

# German-Austrian Benchmarking on Internationalisation A practical approach to the different steps

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## **Objectives**

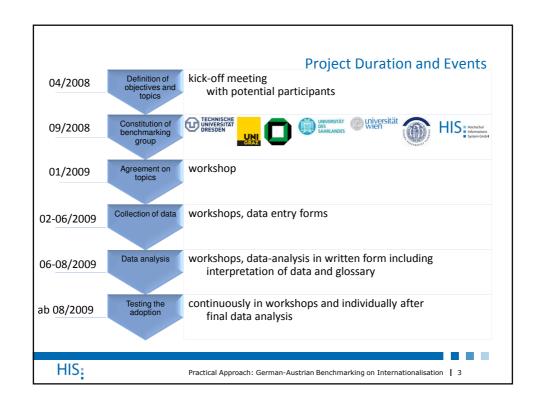
Contrary to the importance of internationalisation in higher education institutions (HEIs) there is little knowledge about strategy-building-processes and the implementation of strategies into operational business

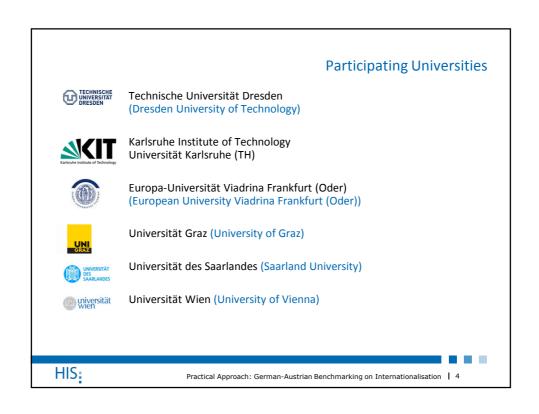
→Difficulties for decision makers to assess and and evaluate own strategies and activities concerning internationalisation

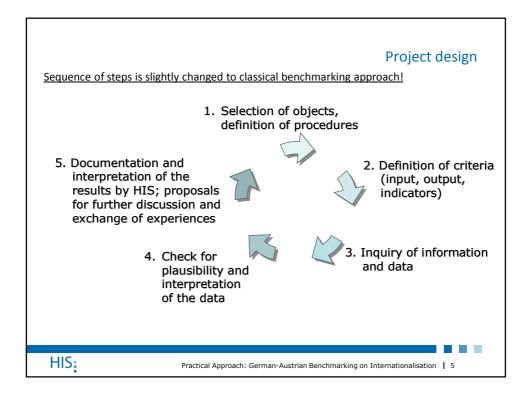
<u>Strategic Benchmarking</u> covering the following aspects and objectives:

- Determine the participant's position on a comparative basis
- Fostering the professional exchange between different HEIs
- Establishment of new approaches and solutions to common problems
- Linkage of operative and strategic layer
- Further development of the benchmarking method for future applications

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#### Chosen topics

- Workshop I: "Operationalization of internationalisation strategies" (13./14.01.2009, Hannover)
- Workshop II: "Student support for foreign students" (18./19.02.2009, Karlsruhe)
- Workshop III: "Border regions and their impact on the internationalisation of universities" (10./11.03.2009, Saarbrücken)
- Workshop IV: "Reduction of mobility constraints for students " (28./29.04.2009, Frankfurt/Oder)
- Workshop V: "Presentation and interpretation of results" (08./09.06.2009, Wien)

