


International Consortium for Educational Development Network Profile

<p>Network Name URL</p>	 <p>Dghd - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Hochschuldidaktik https://www.dghd.de</p>
<p>Mission / Aim / Focus</p>	<p>dghd is the official association of academic and educational developers in Germany, and welcomes academics interested in academic and educational development on every level (from individual teachers to academic/educational developers and higher education decision makers). Our definition of academic and educational development is rooted in the understanding of the University as a place for co-creation of knowledge and action-related societal competence. We advocate for academic and educational development to be recognised as professional work and research capacity that contributes to the support and development of higher education teaching and learning throughout institutions and towards the wider society.</p> <p>dghd offers a forum for research and development in the area of higher education teaching and learning for members and the broader society. We aim at fostering the scholarly and political discourse around this topic and at commenting on central questions of academic teaching and learning in the German-speaking countries and in the international discourse.</p>
<p>Brief History</p>	<p>dghd was founded as a bottom-up network of academic and educational developers in the early 1970ies. In 2008 it became recognised as an association with charity status.</p> <p>Currently dghd has 504 members, mainly from Germany, but also from other German-speaking countries such as Austria and Switzerland.</p> <p>Dghd offers both individual and institutional memberships, with a clear shift towards more individual member in the last years.</p>
<p>Membership types</p>	<p>Individual and institutional members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual members – 75 € • Institutional members – 150 €
<p>Legal Structure</p>	<p>dghd is an association with charity status since 2008. The constitution was last amended in 2022.</p>

Governance / Operating Structure*	<p>The executive committee consists of five members. They are elected at the general meeting of dghd members for a period of three years. The election process foresees the election of the representative in a separate process. All other committee participants can be elected in one election process together when their turn is over. The constitution foresees two vice representatives who are nominated by the board-members themselves. dghd has three standing commissions, the research commission, the accreditation commission and since 2018 the commission for further education of academic developers. In 2023 they decided on establishing a commission for communication and outreach. Furthermore, there is an editorial board that structures the topics in the dghd book series (Blickpunkt Hochschuldidaktik) and secures the quality of the content. Special interest groups and networks can apply for being installed. They are asked to describe their aim and planned activities and to present their activities at the annual general meeting. When they are approved by the dghd-board, they get a dghd homepage space to publish their activities.</p>
Funding Sources	<p>Membership fees, sponsoring</p>
Activities** Detail separately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work of commissions, special interest groups and dghd networks • Yearly conference (alternating formats: a scientific conference that is open for interested people; a working conference that focusses on sharing insights into the work and achievements of the various dghd-groups for the members of the association) • yearly award for one doctorate and master or bachelor thesis on academic development (2 young researchers) • dghd book series (includes publication of annual conference contributions) • social media communication (esp. Mastodon and YouTube) • Offering online event series to current topics
Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book series “Blickpunkt Hochschuldidaktik”, peer reviewed, 1 – 3 issues per year (published by wbv)
Special initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines for Academic Development programmes • Standards for the recognition of Academic Development programmes for academic teachers • Publication of a position papers approved by the general meeting in order to enhance the political visibility of academic development. • Organization of podium discussions with participation of important political players at the last three yearly dghd conferences

Connections with other networks, agencies, etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration with related associations in the field of higher education teaching and learning, e.g. DGfE, GMW, GI group EdTech, especially whilst organising the yearly newcomer conference. • Collaboration with the Hochschulforum Digitalisierung (HFD) and e-teaching.org, especially on topics relating digital media
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Social media	<p>Youtube Channel with stored keynotes of dghd conferences as well as online events (https://www.youtube.com/@dghd_info)</p> <p>Mastodon: https://bildung.social/@dghd_info</p>
Other relevant information	
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