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## HERE – HIGHER EDUCATION REFUGEES ENTRANCE

*Preparatory Course for Refugees  
for all universities in Bremen*

### AT A GLANCE

- Pre-study programme
- Language and scientific skills
- Tutoring programme
- Mentoring
- Since April 2016
- Joint office for Bremen universities
- Partners: Fremdsprachenzentrum, Goethe-Institut, 5 universities & their International Offices
- Sponsor: DAAD, ministry of science
- Prospective plans: pre-study programmes for all international applicants

### CORE OBJECTIVES

1. Temporary project funding while long-term pre-study period  
Up till now: not a core task of universities (Studienkollegs are separate institutions)
2. Only 1/3 reached aims of programme even though high entrance qualifications need to be met
3. Inconsistent programme attendance
4. Further support offers don't seem to be accepted
5. Participants' acceptance of alternative education, esp. vocational training
6. Labour market and universities: low acceptance of international qualifications

### ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

- Subtotal: 459 participants
- 2016-19: 140 graduates
- 70 new students so far
- Hopefully: two more years of funding
- Evaluated pre-study programme has been developed
- Cooperation of universities
- Joint office has been newly established
- Common entrance exam established
- Refugees' recognition without credentials, in cooperation with Erasmus+-Project REACT (Norway, France, Italy, the Netherlands, UK)

### LESSONS LEARNT

1. Learning habits differ
2. Scientific requirements are special in Germany
3. Higher education systems are different
4. Status and hierarchy in universities are evaluated differently
5. Choosing of professional studies needs to be attended
6. Soft skills are needed for successful studying

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