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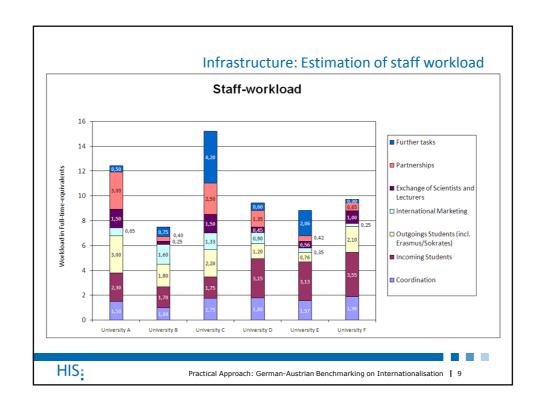
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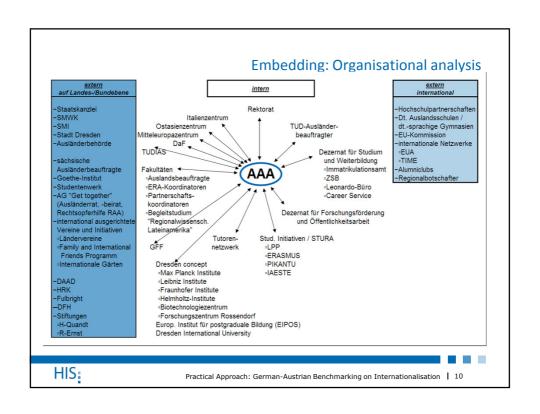
- Introduction to the topic
- Setting the terminology e.g. "what is Internationalisation? " "Do we define outgoings similarly?"
- Structured collection of information concerning the topic of the workshop and description of the situation through benchmarking partners, including:
  - objectives
  - general and organisational framework and conditions
  - working processes and procedures
  - advantages and disadvantages
  - experiences
- Detection of "best practices"
- Collection of significant and commonly accepted indicators
- Summary and documentation of results

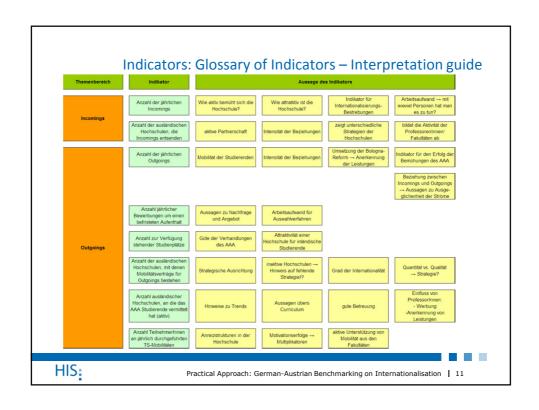
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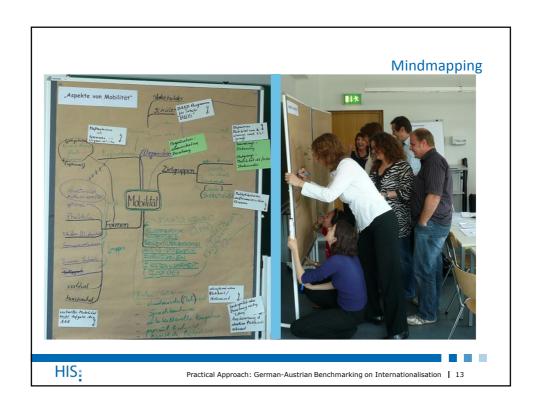
Instruments/Methods Strategy Efficiency Efficiency of Strategy-Analysis→ Processes → "Landscape of mobility-problems Analysis of key figures Organisational Embedding Infrastructure **Estimation of staff** Framework → Benchmarking workload and - Organisational chart quantitative distribution
→ Estimation of workload - Analysis of actors Internationales and partners Indicators Tasks Indicators -> Subjects Spectrum of tasks of - Building of indicators Processing the International Office → - Explanatory glossary workshops subjects - matrix of tasks Analysis of expectations Moderation (e.g. mind-maps, metaplan-technique, groupsessions, role playing) HIS: Practical Approach: German-Austrian Benchmarking on Internationalisation  $\;\;$  | 8

