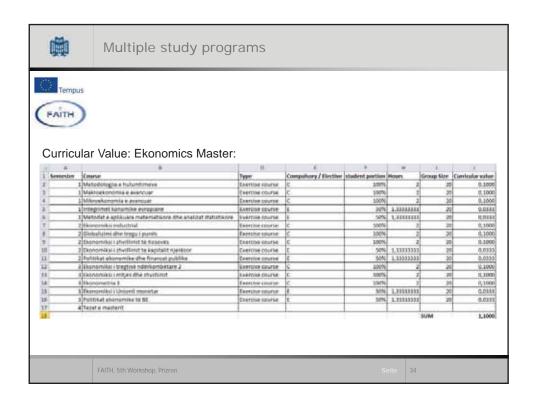


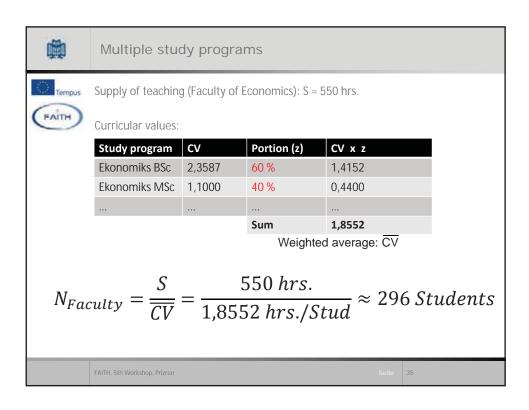


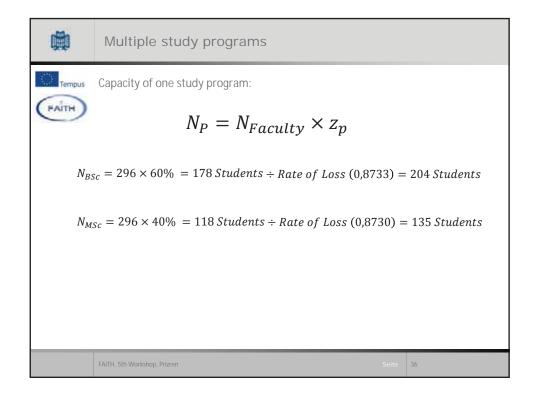


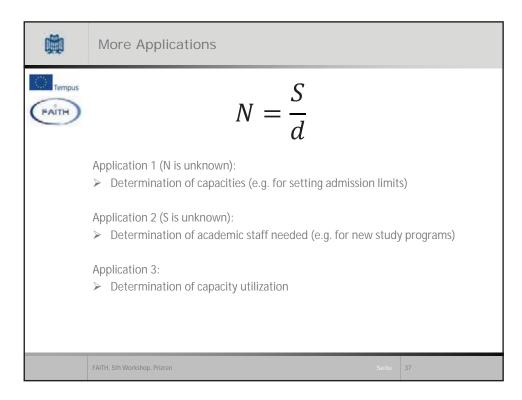


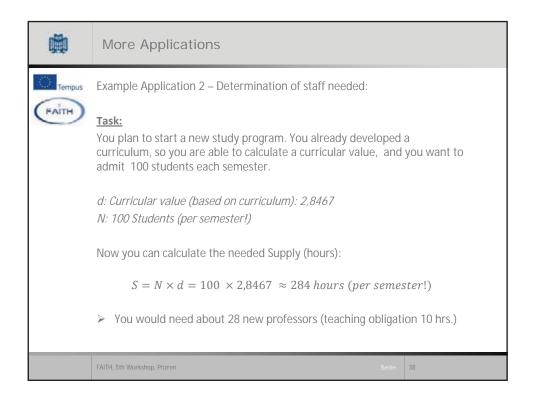


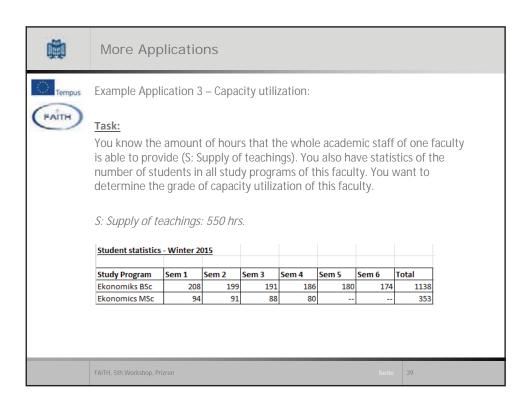


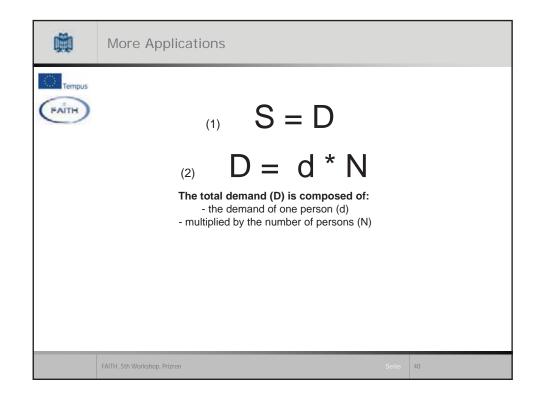


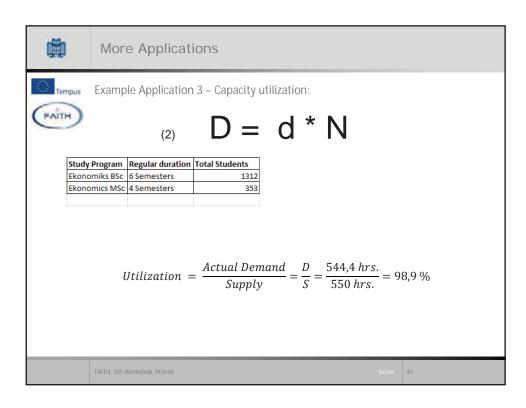


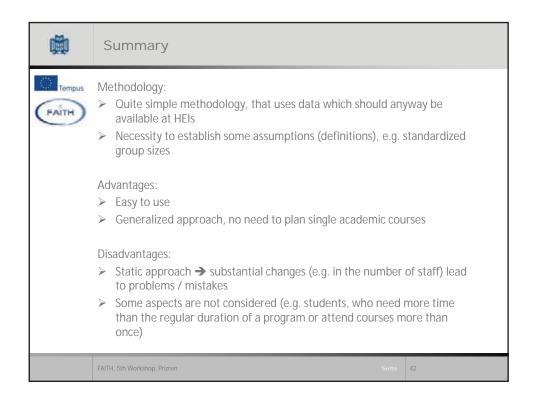




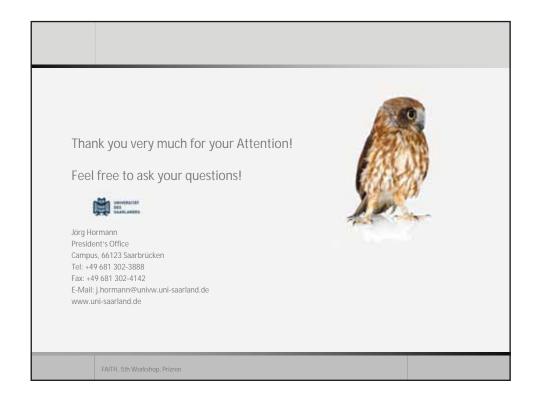












LEARNER CENTRED EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT

Nothing that can not be measured, can be improve



1





PRINCIPLES OF EDUCATIONAL ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT

- equity
- efficiency
- Sufficiency



2





THE COST OF STUDENT AS AN INDICATOR OF INDICATORS

- Direct effect on the productive capacity and economic competitiveness;
- Competition between economic systems;
- Trends and economic scenarios ;
- Openness and transparency.



3





WHY AN INFORMATION SYSTEM IS ESSENTIAL?

- Comparability with other systems;
- Instrument to convince :
- EU Project : Full cost
- Distribution of resources
- Main tool for decision making.

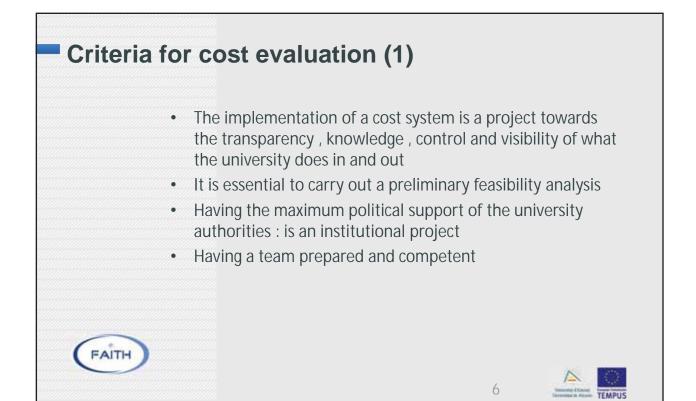


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COSTS AS PART OF THE STRATEGY The information about the cost will become part of the institutional intelligence of universities Costs as part of the strategy General reports FAITH Control panel Indicators Indicators



Criteria for cost evaluation (II)

- Assign personal, technical and financial resources that consume system implementation
- Properly socialize the project and prioritize it
- Reviewing management systems to analyze what they can give and what not, with regard to costs



Focus systems to automate information.

7





Goals

- Offer a comprehensive solution combining:
 - Customizing the accounting model
 - with IT software
- That consider the problems and offer solutions for the University
- That is feasible and graduable
- Keep it "alive" in time



Tomas Chang



WHAT IT IS REQUIRED OF SYSTEM COSTS

- A cost system is heavily dependent on other information systems
- Requirements:
 - Flexibility: open enought to allow sufficient use even if original systems are unknow
 - Independencie with other systems: must be operational from a technical point of view , by itself
 - Automated integration: between himself and the origins of the information systems
 - Information analysis: large query capabilities on all data residing on it, from the most general to the smallest detail

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THE 4 STEPS FOR DETERMINING THE COST OF STUDENT

a. Cost location

FAITH

- b. cast secondary
- c. Imputation activities
- d. Allocation of final cost objectives



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THE ESTIMATED COST MARGINS IN STUDENT • Determining rates • Policy scholarships



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