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HRK warns of additional burden for universities through new admission procedure – interstate agreement to be approved tomorrow

"The costs of the dialogue-oriented service procedure (DoSV) must not be passed on to universities. The responsibility lies with the federal states," says the President of the German Rectors' Conference (HRK), Prof. Dr. Horst Hippler, on the occasion of tomorrow's meeting of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany. The amendment of the interstate agreement on a common institution for university admissions is on the agenda.

Horst Hippler: "The dialogue-oriented service procedure is very mature in terms of its technical implementation and link-in to higher education. The number of participating universities has risen steadily in recent years, but political and financial uncertainties are making many universities hesitate about participating in the DoSV.

In 2009 the federal states gave universities their assurance that they would bear the costs of the procedure. We relied on this promise. The fact that the discussion as to who is going to bear the costs has been ongoing for years has not contributed to the acceptance of the procedure. To be able to now look forward and increase participation in the DoSV, we urgently need a positive signal from the federal states.

The upcoming amendment of the interstate agreement should send out this signal through a corresponding change of the cost arrangements in the agreement. Ultimately, with university admissions, the universities are performing a government duty which the federal states have to finance."