**Facts to L3S: Web Science and interdisciplinary research worldwide.**

The L3S Research Center focuses on fundamental- and application-oriented methods and innovative technologies in the field of WebScience.

**L3S Budget**

In recent years, L3S work and resources have been used strategically in promising areas of research.

Since its founding in 2001, the L3S has grown dynamically and the trend is continuing in 2017 (fig. 1). In this context third-party funding was continuously and successfully increased. The L3S is still within the target range of its requirement to raise a significant portion of the L3S funding to more than 60% per year of third-party funding; third-party funding is being contributed by the European Commission (EU) and the European Research Council (ERC), further, the L3S projects are also supported by the German Research Foundation (DFG), the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the German Ministry of Economics and Technology (BMWi), federal state Lower Saxony and as well as from the industry.

The successful research focuses on the interdisciplinary extension of L3S Research Center combined by the supported with base funding of the Lower Saxony Ministry for Science and Culture (MWK); as a result of a positive L3S-evaluation of the German Research Council (WR) in 2010 and 2014, the ministry increases the funding. In addition, the Leibniz University Hannover covers additional costs of the L3S Research Center by providing the infrastructure on LUH campus. Summarily, since it’s foundation the L3S has been endowed with third-party funding amounting to more than EUR 65 million and more funds are already in prospect for the future.

**L3S Researchers and Staff 2016**

**Fig 2: L3S-Staff 2016 without academica students and L3S members**

Furthermore, the number of employees at the L3S has increased significantly in recent years. This clarifies that the L3S
Research Center as a whole has a very good reputation in the national and international scientific community. L3S offers a very interesting place to work, which is also reflected in the fact that more than two-thirds of employees (doctorial students and PostDocs) are from abroad. The success of the L3S can be attributed to the high level of motivation, enthusiasm, and the competence attributed to all members, researchers and staff. More than 100 persons, 75% doctoral-students and 16% Post Doc (Senior Researchers) positions from 25 different nations provide an interesting environment for "cutting-edge" research; their research is supported by a small administration team (9%) –see fig. 2..

These are just some of the reasons that make working at our institute L3S so exciting. Thus, the L3S the right place to turn to for advanced research and innovative ICT solutions.

More information to the L3S team: https://www.l3s.de/l3s-team-and-boards

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