Virtuelle Hochschule Bayern (vhb). A Network for Successful Digital Teaching

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Virtuelle Hochschule Bayern (vhb)
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The joint virtual campus of
the Bavarian **universities**
and **universities**
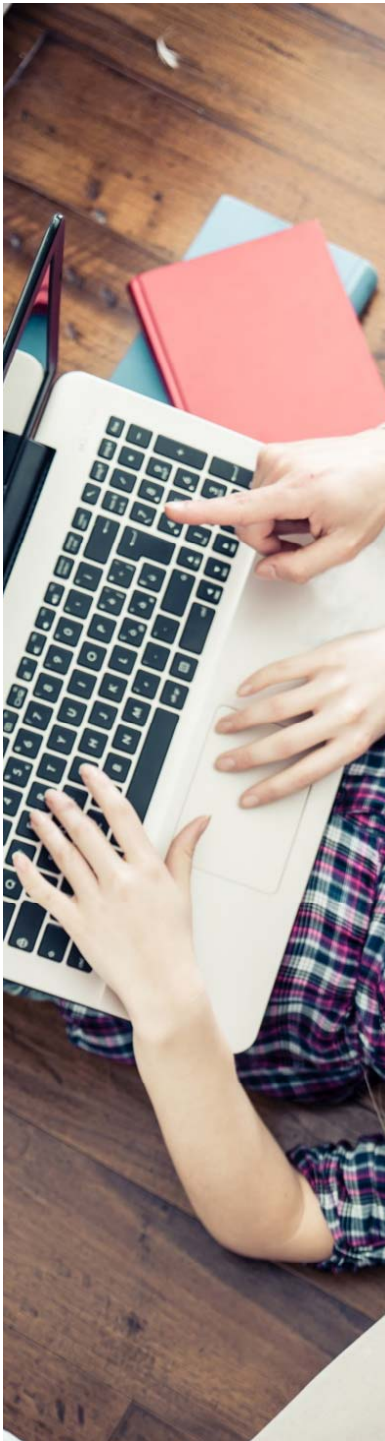**of applied sciences**

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Tasks and Aims

- **Complements** the individual e-learning activities of its 31 member universities, offering more flexibility – both in location and scheduling

- **Funding** and **coordination** of the **development** and **operation** of online courses and online material for use **across** the member universities

- Open online courses for all interested individuals

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Programme Structure / Funding Lines

1) **CLASSIC vhb** (since 2000)**:** complete online courses for degree programmes of the member universities with examination / credit points (ECTS) and supervision by trained e-tutors

2) **OPEN vhb** (since 2018)**:** open courses with university level, open to all interested individuals, free of charge, no supervision, registration is required

3) **SMART vhb** (since 2018)**:** online material for blended learning in individual lectures

Figures

Courses and learning units

CLASSIC vhb

530 courses for degree programmes in operation
74 courses in development
182,000 course enrolments (academic year 2017/18)
1.58 Mio. course enrolments since 2000

