

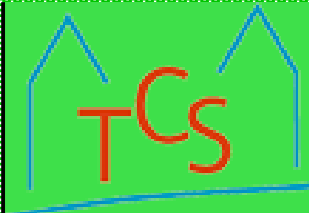


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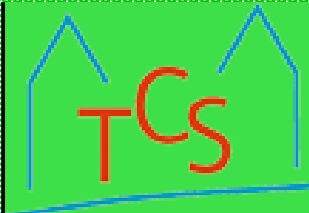
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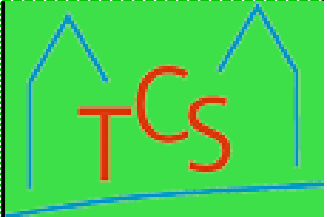
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Situation in Germany in 2000/2001:

- **education in Germany is ruled by 16 individual state governments**
 - federal government only responsible for some coordination and financing
- **study programs required permission by the state ministry**
 - only formal checks, no subject related or quality requirements
 - standards have been established by organizations like Fakultätentag Informatik
- **politics demand that Universities offer the Bachelor/Master system by 2010 nationwide**
 - well established Diploma programs (typically 9 semesters)
 - in particular in Engineering and Natural Sciences, should be **completely abolished**
- **no details concerning designing Bachelor-Master programs had been worked out**
 - in particular length, titles of graduation
 - (BA of Science - BA of Informatics - BA of Science in Informatics -)
- **special situation in Germany: Fachhochschulen**
 - (colleges without research duties and Ph.D., Polytechnica, Universities of Applied Science)
 - (graduation, Dipl. Ing. (FH))

