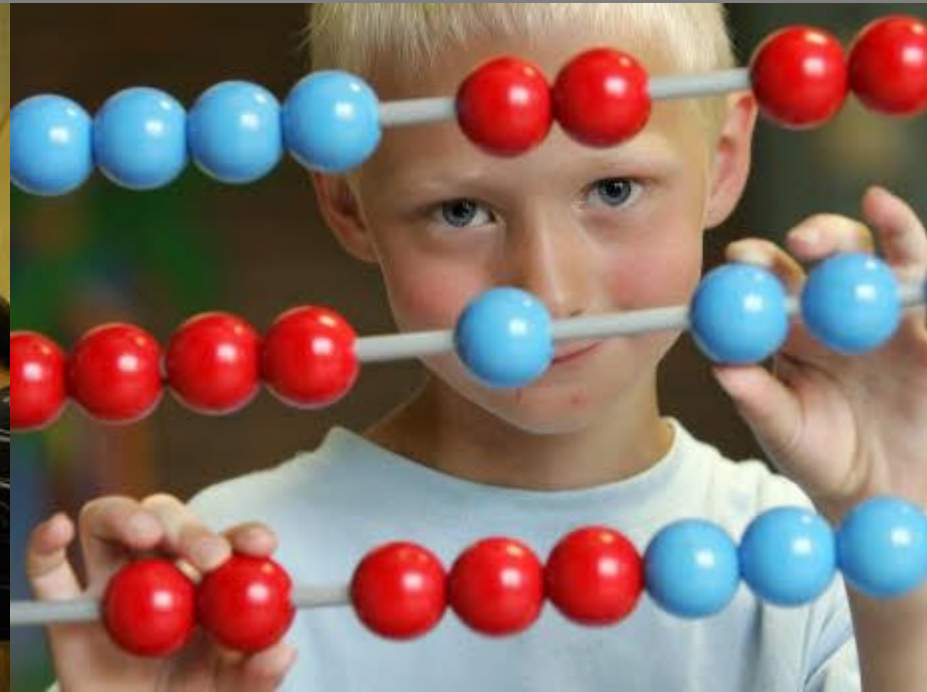Beate Rusch
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KOBV-Library Consortia Today and Tomorrow

The German Landscape of Library Consortia

Germany – 16 Times of Variety

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Germany – The Nation of Library Networks

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

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" -

Is an intermediary such as Library Network still needed?

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Challenges – Open Questions

- Do vendor clouds apply to German data privacy regulations?

- 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 clouds feasable?

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

- How to organize the transformation process?

