



Swiss Cantons of Basel-Stadt and Basel-Landschaft
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Strengthening the University of Basel 2010-2013

The University of Basel has presented a strategy which is designed to secure it a place amongst the ranks of leading international institutions, even in a world of heightened academic competition. The governments of the two responsible Cantons, Basel-Landschaft and Basel-Stadt, support this strategic approach and are keen to facilitate its implementation by approving a significant rise in their financial support during the 2010-2013 budget period. The annual global contribution of the cantons of Basel-Stadt and Basel-Landschaft is set to rise from its current level of CHF 267.1 million (2009) to CHF 314 million (2013) by the end of the budget period. The governments of Basel-Landschaft and Basel-Stadt have forwarded a corresponding proposal to the Legislative Council and to the Great Council respectively.

The University of Basel is a beacon institution for the economic region. The governments of the two responsible cantons of Basel-Landschaft and Basel-Stadt are pursuing with determination the strategy of positioning their university as a research university amongst the leading ranks of comparable international institutions. This is motivated not just by the university's long traditions, but also for reasons of regional economic development. The strategy comprises investment to preserve already-existing structures, in particular in the two landmark disciplines of life sciences and culture. For this reason, the governments are planning to boost the financial resources available to the university significantly during the new 2010-2013 budget period.

Cantonal financial contributions

Global contributions are calculated and allocated in accordance with the provisions of the State Treaty on Joint University Administration. In the year 2010 this corresponds to 49.8% for BS and 50.2% for BL, which is practically the status quo (2009: 49.6% BS; 50.4% BL). The balance will gradually shift up to the year 2013 in favour of BL (2013: 50.1% BS; 49.9% BL). The total university budget, including third-party resources, is set to rise from around CHF 540 million (2009) to around CHF 600 million (2013) per annum.

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Global contribution BL (CHF million)	134.6	142.1	148.8	152.7	156.7	600.3
Global contribution BS (CHF million)	132.5	141.2	148.4	152.9	157.3	599.8
Global contribution BL and BS	267.1	283.3	297.2	305.7	314.0	1200.1

The financial contributions are based upon certain assumptions pertaining to the development of external revenues. For this reason, in order to implement its strategy, the

university requires other stakeholders (in particular the federal government and other cantons) to make their own contributions towards Switzerland's university institutions. It is also important that the assumptions relating to the development of costs (in particular inflation) prove to be correct over the coming four years.

Performance mandate 2010-2013

Pursuant to the provisions of the State Treaty on Joint University Administration, the governments draw up the performance mandate for the university, and submit this to the parliaments together with the proposed global contribution for approval. The content of the performance mandate is determined by the university's Strategy 2007. The strategic objectives, which also extend beyond the forthcoming budget period, are included in the provisions of the performance mandate.

Foundations of the performance mandate and global contribution 2010-2013

The proposal submitted to the parliaments by the governments is based upon a report and application drawn up by the university in respect of the 2010-2013 budget period. In this, the university provides an overview of the contents and financial developments over the first budget period 2007-2009, describes the current position of the university in the national and international research and university landscape, and details its financial requirements for the years 2010-2013. The assumptions upon which this information is based correspond to the university's "MIDI" growth scenario, which also represents the basis for the cantons' campus planning for the university.

Definition of the financial resources which are considered necessary to implement the strategy is the result of a process of negotiation between the university and the governments. The allocation of resources is based upon certain assumptions pertaining to income on the one hand and the development of costs on the other. On the income side, the key parameter is the development of federal contributions as well as the revenues from the Intercantonal University Agreement ["interkantonalen Universitätsvereinbarung (IUV)]. In respect of the development of costs, the factors of inflation, building maintenance, equipment and IT procurement, the cost of medical teaching and research as well as strategically-assignable funds all need to be taken into account.

In addition to the above-specified cost factors, when it comes to assessing the growth in cantonal financial contributions it is important to reflect that the number of students has risen by around 41% over the past six years, and that according to the forecasts of the BfS as well as the planning of the university and of the cantons, is set to rise by a further 3% per annum over the coming years.

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