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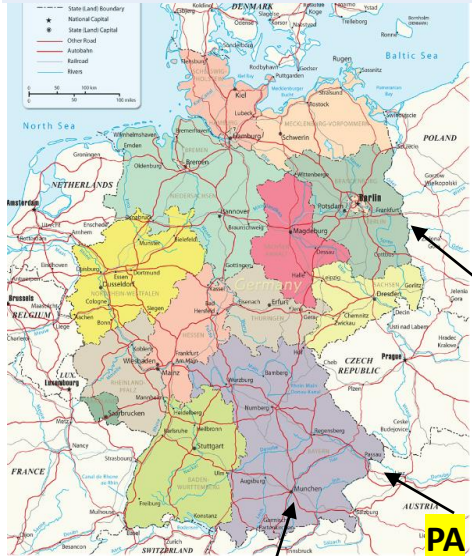
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Agenda

- Intro: some impressions of Passau and a few facts about Germany
- Characteristics of educational federalism
- The structured/differentiated school system of Germany/Bavaria
- The teacher education system of Germany/Bavaria/Passau
- Q & A - Session

Passau: Where we would have met!



Munich



Berlin



A Few Facts about Germany

- After the war, Germany was reestablished in **1949** as two separate states: the Federal Republic of Germany (**FRG**) in the West and the German Democratic Republic (**GDR**) in the East.
- With **reunification** in **1990**, the Federal Republic expanded to 16 federal states. (11 old and 5 new federal states)
- **Berlin** became the new federal capital and the seat of the federal government for the reunified Germany.
- Both, the federal government and the **16 federal states** (Laender) each have their own responsibilities.
- The responsibility for the areas of internal security, schools, universities, culture as well as municipal administration is a matter for the Länder.

Characteristics of Educational Federalism

The education system in Germany is characterized by the educational federalism:

- Schools and teacher education/training in Germany are **not centrally** regulated by Berlin.
- Schools and teacher education are sovereign tasks of the Laender and are under the supervision and legislation of the individual federal state.

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What are the consequences?

- 16 different school systems, some of which differ considerably.
- 16 different teacher education systems that educate and train these teachers.
- 16 different ministries that are responsible.

Federalism needs Coordination: the Standing Conference I

Teacher education in Germany has a coordinating institution, the **Kultusministerkonferenz** (KMK):

“Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Laender in the Federal Republic of Germany”. Shortly:
Standing Conference

- The Standing Conference was founded in 1948 and is the oldest ministers’ conference in Germany.
- The Standing Conference plays a significant role as an instrument for the coordination and development of education in the country.

Standing Conference II

- All Needs of coordination and regulatory processes take place in the Standing Conference, which meets regularly.
 - e.g. Intermediate school-leaving certificates at the end of lower secondary schools
 - e.g. Uniform examination requirements for Baccalaureate examinations
 - e.g. Bologna Process (bachelor – master – system)
 - e.g. Recognition of qualifications and mobility
- Accepted results (KMK resolutions) are legally binding for all Laender.

School System in Germany/Bavaria

		Simplified diagram		
Grade		Type		Level/Sector
		Entrance to universities and universities of applied sciences		Tertiary education
+ 2/3 (>18 ...)		Higher vocational qualifications (BOS 13/FOS 13)	Baccalaureate (Abitur)	Secondary II education (upper second)
11. – 13. (15 – 18)	Special education school (Förderschule)	Vocational school system (berufliches Schulwesen)	Grammar school (Gymnasium)	
5. – 10. (10 – 15)	School for the sick	Intermediate school-leaving certificate		Secondary I education (lower second)
		Middle school (Mittelschule)	Secondary modern school (Realschule)	
1. – 4. (6 – 10)		Primary school (Grundschule) Entrance age: approx. 6 years		Primary education
(3 – 6)		Kindergarten (optinal)		Pre-school Educ.
In more detail:		https://www.mein-bildungsweg.de/infografik-englisch.html		

School career of Toni and Mary up to University

age	Toni	Mary	age
21	Teacher Education Programme at Passau University		18
21 - 18	Upper vocational School (BOS 13 + Bac)		
18 - 15	Three years vocational training Dual: Carpenter company and Vocational school	Baccalaureate Grammar School (Secondary II)	18 > UP 10 - 18
15	Intermediate School-leaving Certificate	Grammar School (Secondary I)	15
14 - 10	Qualifying certificate in secondary school (Quali at end of grad 9) Middle School		10 - 15
10 - 6	Primary School		6 - 10
3 - 6	Kindergarten		3 - 6

Teacher Education System in Germany

Teacher education/training is divided into three phases. Each of the 16 federal states has its own legislation. So we have 16 different educational systems in Germany.

