

University Funding in Austria

Current Developments and Outlook

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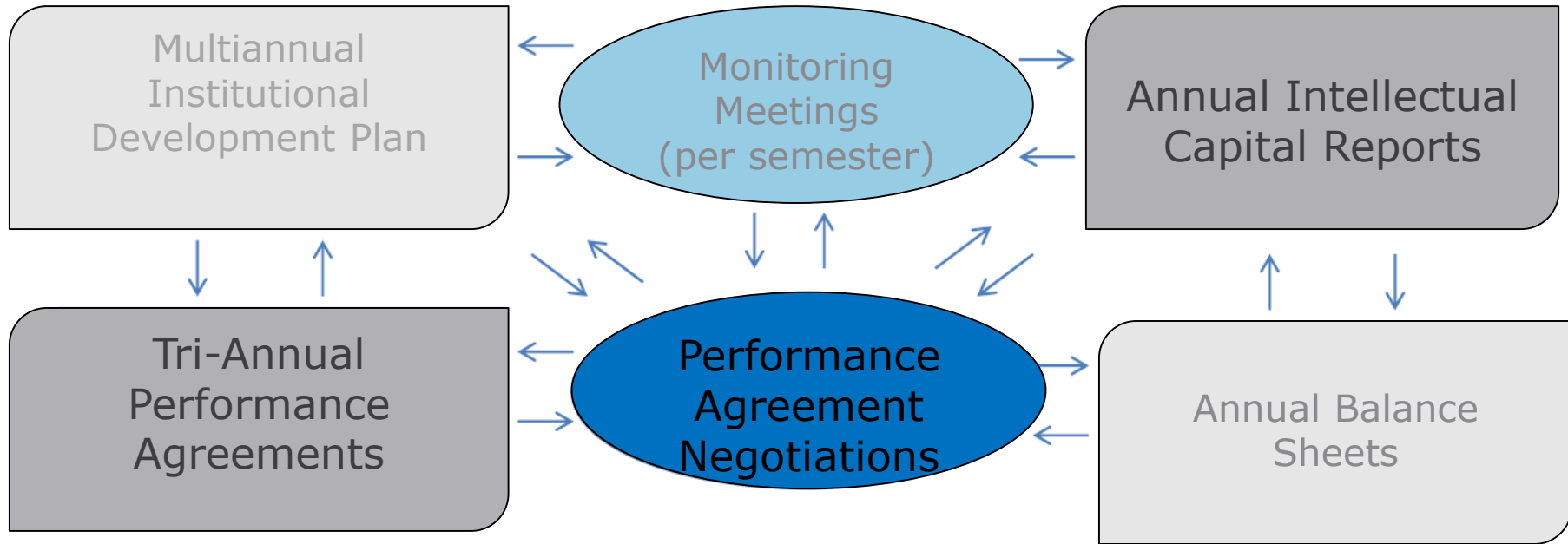
