#### co-creation of knowledge





## About the benefits of cooperative action in curriculum development

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#### **Common Difficulties in Curriculum Development**

- Lack of knowledge of formal/legal requirements and/or principles of university didactics
- Decisions on content or didactics are often second to administrative decisions
- Relevant stakeholders are not included or included too late
- Focus on a single process step and neglect of further relevant process steps



#### **Crucial Aspects of Curriculum Development**

- Interaction and participation
- Attention to all process steps
- Distribution of tasks between stakeholders (teachers, university and faculty leadership, didacticians, quality managers and administrative staff)



#### Interaction & Participation: What is helpful

- Regular exchange of information between the relevant stakeholders
- A change of roles or perspectives of the stakeholders when a discussion stalls
- A culture of the university that allows transparent, discourse-oriented and respectful communication



#### Distribution of Tasks: What is helpful

- Involve existing expertise at an early stage
- Define responsibilities early in the process
- Make faculties, teachers, university administration and didacticians equal partners with different competences and tasks



#### Attention to Process Steps: What is helpful

- Give equal priority to all relevant process steps:
  - Curriculum development in the department
  - Committee advice
  - Accreditation
  - Preparation and commencement of studies
- Define responsibilities as clear as possible right from the start
- Define binding schedules



### **Curriculum Development: Integrative Approach**

Interaction & Participation

# Quality & Sustainability of Curriculum Development

Equal Attention to all Process Steps up from the Start

Competence-oriented Distribution of Tasks between Stakeholders



Thank you for your attention!