1) Course programmes of higher education at universities, including periods of practical training in school settings



2) Preparatory service in teacher training institutions at school



3) In-service training and further education.



In **Bavaria**, there is an individual course programme for each type of school. Within the selected course programme, teachers only qualify for that specific school type. Within the educational federalism, Bavaria structures its school system according to school types, not to school levels.

Teaching Posts in Germany

Teaching posts		Definition
	FRG Bavaria	
Typ 1	Yes Yes	Teaching posts in primary school or at primary level
Typ 2	Yes No	Overarching teaching posts at the primary level and either in all or individual types of school at lower secondary level
Typ 3	Yes No/Yes	Teaching posts for all or individual types of school in lower secondary level (Bavaria : Middle school, Secondary modern school)
Typ 4	Yes Yes	Teaching posts for upper secondary level [general education subjects] or for grammar school
Typ 5	Yes Yes	Teaching posts at upper secondary level [vocational subjects] or for vocational schools
Typ 6		Teaching posts for special education [in schools for special needs]

Source: <https://www.monitor-lehrerbildung.de/web/lehramtstyp/index.html>

Teacher Education Programmes at University of Passau: Areas of Studies Given in ECTS (Credit Points)

Type	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4
Grammar school (270)	Educational sciences (35)	Subject 1 + didactics (92 + 12)	Subject 2 + didactics (92 + 12)	Internship (11) (+ 6 free)
Secondary modern school (210)	Educational sciences (35)	Subject 1 + didactics (60 + 12)	Subject 2 + didactics (60 + 12)	Internship (11) (+ 10 free)
Middle school (210)	Educational sciences (35 + 8)	Subject 1 + didactics (54 + 12)	Middle school pedagogic + Didactics of a group of 3 subjects (11 + 54)	Internship (16) (+ 10 free)
Primary school (210)	Educational sciences (35 + 8)	Subject 1 + didactics (54 + 12)	Primary school pedagogic + Didactics of a group of 3 subjects (34 + 36)	Internship (16) (+ 5 free)

Every student has to write a thesis with a workload of 10 credit points during the final year. All credit points are admission requirements for the final examination, the First State Examination.

English Teacher Education Programmes at University of Passau: Areas of Studies Given in ECTS (Credit Points)

English subject	Primary 54+12	Middle 54+12	Secondary 60+12	Grammar 92+12		
Literary studies	10 (7)	10 (7)	10 (7)	20 (20)		
Cultural studies	10 (8)	10 (8)	10 (8)	20 (20)		
Linguistics	10 (8)	10 (8)	10 (8)	20 (20)		
Free choice	0	0	5	2		
Language practice	25 (22)	25 (22)	25 (22)	20 (20)		
Didactics	12 (12)	12 (12)	12 (12)	12 (12)		
Didactics of a group of 3 subjects	12 (9)	18 (17)	Not for	Not for		

* The numbers in brackets indicate the required credit points by the MoE according to Bavarian Examination Regulation on Teacher Education (LPO I) + core curriculum (Kerncurriculum)

English Modul Plan of Secondary Modern School (60 Credits in Study Areas) Representative Example

Source: University of Passau, ZLF

Modul	Content	Contact hours	Cred.	Examination
Basic	Se: Introduction to English and American literary studies	2	5	60 min. written exam (-)
Basic	Se: Introduction to cultural studies: UK and USA	2	5	60 min. written exam (-)
Basic	Se: Introduction to basic concepts and methods of linguistics	2	5	60 min. written exam (-)
Advanced	Le: Phonetics and phonology	2	5	45 min. written exam
Basic	Se: Language practice	4+4	5+5	120 min. written (-) + 20 min. oral exam (-)
Advanced	Se: Translation 1 and textproduction 1	2+2	2+3	120 min. written exam
Advanced	Se: Translation 2 and grammar, Se: Textproduction 2 and conversation	2+2 2+2	2+2 3+3	180 min. written exam + 45 min. oral exam
Advanced	Le/Se/Ex: English and American literary studies	2	5	Le: 45 min. written exam
Advanced	Le/Se/Ex: Cultural studies	2	5	Se/Ex: essay (4000 words) / portfolio 15 pages /
Advanced	Le/Se/Ex: Englisch/American literary studies or cultural studies or linguistics	2	5	20 min. oral exam