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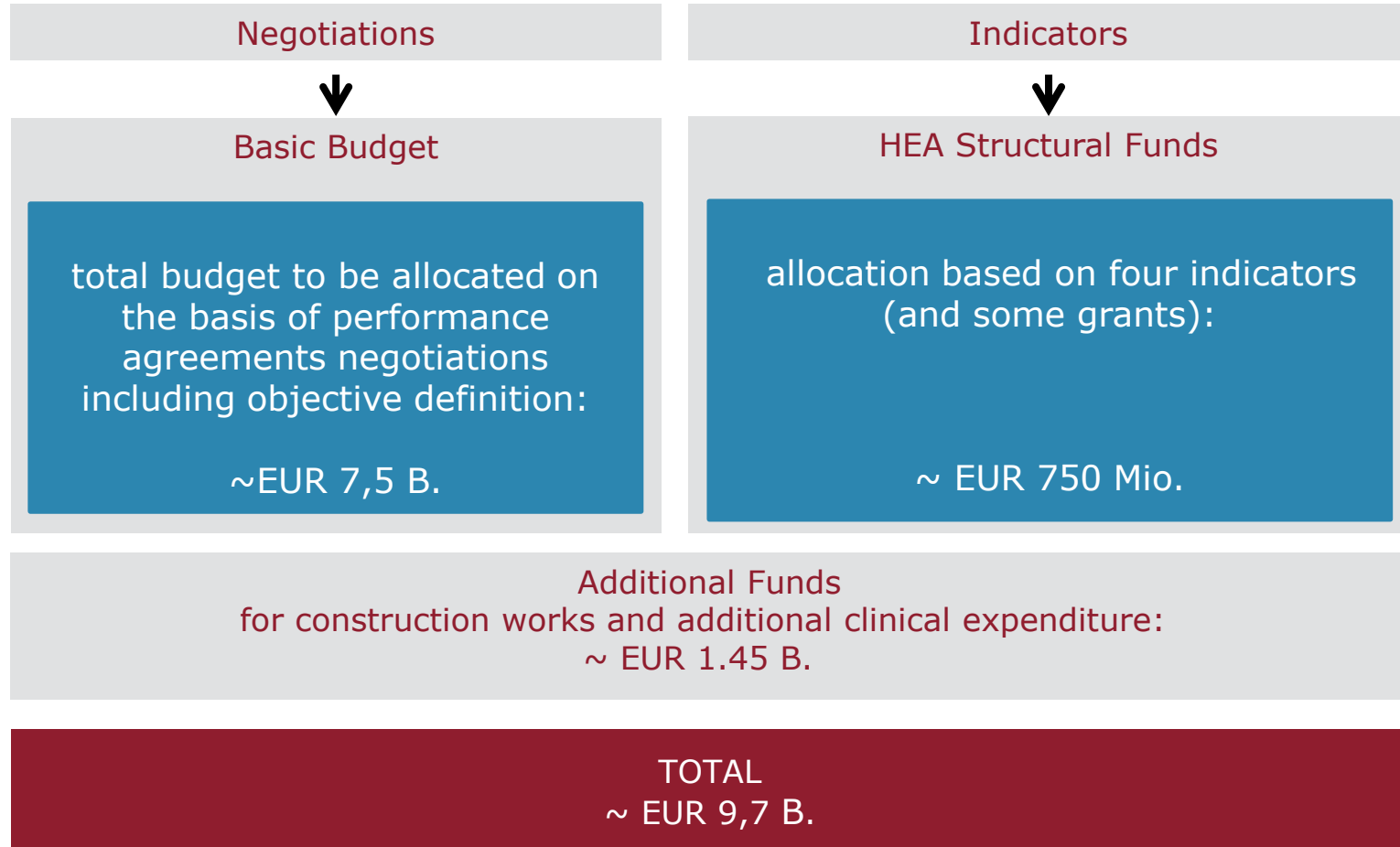
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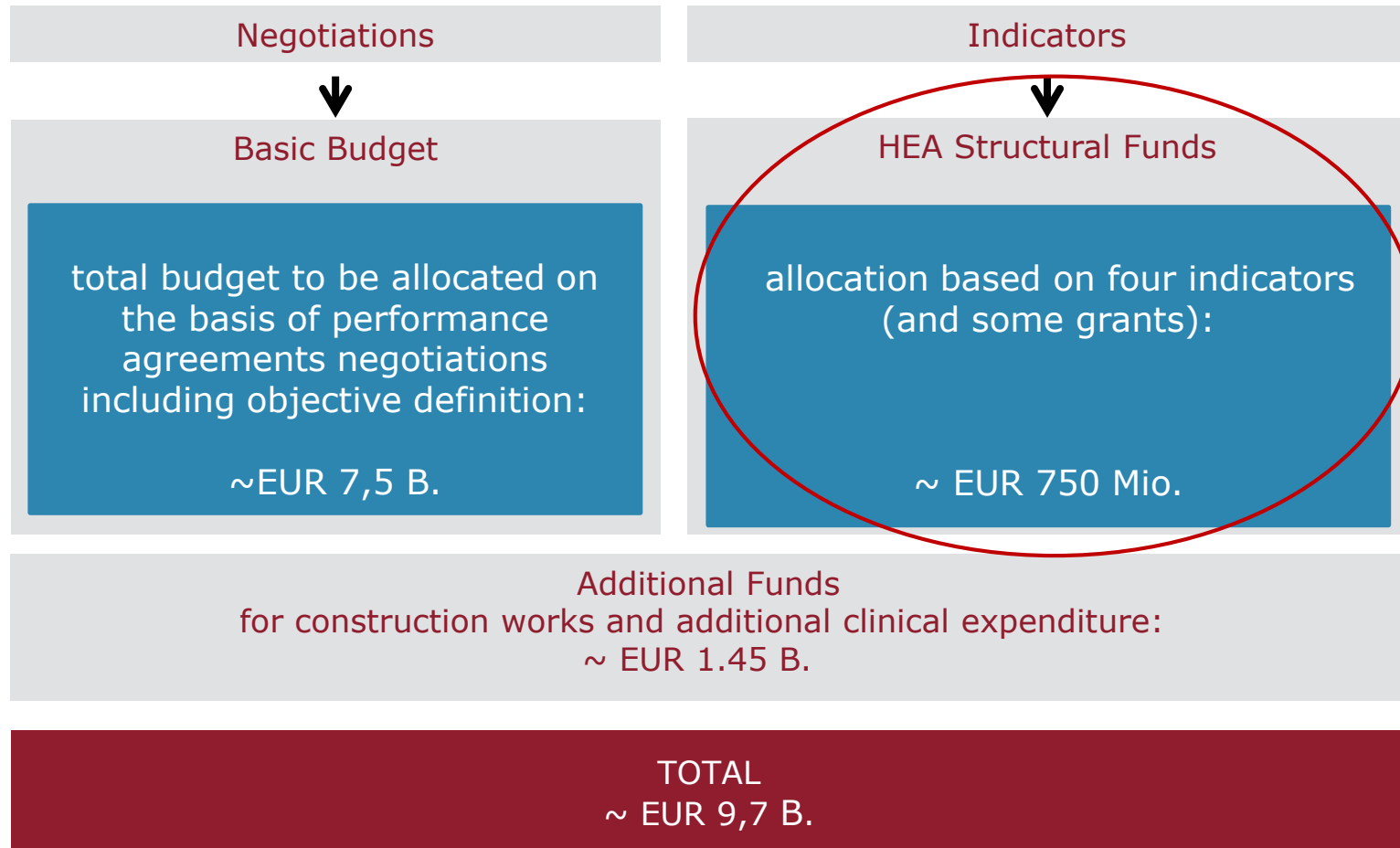


