

**6 August 2014****Forming Transitions, Promoting Student Success: new HRK project to support universities in the Study Reform**

The German Rectors' Conference (HRK), with the support of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), has launched a new project to help universities with the continued implementation of the European Study Reform. The project "nexus – Forming Transitions, Promoting Student Success" will focus on optimising the initial phase of studies, promoting mobility during a course and facilitating the transition to employment.

"The project addresses the most important stages in the 'student lifecycle'", explained HRK President, Prof. Dr. Horst Hippler. "It will facilitate transitions: how to improve access to the universities for students with different biographies and backgrounds and how to help them achieve success. How can study qualifications, taken at a different university, be recognised in a transparent process? How should academic study be structured to ensure that graduates are successful on the employment market?"

Selected groups of experts in the engineering, business and healthcare/medical fields will work with the project to develop generic solutions. It is planned to set up "round tables" at which the problems and potential solutions will be explored in greater detail from the point of view of each discipline.

The HRK has been offering its member universities guidance and support on implementing the European Study Reform for over ten years. Examples of successful practice by the Universities were collected, edited and published as part of the project "nexus – Concepts and Good Practice in Higher Education" which ended at the end of June. The new nexus project is based – among other things - on the recommendations presented by an HRK working group in November 2013 on **Further development of the Study Reforms**.

For more information, please go to [www.hrk-nexus.de](http://www.hrk-nexus.de)