



### Governing Research for Sustainable Development: The Vision and Mission of the German Ministry of Education and Research

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## The German Research Landscape

The framework for funding research for sustainable development:

- Federal system, 16 Länder are responsible for education
- Universities:
  - o institutional funding by Länder,
  - o cooperation agreements between federal government and 16 Länder
- Federal ministry of education and research:
  - Vocational education and training
  - Education: equal chances, early childhood education, international studies
  - Research and Innovation
  - International cooperation





# 2016: 16.4 Billion Euro for Education and Research (BMBF budget)



Source: BMBF/Robby

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2017: 17,6 Billion Euro for Education and Research (+ 7,6%)





#### Research Funding Instruments

- Institutional Funding (ca. 5,8 Billion € in 2017):
  - Research Institutes, e.g.







• Funding Institutions, e.g.







- Project Funding
  - In all relevant fields of research
  - Through calls for proposals





#### The Global Goals for Sustainable Development





#### Science platform on SDG

- synergies, conflicts, dynamics, governance
- Advice on the implementation of SDG in and by Germany







#### FONA<sup>3</sup> - Research for Sustainable Development

- FONA1: 2005 to 2009; 1.43 billion. € funding for 3.493 projects
- FONA2: 2010 to 2014; 1.81 billion. € funding for 2.867 projects
- FONA³: 2015 to 2019; 2,1 billion € estimated budget

#### Political foci and achievements:

- √ Tackling societal challenges
- ✓ Inter- and trans-disciplinary research
- ✓ Effective implementation of research results
- ✓ Research in global responsibility
- ✓ Establishment of international networks







#### FONA at a glance

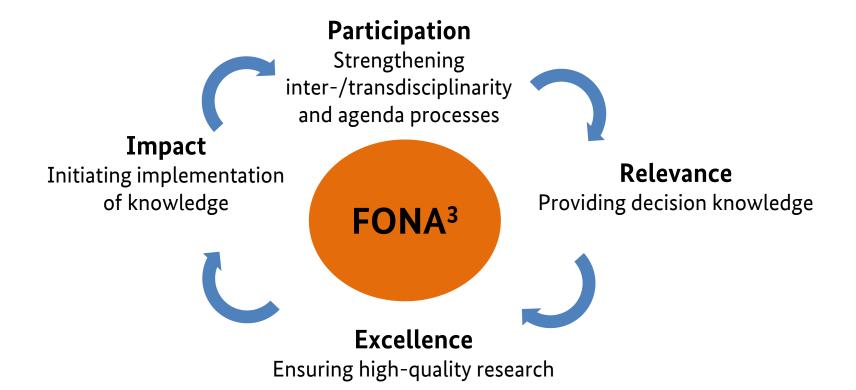
#### Instruments Maintaining and enhancing Agenda processes and quality of life and Fundamental research and close departmental competitiveness research infrastructure cooperation Learning programme and Using resources Green Economy "Energiewende" impact analysis City of Future intelligently and Funding instruments for efficiently inter/transdisciplinary research Protecting common assets: Project funding combined climate, biodiversity and with institutional funding the ocean Sustainability in research institutes Education and research: working together for sustainable development





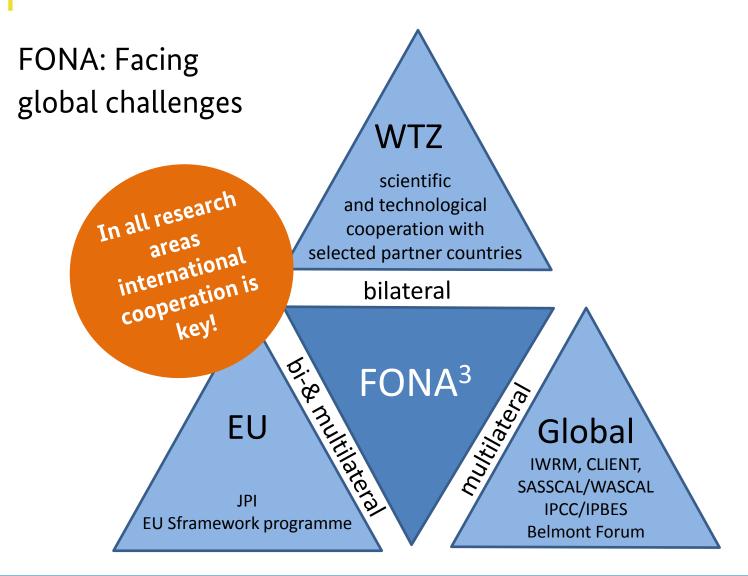
#### Principles of FONA<sup>3</sup>

Translation of knowledge into practice and policy.













