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«Doing adult education research means to understand the actions of practitioners like in program planning»

(W. Gieseke: 2014, p. 171)

1. Introduction



Context



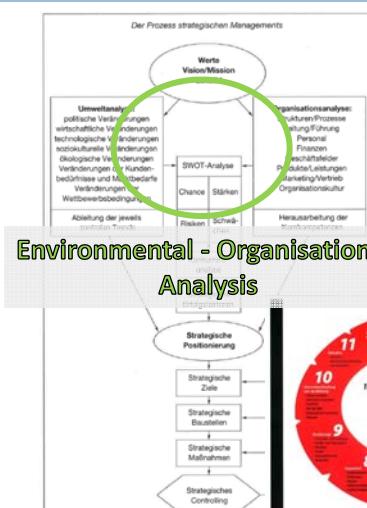
Environment

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2. Program Planning: Collecting and Evaluating Relevant Information



Environmental - Organisational Analysis



1 Organisational & Context A. 2 Market Analysis 3 Analysis of the Competitors

- Sources:
- Zech (2010) / left
 - Kühn/Pfäffli (2012) / right
 - Hansen (2010) / bottom

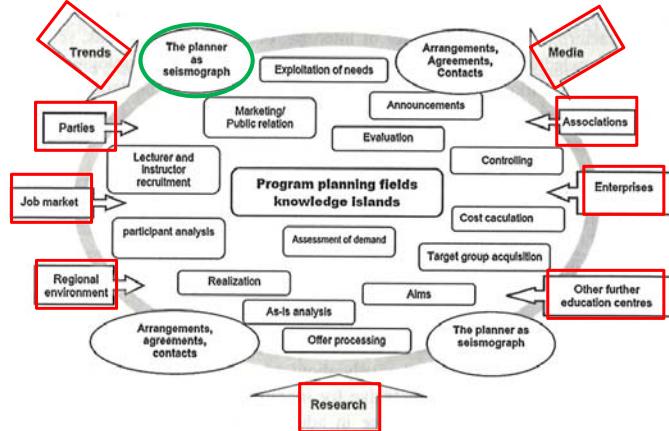
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Non-linear Linkage of Knowledge Islands

Fig. 11: Linkage of knowledge islands in program planning



Source: Gieseke 2000, p. 330, revised. 2006

Gieseke Wiltrud (2014):
Adult and Continuing Education:
Results in the Context of
Research on Programs and
Professionality, p. 170

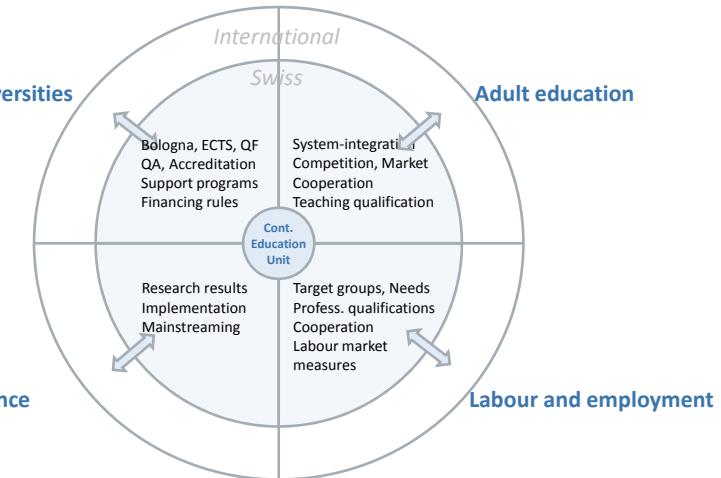
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3. The Specific Context of University Continuing Education – a Model