OPEN vhb

25 courses in operation
35 courses in development
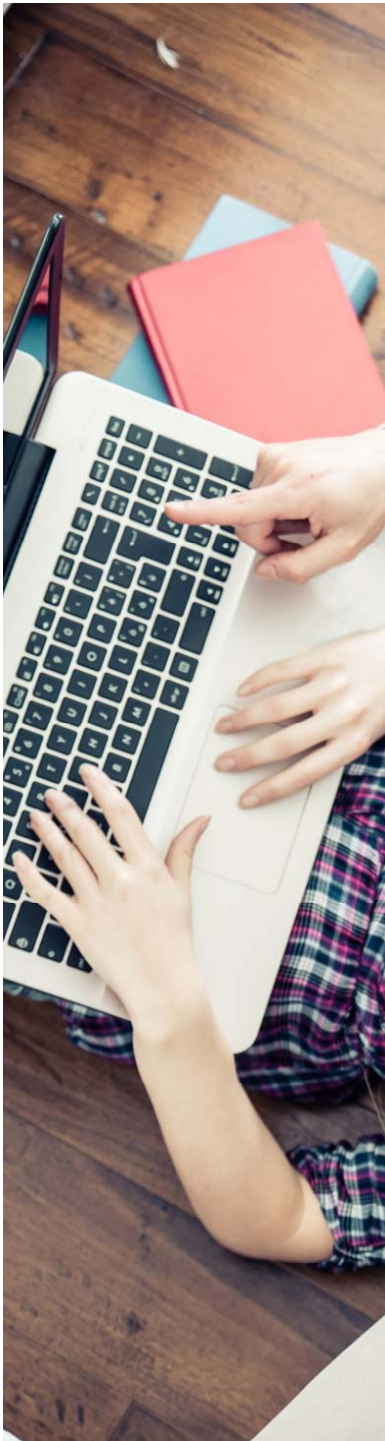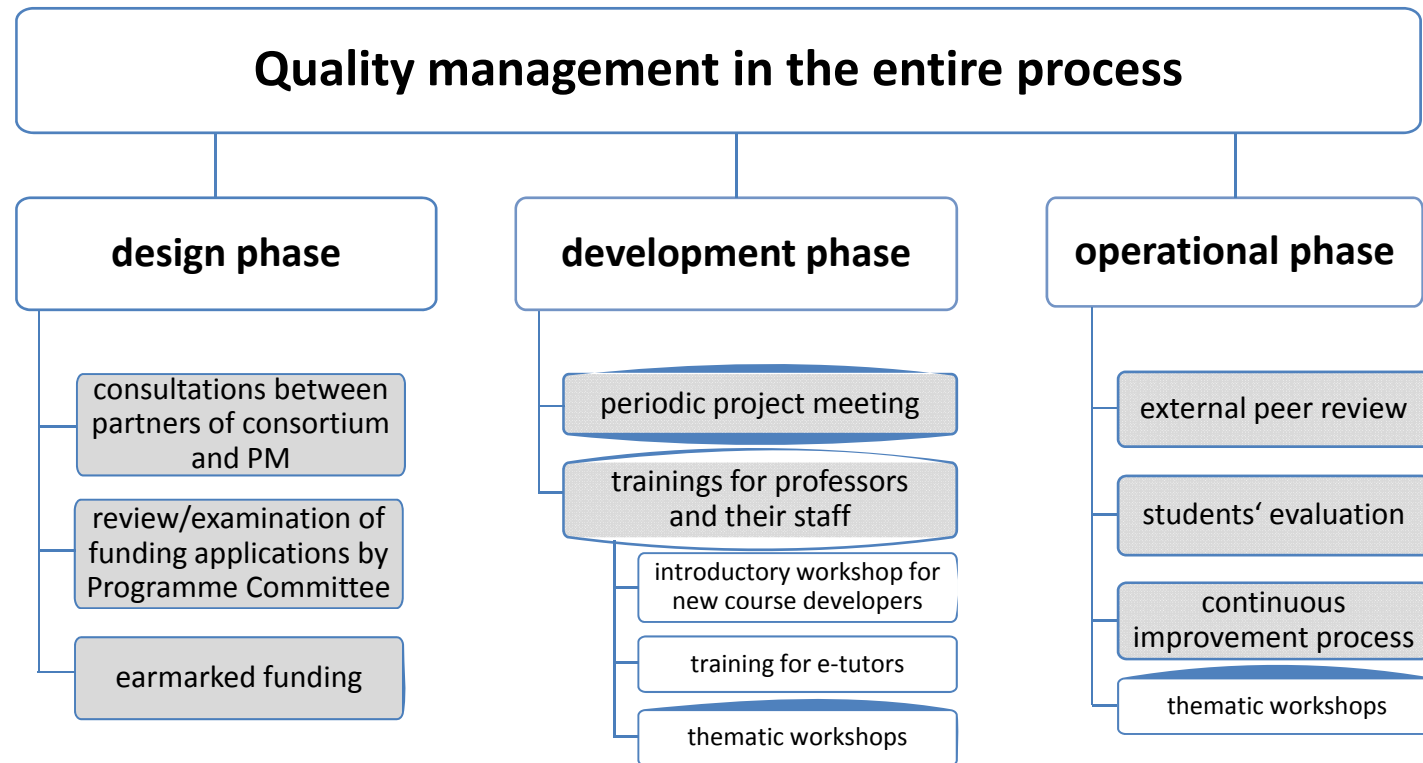14,000 enrolments since launch 9 July 2019

SMART vhb

800 blended learning units, in operation from October 2019
800 blended learning units in development

Quality approved
by
Peer evaluation

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Quality Management

Quality management in the entire process

design phase

- consultations between partners of consortium and PM
- review/examination of funding applications by Programme Committee
- earmarked funding

development phase

- periodic project meeting
- trainings for professors and their staff
  - introductory workshop for new course developers
  - training for e-tutors
  - thematic workshops

operational phase

- external peer review
- students' evaluation
- continuous improvement process
- thematic workshops

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Technology

- **Infrastructure of the member universities**: CLASSIC vhb courses are hosted on servers of the universities

- **Central structures**

  - Moodle based LMS for OPEN vhb courses

  - Repository for SMART vhb learning units

  - Portal for course catalog and participant registration

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What keeps a working network going?
Our experiences…

■ Offer a real benefit (funding, product…)

■ Meet the need (demand, integration in degree programmes, consortium…)

■ Allow to participate (commitees…)

■ Accompany your members as partners (services, workshops, trainings…)

■ Set quality standards and safe them (ExEval, funding for revising…)

■ Offer simple ways of sharing (platforms, shibboleth…)

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Thank you!

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