

KIT President Hanselka: Strong Signal for Research and Education in Baden-Württemberg

Comment on the Signing of the University Funding Agreement in Stuttgart

Today, January 09, 2015, the University Funding Agreement “Perspective 2020” was signed. It governs funding of the universities for the years until 2020.

The President of Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Professor Holger Hanselka, comments: “Today’s signing of the University Funding Agreement is a strong signal for research and education in Baden-Württemberg. The specified increase in basic funding by an average of at least three percent per year is urgently required for maintaining the universities’ and, hence, the KIT’s strategic capacities to act after the stagnancy resulting from the last two solidarity pacts.” According to Hanselka, strong research and education institutions are of decisive importance to securing the innovative power of our state. In Hanselka’s opinion, the agreement also shows that “all our efforts for preparing the negotiations relating to the Solidarity Agreement III for an adequate funding of universities as systems driving the economy of the state have been worthwhile.”

“For the KIT, this means that the increase in the basic budget through funds for the energy costs among others will hopefully reduce the drastic cuts of the university budget in the past years to a tolerable level,” Hanselka says. “With KIT’s share in the funds provided for construction work, we can now start urgent construction activities relating to e.g. fire protection.” The KIT President welcomes the planned integration of program-related funds into the basic budget. “We are also glad about the promise of the state government to completely and dynamically compensate the abolished tuition fees for the duration of the pact.”

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) is a public corporation pursuing the tasks of a university of the state of Baden-Württemberg and of a national research center of the Helmholtz Association. The KIT mission combines the three strategic lines of activity of research, teaching, and innovation. With about 9,400 employees and 24,500 students, KIT is one of the

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