Integrating the Stake of Rare Disciplines at the National And European Level
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A Commission of Experts has defined seven strategic goals for the Rare Disciplines in Baden-Wuerttemberg

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Strategic Goals Defined by the Commission of Experts

1. Long-term preservation of Rare Disciplines as a task for society
2. Recognition for the special responsibility of Rare Disciplines
3. Introduction of a structured dialogue
4. Individual definition and realisation of the measures at each university
5. Integration of the Rare Disciplines into structural development
6. Development of criteria and measures for quality assurance
7. Ensure that all measures are also applicable on national level

The Baden-Wuerttemberg government has granted support worth 1 M EUR to meet these goals

Commitment of the Baden-Wuerttemberg State Government

1. **Establishment of a structural fund for Rare Disciplines in Baden-Wuerttemberg**
   - Annual budget 1 million EUR, offers funding of innovative projects
2. **Appointment of a *Council for the Future of Rare Disciplines in Baden-Wuerttemberg***
   - Serves as a statewide communication platform, responsible for funding
3. **Establishment of a Research Centre *Structurally Weak Academic Competencies***
   - Documents and analyses projects and structural measures, and the situation of Rare Disciplines in Baden Wuerttemberg
4. **Package of measures to demonstrate the relevance of Rare Disciplines**
5. **Political Support**
   - Integration into corresponding efforts of other German states/the federal government, e.g. the *Mainz Office for Research on Small Disciplines*

The University of Freiburg takes action to strengthen the position of her Rare Disciplines

The Further Development of the Rare Disciplines in Freiburg

1. **Forming alliances in research and development**
   - On state level
   - In the EUCOR area
   - With the 15 largest German research universities
2. **Forming supra-regional competence networks for teaching**
   - Offering e-learning/blended learning concepts
3. **Modernisation of job profiles**
   - Focus on current issues
4. **Targeted, structured strategy work**
   - Shelter Rare Disciplines against their larger neighbours
   - Activate their inter- and transdisciplinary potential