

**6 October 2022****Recognition for studies – New information website "AN!" for students and prospective students online**

As part of its project "MODUS – Enhancing student mobility across educational boundaries through recognition", the German Rectors' Conference (HRK) has launched a new website for students and prospective students that provides information about recognition of competences acquired at higher education institutions as well as recognition of competences acquired outside higher education institutions, so called recognition of prior learning. The website "AN! Recognition and Recognition of Prior Learning for Studies" ([www.an.hrk.de](http://www.an.hrk.de)) offers explanations that apply across higher education institutions and nationwide.

In Berlin, HRK President Prof Dr Peter-André Alt stated today: "The recognition of higher education achievements and the recognition of prior learning enable domestic and international mobility for students and promote permeability between the vocational and academic education systems. However, by no means all students and prospective students take advantage of the opportunities that recognition and recognition of prior learning offer for the individual and flexible organisation of their studies. They are often unaware that in their further studies they can build on skills and knowledge they have already acquired and thereby shorten their period of study significantly and in a meaningful way." The new information website "AN!" shall therefore help raising awareness of this option among students and prospective students and provide appropriate orientation. "In recent years, the HRK has intensively supported higher education institutions in creating important framework conditions for recognition and recognition of prior learning," Alt continued. "With 'AN!', this information is now also communicated transparently to students and prospective students and made accessible online."

"AN!" takes the perspective of students and prospective students and helps them find information on recognition and recognition of prior learning procedures: What do I have to do to get the competences I have acquired in my job credited to my studies? What steps do I have to take if I want to apply for recognition of my gained achievements when changing my place of study or subject? And what should be taken into account when it comes to the recognition of competences acquired abroad? For these and other questions, "AN!" offers helpful hints and explains general basics step by step that provide an overview of the topic and thus important orientation.

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