Cyber attack on the University of Education Freiburg in June 2022

To whom it may concern,

The University of Education Freiburg has been hit by a severe Cyber attack during the Whitsun weekend (June 4/5th 2022), which has forced us to close down our entire technical infrastructure.

The various IT-based services in research and teaching, campus management, in the library and in administration are being successively restored and will be made available again. However, due to the severe damage that has been caused, this process will take several weeks and the recovery of data in group directories will not be possible in all cases.

For the submission and assessment of course work, the University of Education Freiburg will define adequate periods of grace. We would like to ask external administrations, such as providers of scholarships and other universities (e.g. with regard to applications) to take account of this, in case students cannot provide written confirmation and certificates etc. within the deadlines given.

With the help of external expertise the University of Education Freiburg is doing its utmost to restore its working capacity in the fields of research, teaching, study and administration as quickly as possible.

We would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation, understanding and support!

Best regards

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