

# First Tech-Startup in Germany to be Recognized as University by the State

**BERLIN, September 2nd, 2022: Tomorrow University of Applied Sciences has been recognized as a university by the Hessian Ministry of Science and the Arts. The EdTech startup educates the next generation of sustainable managers in areas such as entrepreneurship, technology, and product design. The 100% digital university was founded by Christian Rebernik (former N26 CEO and CTO), and Dr. Thomas Funke and has received over €4.5 million in venture capital.**

Universities need a boost in digitalization: "Digitalization can help achieve a leap in the quality of teaching and studying and improve the academic education as a whole," is the diagnosis of the Science Council<sup>1</sup>.

Tomorrow University of Applied Sciences (ToU) is a new "remote-first" university. In addition to existing educational corporations with the Executive Academy of the Vienna University of Economics and Business and the International Academy of RWTH Aachen, ToU will launch three Bachelor's Degree programs with a focus on sustainability in October 2022. These will train the product- and marketing managers, designers, developers, and entrepreneurs of tomorrow who will develop solutions for climate change, biodiversity loss, or sustainable energy supply.

*"The fact that our innovative concept is recognized by the State as a university is a big step for education in Germany. The current generation wants location-independent, flexible, application-oriented learning. And that is now possible with us,"* says Christian Rebernik, Founder of ToU.

ToU has developed its own learning platform that supports students in achieving their learning goals efficiently. Learning is based on relevant practical challenges. Theoretical content is taught interactively via an app. Lectures are replaced by course discussions in a metaverse environment, in which students can link what they have learned theoretically with practical experiences.

*"Knowledge transfer is only the first stage of education. Real learning of skills takes place when you are outside of your comfort zone. With our technology, we put challenges at the heart of the learning experience. We are very pleased that our learning model was so well received in the accreditation process,"* says Dr. Thomas Funke, Co-Founder of ToU.

Currently, ToU is planning its event "Starting small. Creating BIG" on 29 September 2022 at 17h in Frankfurt. Speakers such as Marcella Hansch, inventor of the floating rubbish collector "Pacific Garbage Screening" or Daniel Jung, who inspires millions with mathematics, will be on site. There will also be numerous inputs on entrepreneurship and modern education. Introductory words will be spoken by Hessian State Secretary Dr. Philipp Nimmermann.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.wissenschaftsrat.de/download/2022/9848-22.pdf?\\_\\_blob=publicationFile&v=12](https://www.wissenschaftsrat.de/download/2022/9848-22.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=12)

Dr. Thomas Funke and Christian Rebernik will provide insight into the background and motives of Tomorrow University of Applied Sciences.

There will also be opportunities to interview the Co-Founders and Co-CEOs Dr. Thomas Funke and Christian Rebernik onsite.

Further information and the possibility to register for the event:

<https://www.tomorrow.university/event-frankfurt>

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