Higher Education in Germany – Recent trends

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**Voluntary association** of state and state-recognized universities and other HEIs

**268 member institutions** which account for 94 per cent of students in Germany

**Political and public voice** of the HEIs

**Forum** for the process of forming joint policies and practices
- Agenda setting and advocacy at national and international level
- Service provision for member institutions
Legal Framework

Federal government and State governments
Higher Education Institutions

By Type of Institution

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By Control: number of institutions

- State: 60%
- Private: 30%
- Church: 10%

By Control: number of students

- State: 93%
- Private: 6%
- Church: 1%
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According to Student Numbers

2.8 mio students in total (as per WS 2015/2016)
German Research System

University Research and Extra-University Research are the two Pillars of the German Research System.
Current Topics

- Funding of Universities
- Autonomy of Universities
- Differentiation in the Higher Education System
- Excellence Initiative
- Doctoral Education
- New Media: Digitalisation in Teaching
- Academic Integration of Refugees
- Internationalisation
Vielen Dank!

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