#### Sustainability in Science Initiative (SISI)



- Responsible Research and Innovation
- Sustainable Campus Infrastructures (Building and Management) of Higher Education and Research Institutions
- Linking Research and Education for Sustainable Development





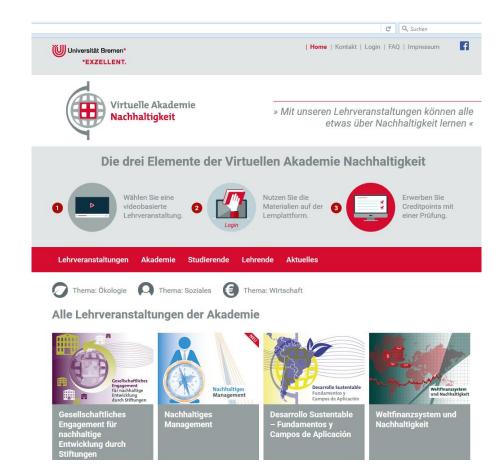


#### SISI: Fostering projects with potential for extension

Wandercoaching: students for sustainable universities











#### LeNa – Sustainability in Research Institutions





## **HOCHN**

# Sustainabilty at Higher Education Institutions (HOCH-N) develop—network—report









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#### HOCH<sup>N</sup> – Work Packages and leading HEI

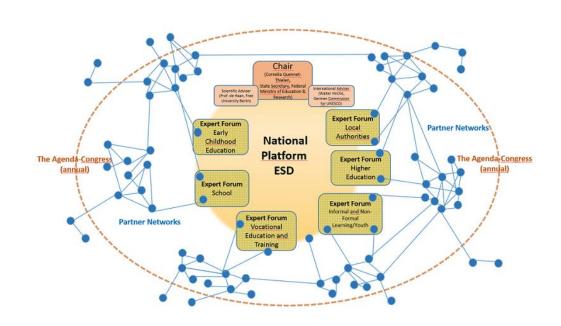
- Integration and Transfer
  - 1.1 Project Management and Coordination: Universität Hamburg
  - **1.2 Networking and Transfer:** Universität Bremen/Universität Hamburg
- 2. Sustainability Reporting:
  - a) German Sustainability Code: Universität Hamburg/Freie Universität Berlin
  - **b) Sustainability Reporting/Indicators**: Universität Hamburg /Universität Duisburg-Essen
- 3. University Governance: Freie Universität Berlin/Universität Vechta
- 4. Education: Universität Bremen/Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen
- 5. Research: Leuphana Universität Lüneburg und Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
- 6. Operations: Technische Universität Dresden und Hochschule Zittau-Görlitz





#### Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)





UNESCO-Weltaktionsprogramm: Bildung für nachhaltige Entwicklung







#### ESD National Action Plan – to be adopted by June 2017

#### Recommended fields of action for Higher Education Institutions:

- Restructure financial plans in order to permit sustainability
- Link research and education for sustainable development
- Support a diversified landscape of HEI with different paths of sustainable development
- Support students in their role as agents for sustainable development
- Develop transformative narratives for ESD
- For every field of action there are 4-6 goals decided
- Concrete measures are listed to achieve the goals
- The members of the National Platform (and others) declare their commitment





# Funding research for sustainable development – current/emerging questions

- Which is the best possible impact of research for sustainable development?
- How can we define and measure this impact?
- Importants characteristics of research to guarantee a maximum effect on sustainable development? (transdisciplinarity, systemic approach, participative governance, solution oriented approach...)
- Relationship between excellence and sustainability in research. Which are the performance indicators for excellent sustainability research?
- How can we link ESD / education and FONA / research for sustainable development more effectively?





## Thank you for your attention!

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