ANNOUNCEMENT OF DISCONTINUATION OF THE SERVICE „EDUCAST.NRW“
MIGRATION TO THE UNIVERSITY’S OWN VIDEO PLATFORM FOR THE END OF WINTER TERM 2023/24

Before the start of the summer term, the University of Bonn will migrate back to its original video service. In order to implement this, it is inevitable to disconnect the educast platform from the eCampus learning management system.

Therefore, the migration will only result in a few changes in handling. The previous connection of the migrated videos to the learning management system will remain. Necessary video uploads for upcoming projects must be completed on educast by February 02, 2024 so that the videos can be migrated. Otherwise, these videos will be offline on eCampus after the migration in mid-March (error report) and will no longer be available for subsequent download after March 31, 2024. Videos uploaded to educast after February 2, 2024 can no longer be considered for migration.
Why is the video platform being changed again?

The DH.NRW has decided that the educast.nrw project will no longer be funded. Further information on this decision can be found in the DH.NRW press release.

How is the migration process proceeding and how long will it take?

As the videos will be transcoded again, the process will take several weeks. There will be several runs, which will be completed at the beginning of March. In March, the Opencast plug-in will be reconfigured so that the videos can then be accessed via the current eLecture platform.

What changes in handling will result from the system change?

As it is the same Opencast software, there will be no changes in handling.

Where will the data be transferred to?

With this system change, we will migrate to the University of Bonn’s own video platform. The platform’s servers are operated by the University of Bonn’s IT and Data Center. Data processing and data protection are subject to the provisions of the EU GDPR.
What will happen to the videos that are uploaded to educast from February 3, 2024 onwards?

They will stay on educast, which will remain until the end of the winter term, but will not be migrated and will no longer be listed on eCampus from mid-March 2024. These videos will be deleted by the University of Münster when the educast service is discontinued. In this case, the videos would have to be uploaded again on the current eLecture platform.

Is account information such as name and e-mail address also transferred?

There is no account area for managing personal data in Opencast. Apart from the video material, only metadata will be migrated. When you upload a video to Opencast, your Uni-ID is stored in the metadata as the owner of the users’ rights.

The videos of my course are not listed in the educast admin tool. How is that possible?

Most likely the videos were uploaded by another eCampus course administrator. If you have any problems, please contact the eLecture support via ecampus@uni-bonn.de
The migration on eCampus takes place during exam preparation. Is this problematic?

If the videos have been migrated, the changeover will be seamless and they will only be unavailable during the maintenance window.

I have also published my videos outside of eCampus (e.g. website, Confluence). What do I need to bear in mind here?

After educast is shut down at the end of the winter term 2023/24, these videos will no longer be available. After the migration (by March 31, 2024 at the latest), you should replace the old link with a new link (university’s own platform).

Where will I find the web interface (admin tool) that lists all my videos?

Log in with your Uni-ID at https://admin.electure.uni-bonn.de
How can I get more information about the current video platform and who can I contact if I have further questions?

Further information on the university’s own video platform can be found on the eCampus website.

If you have any further questions, please contact the eLecture team at ecampus@uni-bonn.de

You can also contact us by phone Mon-Fri from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: 0228/73-5092