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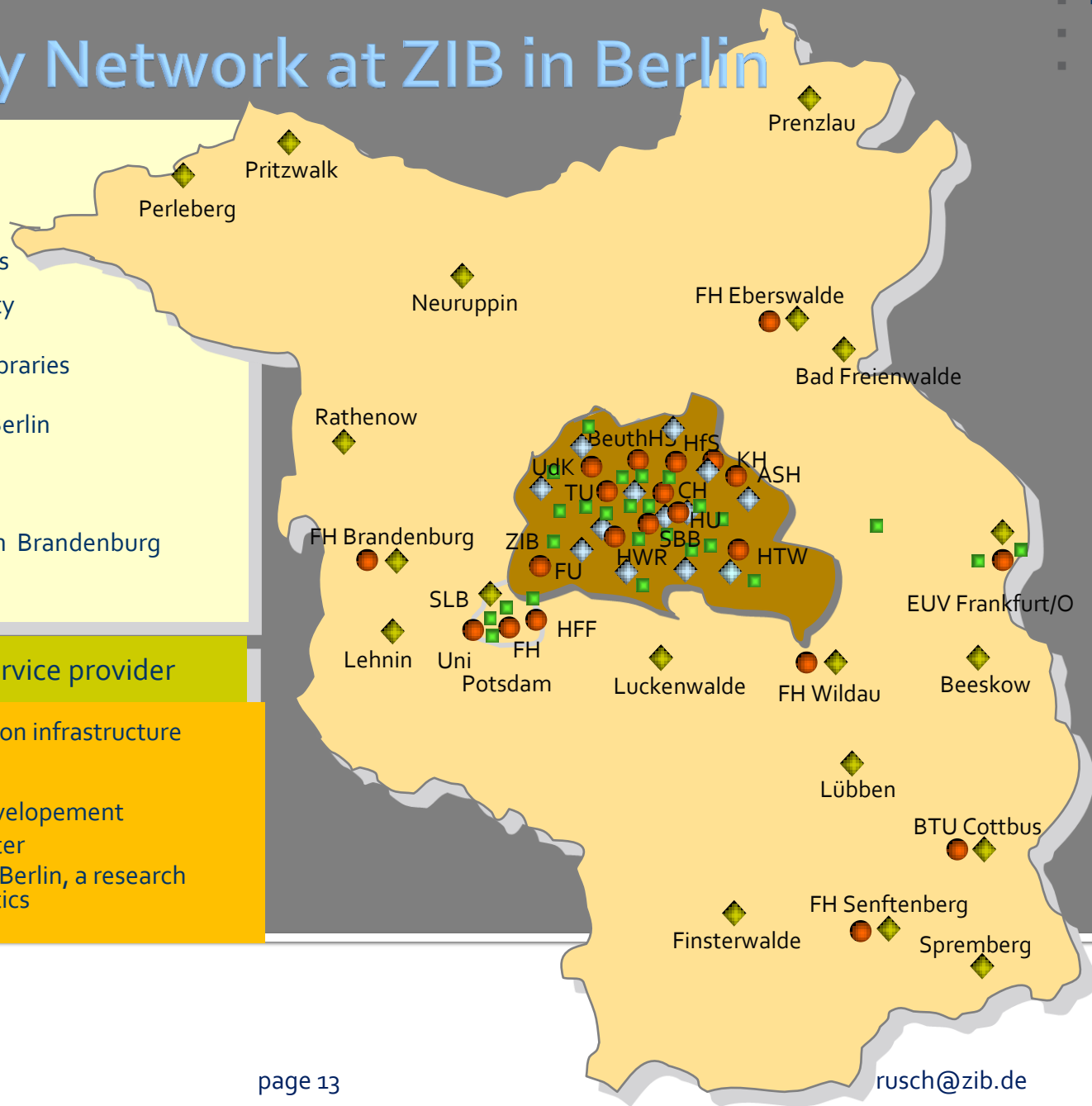
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KOBV Library Network at ZIB in Berlin

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 Konrad-Zuse-Institut Berlin, a research institute for applied mathematics

Prenzlau

Pritzwalk

Perleberg

Neuruppin

FH Eberswalde

Bad Freienwalde

Rathenow

BeuthHS HfS KH
UdK ASH
TU CH
HU
FH Brandenburg ZIB SBB
HWR HTW
FU

EUV Frankfurt/O

SLB

HFF

Lehnin Uni FH
Potsdam

Luckenwalde

FH Wildau

Beeskow

Lübben

BTU Cottbus

FH Senftenberg

Finsterwalde

Spremberg

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KOBV in a Nutshell

- **Facts and Figures**
    - Founded by the states Berlin, Brandenburg and academic libraries
    - Budget: 1,3 Euro (basic funding), 7 permanent FTE
    - Basic and additional Services
    - Strategic Alliance with BVB, Bavarian Library Network (since 200
  - **Services (Basic)**
  - Central Cataloguing platform (B3Kat, strategic alliance with Bavaria)
  - Regional Union Catalogue (KOBV-Portal)
  - Online-ILL (regional, national)
  - Showcase software developements (also together with Bavaria)
  - Contractual partner in consortial contracts
  - Professional representation of the library region in national context
- **Additional Services**
  - 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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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?

Thank you for listening!

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