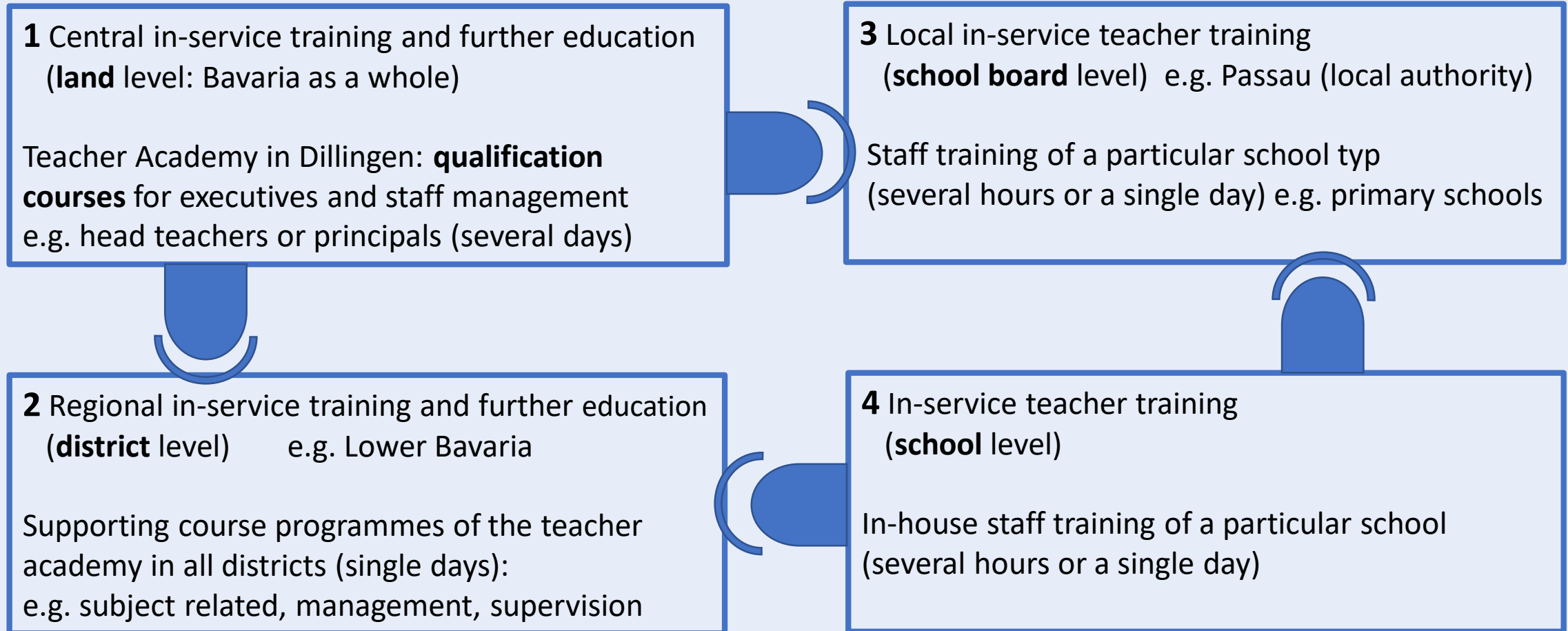
Source: University of Passau, TEC

Phase 2 - Preparatory Service

- The study programme focuses on academic preparation and addresses professional skills.
- The preparatory service, on the other hand, is characterised by theoretically based practical school training.
- The instruments of training are:
 - Attendance at the teacher training seminar (Studienseminar)
 - Practical training in the class of the supervising teacher and own class
 - Independent teaching in own class and other classes
 - In-service training courses
 - Instructors & trainers: Supervising teacher, seminar teacher

Phase 3 - Further Education and Training (quaternary sector)

The four different levels of further education and in-service training in Bavaria





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Questions

1. What are the similarities and differences between your and the Bavarian school system?
2. What are the similarities and differences between your and the Bavarian teacher education system?
3. Why does Germany have a Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder?
4. Is there also a Standing Conference in your country? If so, what are its tasks?
5. What teaching professions are there in your country?