How to benefit from HOCH® network

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

Become a HOCH® network partner and benefit from

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

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

Further information: www.hoch-n.org/en

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

HOCHN network

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

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

Three levels of engagement characterize the HOCHN network:

1. Participation
   
   Particular members of HEI are interested in promoting sustainability in their institutions on an individual level and join HOCHN events.

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

3. Assume responsibility
   
   The whole HEI is committed as an active partner institution of the HOCHN network, i.e. particular criteria of SD institutionalization are approved.

HOCHN research

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

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

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