General Context



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4. Application

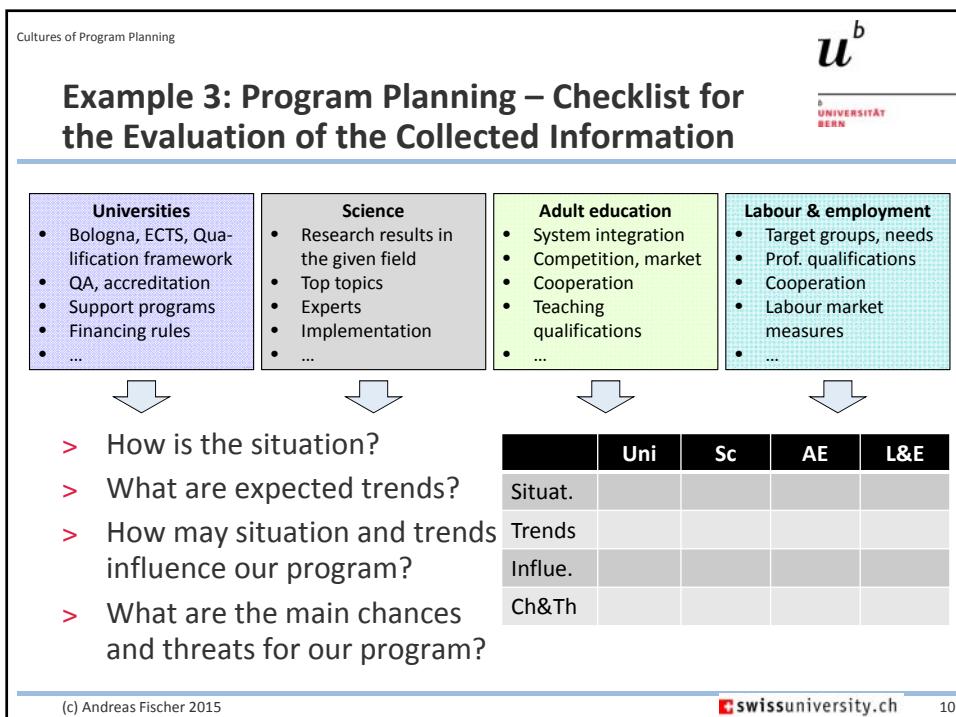
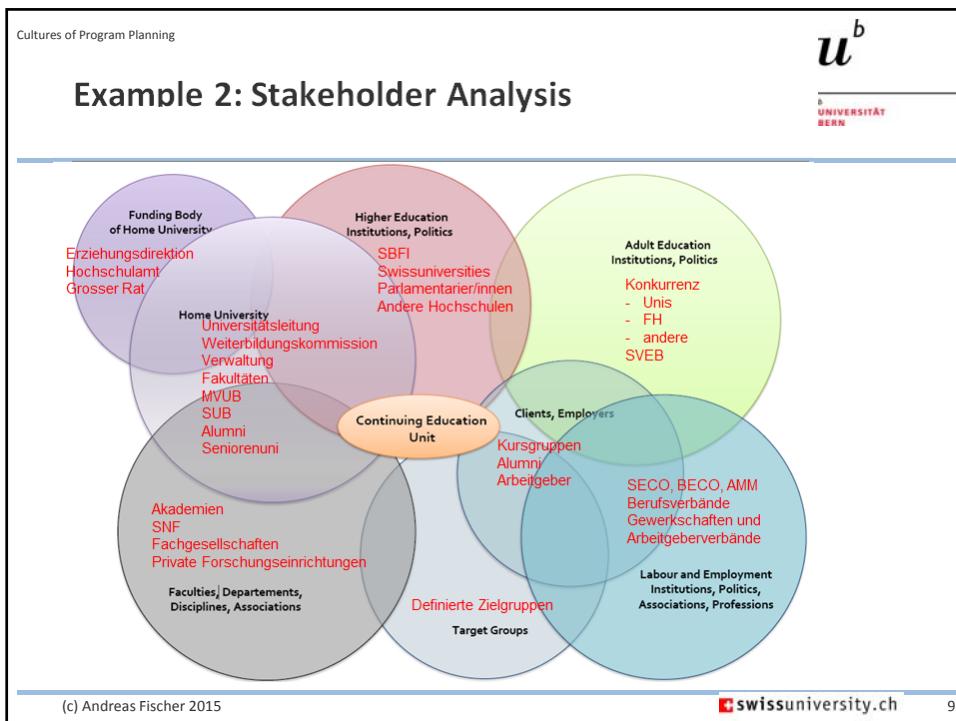
Task Level	CE Leadership and Management	Teaching	Research
System			Survey on Future Trends in University Continuing Education in Switzerland
Organisation		Instruction on «Stakeholder Analysis»	1
Program	Evaluation of the Collected Information (Checklist)		2

Example 1: Survey on Future Trends in University Continuing Education in CH

- > 80 directors of continuing education units of the Swiss higher education organisations have been asked to assess 23 theses
- > These theses are structured according to the model
- > Example of theses on trends in the context «Adult Education»:

Nr. Thesis

- 4.1** In the university continuing education credit transfer of ECTS points from other programs will be increasingly practiced.
- 4.2** Achievements from the university continuing education are increasingly taken into account at the graduate university degree.
- 4.3** To promote transparency of the training opportunities in Switzerland the pressure towards *independent* assessment of programs of university continuing education is rising.



5. Conclusions and Discussion

The model is an instrument for the “planner as seismograph”¹

- the ability to observe,
- the ability to make connections,
- to have time for it, and
- to process knowledge segment-referred

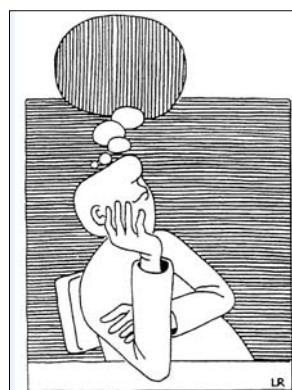


«The idea is therefore to have time from the professional point of view to reflect again and again actively and reflectively¹ ...»

- > Four main specific contexts of university continuing education
- > Medium level of abstraction
- > Extendible, customisable
- > Multiple use

¹ cf. Gieseke W., 2014, p. 169

Thank you for your attention!



- > Your remarks and questions?

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