

## Diploma Supplement

At the FH des bfi Wien every graduate receives an English and German Diploma Supplement along with their graduation certificate containing uniform details describing University of Applied Science graduations and associated qualifications. The Diploma Supplement is issued automatically and free of charge in English and German.

### History of the Diploma Supplement

The Diploma Supplement was developed between 1996 and 1998 by a working group of members from UNESCO, the European council and the European Commission. The aim of this working group was to develop a uniform document describing graduations awarded at European Universities of Applied Science and making them intelligible in an international context. How successful the Diploma Supplement has been in this purpose is demonstrated in that it has already been introduced in most EU States. In Austria the Diploma Supplement was already anchored in the Universitäts-Studienevidenzverordnung 1997 (University Studies Accreditation Decree) and a Diploma Supplement has been due on demand to every student since 1 October 2003.

### Aim and benefit of the Diploma Supplement

The Diploma Supplement receives a significant role in the general efforts of the European Union to increase mobility of citizens in that it promotes and supports transparency of the national University of Applied Science system. For students it simplifies access to an international career, as it eases the academic and professional recognition of studies in the EU and across the world, helping to promote access to training and further education completely within the context of lifelong learning.

### The Diploma Supplement Label as award for Fachhochschule des bfi Wien

The Diploma Supplement Label was first awarded in 2004 to distinguish universities and Universities of Applied Science whose introduction of the Diploma Supplement was seen as both excellent and exemplary.

Apart from the Fachhochschule des bfi Wien only one institution in Austria have succeeded in being awarded the Diploma Supplement Label for distinguished implementation of the Diploma Supplement.