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The HVE-Sector in Austria

*Instruments for Adaptation to and Anticipation of
Labour Market Needs*

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1.) Development of the tertiary system

- Tertiary education only in universities
- Secondary vocational education on a high level
- Postsecondary sector for pedagogic, social and health subjects
- Free access to universities, liberal study law, no study fees
- Problems at Universities: overcrowded, high drop-out rate, long duration of studies
- Economy demanded more practice oriented and younger graduates
- 1993: Fachhochschul-System introduced

2.a. Facts about tertiary-system

	Universities	FHS
Pre-Requisite	A-Level	A-Level
Entrance exams	no	yes
Place-limitation	no	yes
Degree offered	Master	Master-FH

2.b. Figures about tertiary-system

1998/99	Universities	FHS
Students	190.000	7.900
Beginners	18.000	2.900
Female	58,3 %	28,7 %
Drop-out-rate	50 %	< 30 %
Av. duration	7 years	4 years

3.) Introduction to the HVE-Sector

- Innovative Concept
- Slim legal framework (task, procedures, financing and quality assurance system)
- Shared financing: federal-regional-community-economy
- Bottom-up, no central planning
- Market orientation

4.) Quality assurance system and instruments for adaptation/anticipation in FHS-sector:

Quality Assurance System	Instruments for adaptation/anticipation
Professional developm.- team	Professional developm.- team
Application to FH-council	Need&Acceptance Analyze
Application to Edu-Ministry	Lecturers from companies
Ongoing students evaluation	Practical semester
Self-evaluation every 5 years	Thesis
Re-accreditation process	Research and Development
Peer Review	Peer Review

5.) Future Issues/Developments:

- Establishment of bigger FH-institutions
- International orientation/local development
- Financing applied R&D at FH-courses
- Implementation of baccalaureate