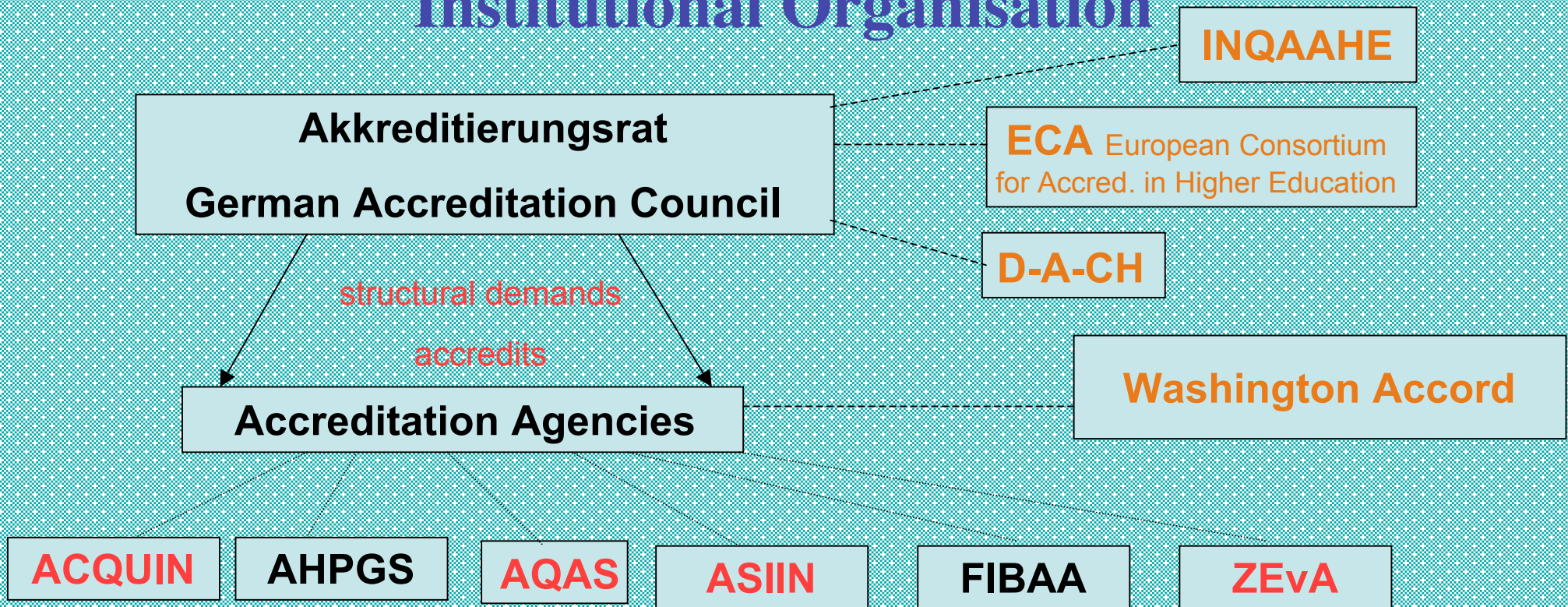


Structural Requirements demanded by the Council of the States

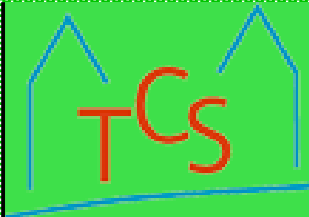
- new programs have to be accredited first
- existing or transferred programs have to be accredited within 1 year
- Ba programs of Universities and Fachhochschulen shall not be differentiated
in particular no more distinction between „more fundamental“ and „more applied“
every Bachelor degree qualifies for Master continuation
- Ba programs have to achieve „employability“
for the majority this should be final academic qualification
- Ma programs have to be classified:
„more research oriented“ or „more applied“



Institutional Organisation



Akkreditierungs-, **C**ertifizierungs- und **Q**ualitätssicherungs-**I**nstitut
Agentur für **Q**ualitätssicherung durch **A**kkreditierung von **S**tudiengängen
Akkreditierungsagentur für **S**tudiengänge der **I**ngenieurwissenschaften, der **I**nformatik,
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Zentrale **E**valuations- und **A**kkreditierungsagentur Hannover



ASIIN: Accreditation Agency for Study Programs in

Engineering
Informatics
Natural Sciences
Mathematics

private organisation (e.V.)

established by academic and industrial institutions

GI Gesellschaft für Informatik

VDI Verband der Ingenieure

FTI Fakultätentag Informatik (University departments)

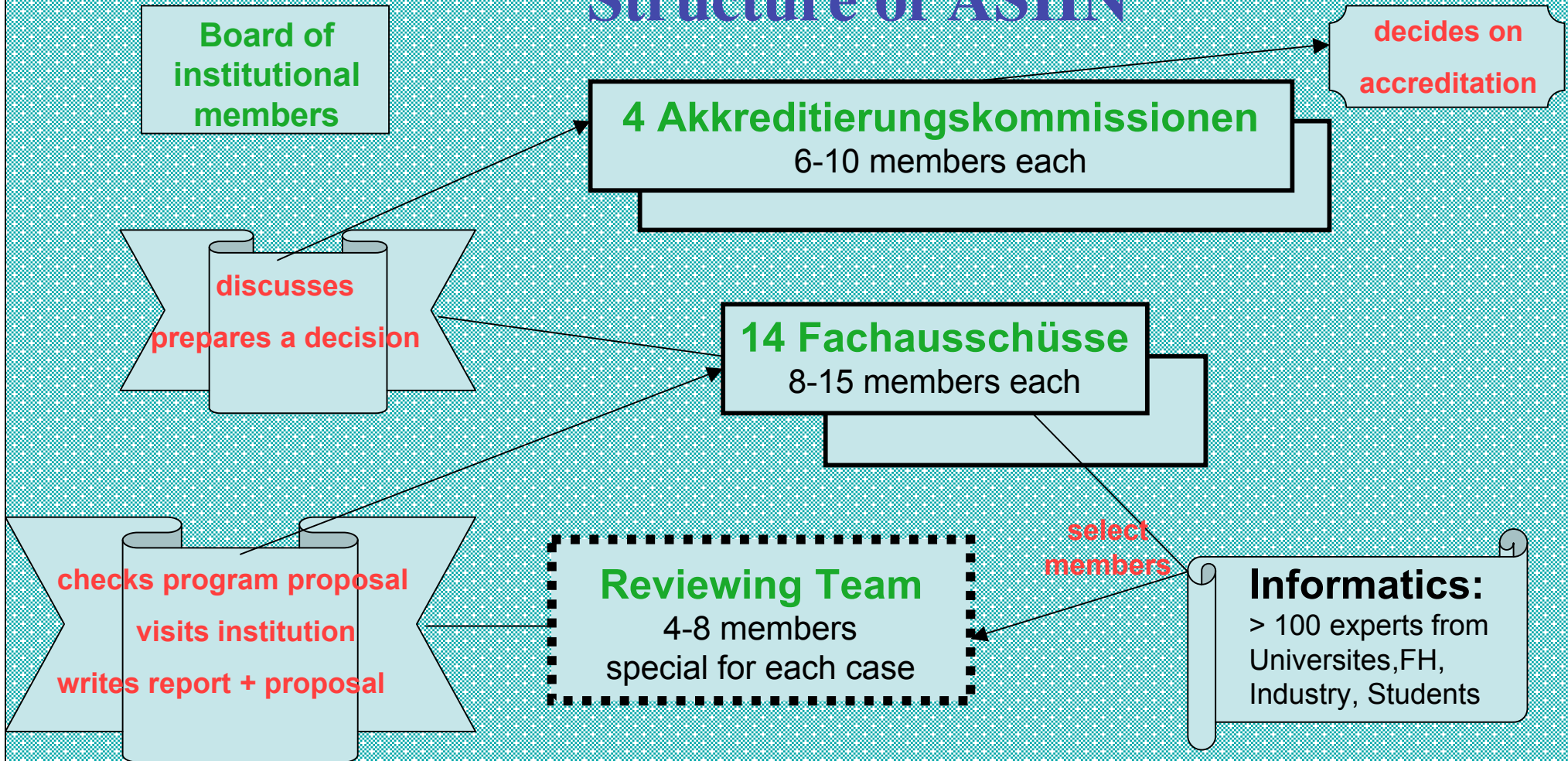
FBI Fachbereichstag Informatik (FH departments)

