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HRK on the lifting of the cooperation ban

The Universities Members' group and the President of the German Rectors' Conference (HRK) are calling on the Federal Government, the Bundestag and the Bundesrat to implement without delay the statement in the coalition agreement relating to a federal contribution to the basic funding of the universities (Section 1.2). Annual increases in basic funding for universities should take place at federal and state level as they do with non-university research institutions through the Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation. To achieve this, the HRK believes that an amendment to the Basic Law is essential.

The HRK is also calling for an increase in overheads for publicly financed external funding projects to at least 25% (similar to the rules at EU level) as a step towards the full cost financing of these projects. It is also appealing to the state governments to contribute to such an increase in overheads.

Rhetoric must be turned into action!