- **Universities Act 2002**
 - § 12 (1): The universities shall be funded by the Federal Government[.]
 - § 12 (6): Each university shall receive a global budget, consisting of a basic budget and the structural funds for the higher education area.
- **Decree on the Structural Funds for the Higher Education Area**
 - codification of indicator proportion
 - specification of statistical backbone
- **Universities Development Plan 2016-21 (without law status)**
 - differentiation and diversification of the Higher Education System
 - supporting scientific careers
 - developing a funding model with student-based focus

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System of Performance Agreements 2016-2018



- public institutional funding: € 9.7 B. for a performance agreement period of three years (90% of Universities' turnover on average)
- global budgets = basic budgets + structural funds
- current design of indicators (slightly adapted in 2015):

Percentage of SF	2013-2015	2016-2018
Active Students	60% (€ 270 Mio.)	60% (€ 450 Mio.)
Graduates (excl. Doc)	10% (€ 45 Mio.)	8% (€ 60 Mio.)
Knowledge Transfers	14% (€ 63 Mio.)	15% (€ 112.5 Mio.)
Doctoral Schools	---	4% (€ 30 Mio.)
Private Donations	2% (€ 9 Mio.)	---
Cooperations (Grants)	14% (€ 63 Mio.)	13% (€ 97.5 Mio.)
Funding Proportion (Sum)	5% (€ 450 Mio.)	7.7% (€ 750 Mio.)

Financial Statements

Intellectual Capital Report

Performance Report

Description of Performance Areas

Indicators

1. Intellectual Capital

Human Resources
Relations
Structures

2. Core Processes

Teaching / Further Education
Research / Develop. Arts

3. Output of Core Processes:

Teaching / Further Education
Research / Develop. Arts

4. Optional Indicators

Performance Agreement Monitoring

Report on Goal-Achievement:

- +**: in time/budget
- +**: delay/adjustments
- : no implementation

- on the basis of intellectual capital reports
 - students actively taking examinations
 - university graduates (excluding PhDs)
 - knowledge transfers (acquisition of research-funding)
 - doctoral schools (employment of PhD-candidates in research)
- on the basis of evaluation by a commission
 - cooperative projects in teaching, research and administration

Current Developments: Structural Funds Indicators

increase within the performance agreement period 2013-15	
students actively taking examinations	2.12%
graduates	4.15%
additional research funding	5.47%