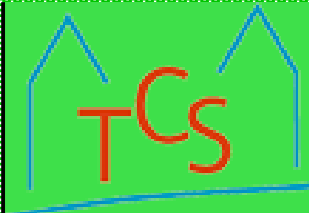
and many more

focussed, but not restricted to accrediting programs in Germany



Structure of ASIIN





Accreditation Procedure

duration:	6 month
evaluation:	1,5 days at the institution
report:	30-50 pages
cost:	10 - 15k €
possible decisions:	accreditation for 5 years conditional accreditation for 1+4 years no accreditation



Some Statistics

(state ~ October 2006)

number of accreditations
in total

percentage in
Informatics

ACQUIN	300
AQAS	285
ASIIN	482
ZEVA	280

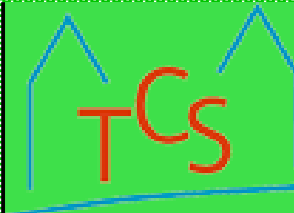
> 75%

accreditation of ASIIN

Universities

Fachhochschulen

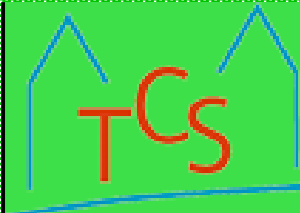
Bachelor	130	276
Master	210	192
sum	340	468



Some Statistics II

(state ~ October 2006)

number of study programs		Universities		Fachhochschulen	
TOTAL		7863		3086	
Bachelor		1741	22%	1386	45%
Ba accredited		361	20%	527	38%
Master		1259	16%	830	27%
Ma accredited		432	34%	414	50%
Ba + Ma			38%		72%
length of study programs		Universities		Fachhochschulen	
Bachelor	6 Sem		95%		52%
	7 Sem		3%		38%
Master	4 Sem		75%		50%
	3 Sem		12%		33%

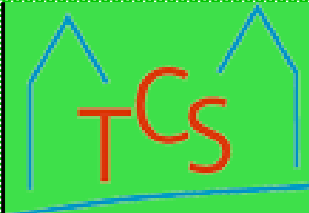


Some Statistics III

(state ~ October 2006)

number of accredited
programs by area

	Ba	Ma	total
Informatics	127	99	226
Mathematics	17	14	31
Physics	25	17	42
Total Natural Sciences, Inf., Math	224	186	412
Elec. Engineering	80	76	157
Mech. Engineering	75	42	117
Total Engineering	278	255	535



Research Project EuroInf

European Accreditation of Informatics Programs (2006-2008)

Goal: setting up a qualification framework for accreditation of informatics education

- common European standards
- European label

Institutions: ASIIN

CEPSIS

Council of European Professional Informatics Societies

HAW

Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaft Hamburg

Uni PB

Universität Paderborn, Institut für Informatik

previous projects: EUR-ACE

Accreditation of Euro. Engineering Programmes and Graduates (FEANI)



Outlook

- still several thousand Diploma programs have to be changed into Ba/Ma by 2010
- no clear solutions yet for the areas medicine, law, theology, teachers education
- still several thousand programs have to be accredited within the next years
- first reaccreditations on the way (7 years period)
- methodological shift from setting up formal rules to output requirements (skills)
- new accreditation procedures? - program versus process/system