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Library Consortia Are Dead, Long Live Library Networks!

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Part I: My Background

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Germany – 16 Times of Variety

Higher Education is part of the autonomy in cultural and educational matters of the 16 states.

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Germany – The Nation of Library Networks

Nearly every academic library in Germany is member of one of the six library networks and is taking part of true shared cataloguing.

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Do to a close cooperation among the six library networks, it is possible to lend every media available from everywhere in Germany.

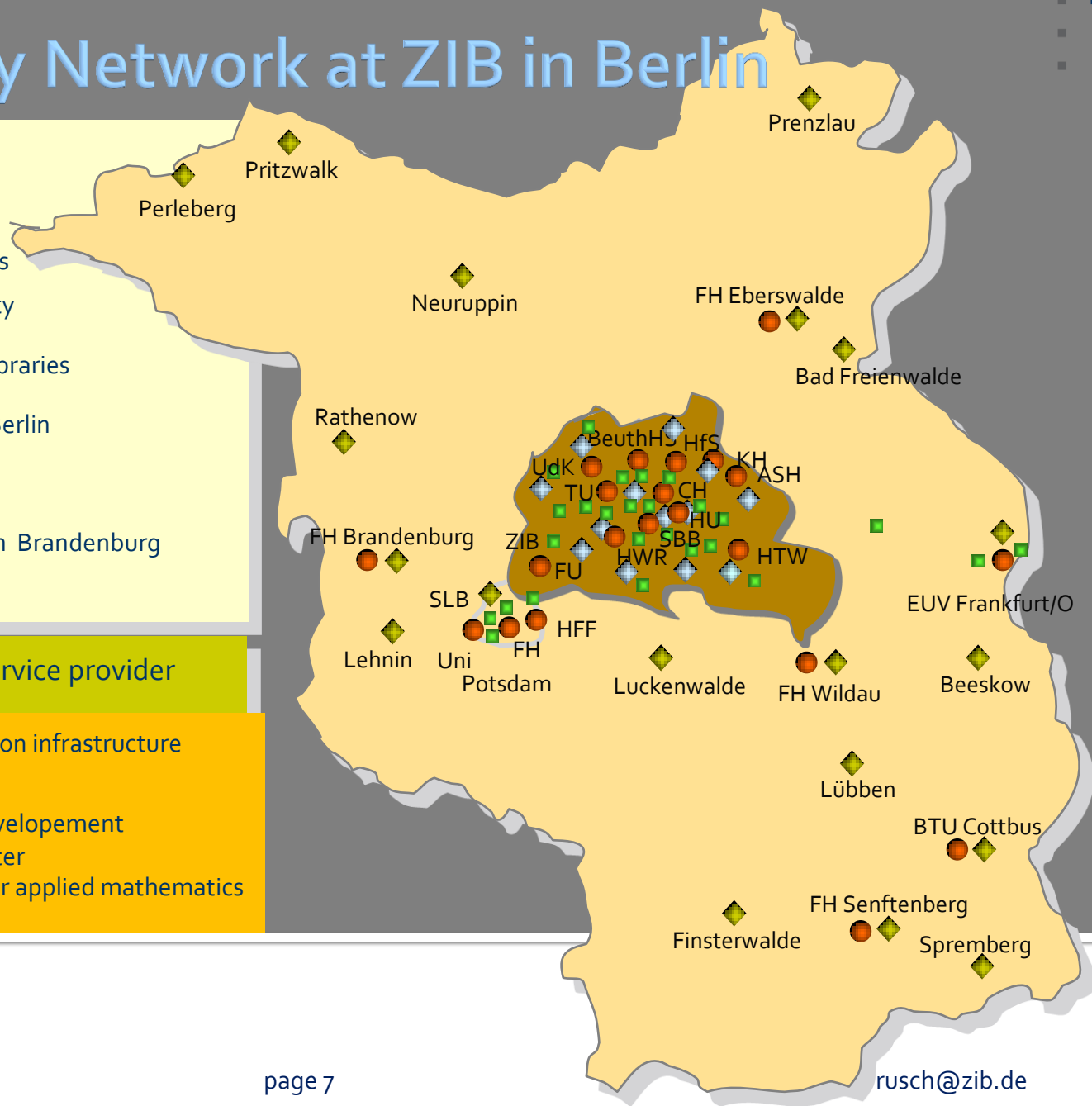Beate Rusch, rusch@zib.de

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KOBV Library Network at ZIB in Berlin

