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Work Package II

Creating a Cross-University PhD School “Agricultural Policy and Economics”

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Creating a Cross-University PhD School* “Agricultural Policy and Economics”

- So far neglected topics
- Research often remains descriptive
- Analytical skills and research methodologies do not fulfill international standards

* School not in a traditional sense but a virtual school as joint education program of many faculties

Aim of the virtual PhD school

... to establish a cross-university PhD program that promotes interuniversity cooperation, reduces the threat of academic inbreeding, and brings scientific research closer to international standards

Planned Structure of the PhD-program (I)

Bloc courses*:
3 x 1-week-blocs per year

* Offered by local teaching staff plus guest lecturers from abroad

Planned Structure of the PhD-program (II)

1 General preparatory subjects

(planning/designing research, formulating hypotheses, scientific presentations and writing, literature research)

2 Empirical methods (statistics, computer modeling, econometrics)

3 Software applications for specific computer models

Evaluation

- PhD- program should not replace the traditional doctoral education program
- It is a non-compulsory offer to broaden the scientific knowledge of the candidates
- The program has not been established so far as it was originally planned
- However, a joint agreement has been put forward by three agricultural institutions as a first step

Thank you for your attention!