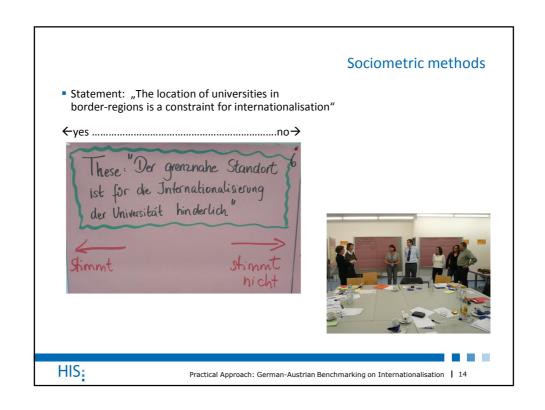


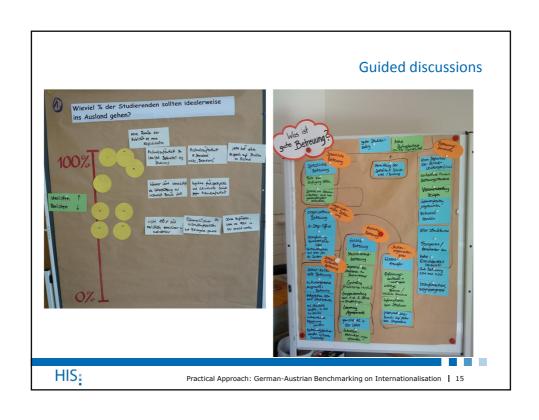


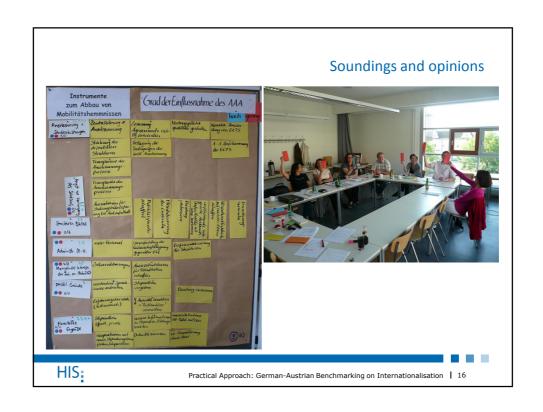


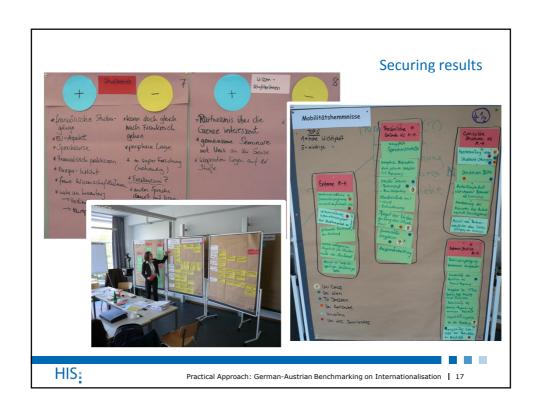
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#### Tasks of HIS

- Initiation of the Benchmarking supply framework for exchange
- Coordination and scheduling
- Support in search for relevant topics
- Development and supply of customized methods and tools
- Professional input (e.g. theory-based as well as know-how from other HEIs and benchmarking initiatives)
- Moderation of workshops, documentation of results
- Secure continuity
- Collection, analysis and preparation of data and information
- Supporting the interpretation of results and indicators

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## Challenges

- Requirement of resources personally and financially
- Availability, comparability and actuality of data depends on institutions and overall duration of project – is data available and in which detail?
- Definition of standards and benchmarks on what criteria are they chosen? Is there really a benchmarking to be defined?
- Adoption instead of imitation consider individual frameworks
- Selection of benchmarking partners how to choose the "right" benchmarking partner
- Implementation of results the success of the benchmarking project depends of the transfer of solutions into daily business

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# Benefit for participants

- Impulse for a continuous process of innovation and learning
- Exchange of experiences and solutions "thinking outside the box" and enabling participants to "see the big picture"
- Establishment of standards of comparison classification of own position
- Qualification of personnel professionally and methodically
- Access to implicit/tacit knowledge and know-how of others story telling
- Tools and instruments to build up internationalisation strategies

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Thank you for your attention – there is now time for questions & discussion

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