KOBV-Members

- 🔴 All academic libraries (22)

  Universities, Applied Sciences

- 🔴 1 library of a private university

- 🟩 56 research and goverment libraries

- ◈ Network of Public Libraries Berlin
  ZLB + 12 district libraries
  (all together 120 libraries)

- ◆ Network of Public Libraries in Brandenburg
  (all together 140 libraries)

KOBV-Office is a regional service provider

- Support the regional information infrastructure
- Common platform for libraries
- Service as well as research/developement
- Library specific IT-Service Center
- Based in a research institute for applied mathematics

Map labels: Prenzlau, Pritzwalk, Perleberg, Neuruppin, FH Eberswalde, Bad Freienwalde, Rathenow, BeuthHS, HfS, KH, ASH, UdK, TU, CH, HU, ZIB, SBB, HWR, HTW, FH Brandenburg, FU, EUV Frankfurt/O, SLB, HFF, Lehnin, Uni Potsdam, FH, Luckenwalde, FH Wildau, Beeskow, Lübben, BTU Cottbus, FH Senftenberg, Finsterwalde, Spremberg

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KOBV Services in a Nutshell

- ## Basic Services
  - Regional Union Catalogue (KOBV-Portal)
  - Online-ILL (regional, national)
  - Central Cataloguing platform (B3Kat, strategic alliance with Bavaria)
  - Showcase software developements (also together with Bavaria)
  - Contractual partner in consortial contracts
  - Professional representation of the library region

- ## Additional Services for Libraries
  - Hosting of Library Applications
    - Discovery solutions (Primo, ALBERT), Portal Solutions (MetaLib), Link-Resolvers (SFX), ERM-Systems (Verde), Repository software (OPUS)
  - Providing Infrastructure (server / storage / tape archive)
  - Work in progress: Services for Long Term Preservation

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In 2011 German Library Networks
underwent evaluation by the German Council of
Science and Humanities (Wissenschaftsrat)

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"The aim of the integration of catalogues and services that have so far been regionally organised on a national and international level is to avoid redundancies and a complexity of indexing structures that is no longer required today." (Wissenschaftsrat, 2011)

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German Research Foundation (DFG) initiated a restructuring process in German Library Networks landscape

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Cloud based infrastructure for Library data
- „CIB Project" (founded by DFG)

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Part II

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Obviously we did something terribly right.

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It was so good,
that Ex Libris took us as a model.

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The idea is sharing, which is the basic idea of library networks.

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Is ALMA old wine in new skins?

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Yes, it is: ALMA is conceptionally a library network software and supports the services German library networks are providing to their libraries since long.

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No, it isn't, as with ALMA the old consortia system and local system are merging to form one integrated application. With ALMA the scale potentionally is global.

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Welcome everybody to the consortia!

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But what is happening to the former consortia? To the libraries, who formed a consortia already before?

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What is the new role of the central offices of the consortia in the ALMA scenario?

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Challenges – Open Questions

- How to work with German Authority Files in international environments?

- How to support national wide cooperation programs across vendor clouds? (Licensing, cataloguing, digitization, discovery)

- Is a data synchronization between library clouds feasable?

- Is a national data pool needed? For what services (ILL?)?

- How to organize the transformation process?

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Strategic Questions

- What kind of (new?) IT-services are needed to support the whole (digital) research workflow?

- Which IT-services are better organized locally/regionally/nationally or web-scale?

- What should (not) be outsourced either to commercial vendors or library consortia?

- What is the overall perspective of states? And who will pay in the end?

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