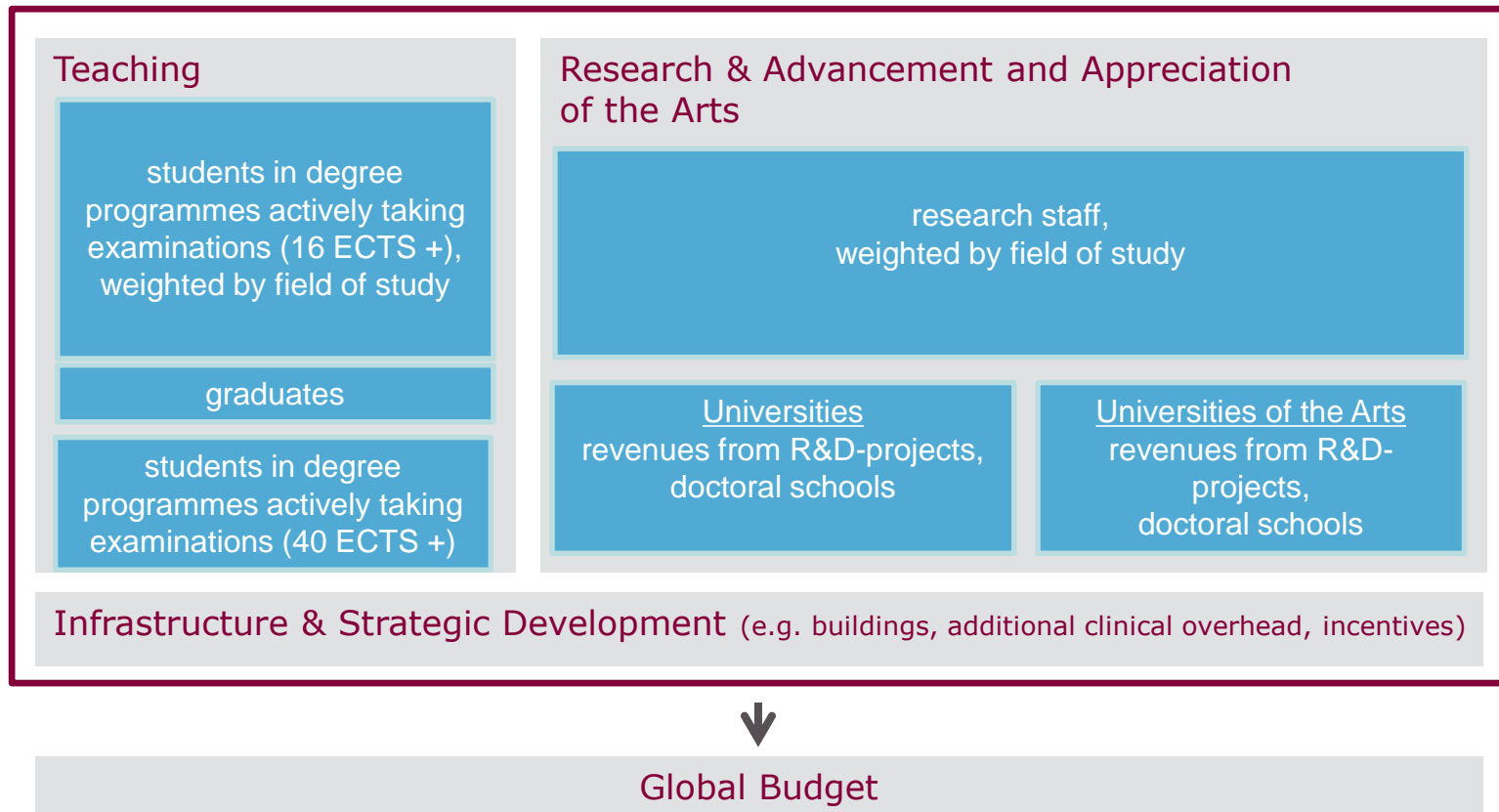
→ As current numbers from the intellectual capital reports show, there is still potential for a more student-oriented funding scheme.

New University Funding Scheme

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“Three-Pillar-Model”



- for incentives in teaching & research to be funded directly, e. g. digital development, social dimension, grants for projects in research infrastructure
- for necessary basic funding for projects started in preceding performance agreement periods and economic stability of universities

Necessary Additional Conditions

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reform of admission rules:

determination of beginning students in degree programmes on numbers of the past years

→ currently studies such as medicine, psychology, communication studies, pharmacy, architecture, biology, biochemistry, informatics and economics – potentially more in the future

possibly further regulations in the Studies Act