

KIT President Comments on Key Points of Solidar-pakt III

Comment on Today's Promises of Funding for the Universities by the State Government of Baden-Württemberg

Today in Stuttgart, State Minister of Science Theresia Bauer and State Minister of Finance and Economics Nils Schmid presented the key points of the new scheme for university funding in Baden-Württemberg.

The President of KIT, Professor Holger Hanselka, comments: "The figures presented by the state government today are a clear and positive signal for the universities. We would like to thank the state government for the funding promises and the parties involved in the negotiations for their high commitment. Only with adequately funded universities can Baden-Württemberg maintain and further increase its economic and innovative power and research capacities. Now, we have to wait for the final negotiations, during which the funds will be allocated to the different types of universities. We hope for an appropriate distribution according to the real needs. After that, we will have to check which research and teaching offers can be implemented with the funds granted. It is clear that the funding promises do not solve all structural problems of the universities."

Click here for the press release of the State Rectors Conference of Baden-Württemberg (in German only):

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