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Gera-Eisenach University of Cooperative Education is a new member of the HRK

At its meeting in Leipzig yesterday, the General Assembly of the German Rectors' Conference (HRK) approved the admission of Gera-Eisenach University of Cooperative Education (DHGE) to the HRK. This means that the HRK currently has 269 members.

DHGE, which emerged in 2016 from the Thuringia State Study Academy and its vocational academies in Gera and Eisenach, specialises in dual practice-integrated degree programmes in the fields of business, technology and social work. Around 1,400 students are currently enrolled at the university.

The German Rectors' Conference (HRK) is a voluntary association of public and state-accredited universities in Germany. Around 90 percent of all students in Germany are enrolled at its member institutions. Due to this large membership, representing all types of higher education institution, the HRK functions as the voice of the universities in dialogue with politicians and the public and as the central forum for opinion-forming in the higher education sector.

The HRK deals with all issues relating to the role and tasks of universities in academia and society, especially teaching and learning, research, innovation and transfer, academic further training, internationalisation, and university self-administration and governance.