

## CCDigitalLaw (152-003)

Center for Training and Counseling on legal issues in relation with digital media and technologies for Swiss HEIs

Today, most people operating within HEIs work with digital media, new technologies and online resources on a daily basis. In order to guarantee a correct use of these media, it is of the utmost importance to know about their legal implications. Within the DICE+ pre-project (142-009; see [http://www.swissuniversities.ch/fileadmin/swissuniversities/Dokumente/EN/UH/SUK\\_P-2/Abstract\\_DICEplus.pdf](http://www.swissuniversities.ch/fileadmin/swissuniversities/Dokumente/EN/UH/SUK_P-2/Abstract_DICEplus.pdf)) interviews were held with the legal services and libraries of HEIs and with already running SUC P-2 projects, which have shown that there is a strong need for information and training on how to deal with digital law issues including copyright, licensing contracts, data protection and privacy.

The goal of this project is to create a **national Competence Center in Digital Law** being able to address the abovementioned issues and support the Swiss HEI community (teachers, researchers, librarians, IT staff, and others) in dealing with legal issues related to new media. The Competence Center will be created in two subsequent phases: **the 1st phase** (this project proposal) will focus on the setup of the center itself, which includes defining its legal entity, developing a Business Plan able to guarantee the center's long-term sustainability, defining the available services, developing a digital platform, and building up a network of legal experts. Furthermore, materials and training activities and a 1st level counseling service will be developed with a particular **focus on copyright**. During the **2nd phase** (follow-up project), the project team will extend the treated topics to data protection, data mining, privacy and terms & conditions, and develop new materials for them. In addition, counseling service will be extended to other target audiences and 2nd level support will be introduced.

To implement the 1st phase, the following activities have been identified and will be run during the current project: 1) set-up of Competence Center (Definition of Legal Entity, Business Plan, Design of Services); 2) development of a Network of Experts; 3) design & development of an Online Service Platform; 4) development of online resources and training units/services; 5) promotion and dissemination activities; 6) launch of service, Pilot Phase (Carrying out some training activities) & Evaluation.

The project will build on the results gained from the DICE project (2009-2011; see: [www.diceproject.ch](http://www.diceproject.ch)), which created resources and offered training activities to teachers of Swiss HEIs in the field of copyright in education. In addition, it can rely on the counseling experience that the KUB (Konferenz der Universitätsbibliotheken der Schweiz) and the University Library Basel have been offering on a limited scale to HEIs' libraries. The Competence Center will merge the competences and know-hows gained from the two services into one, structured and official service available to all HEIs. To achieve this, 4 Swiss HEIs and the KUB collaborate in the project bringing together know-how and expertise from three different areas: legal, e-learning and business start-up.