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**Zentrale Informatik**

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# Zentrale Informatik

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# University of Zurich

Founded in the year 1833

Switzerland's largest university  
with the widest range of study courses

(faculties of Theology, Law, Business/Economics and Informatics, Medicine, Vetsuisse, Arts and Social Sciences, Sciences (mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology etc.)

12 Nobel Prizes

Top 50 to 80 in international rankings

26'000 students (2019)

680 Professors

9'500 employees (6'800 FTE)

Budget CHF 1'450 Mio. (Euro 1'340 Mio.)

2015 UZH started with benchmark

Since 2016 other Swiss Universities take part as well

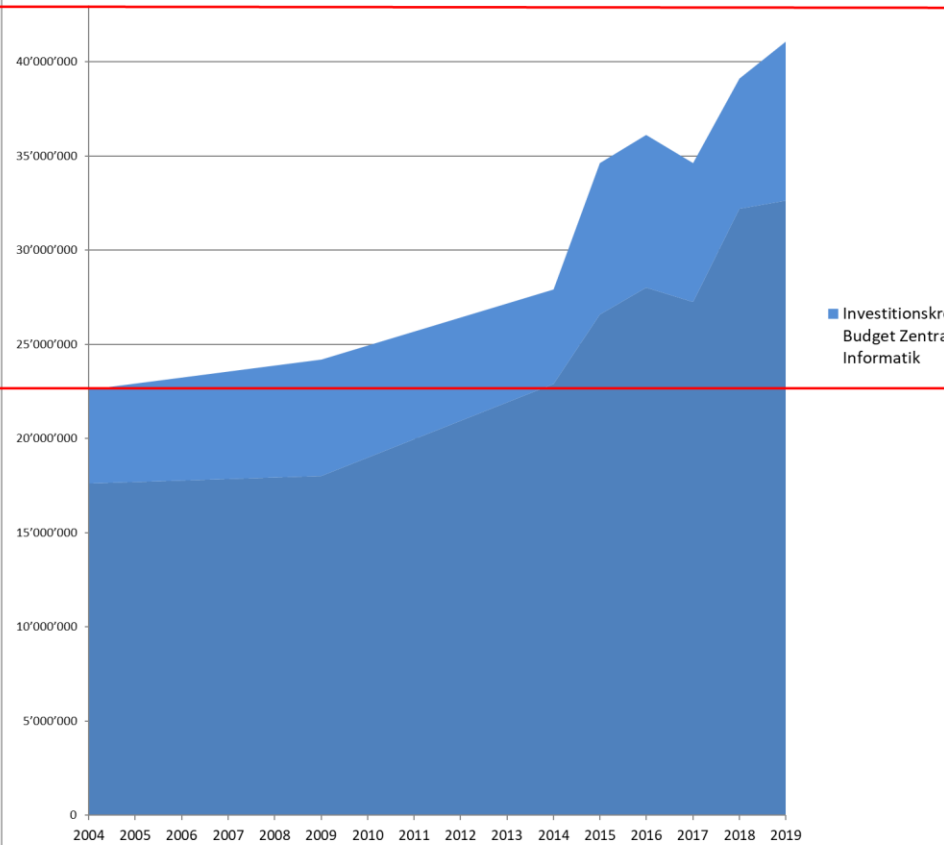
There is a user group sharing experiences, questions etc.



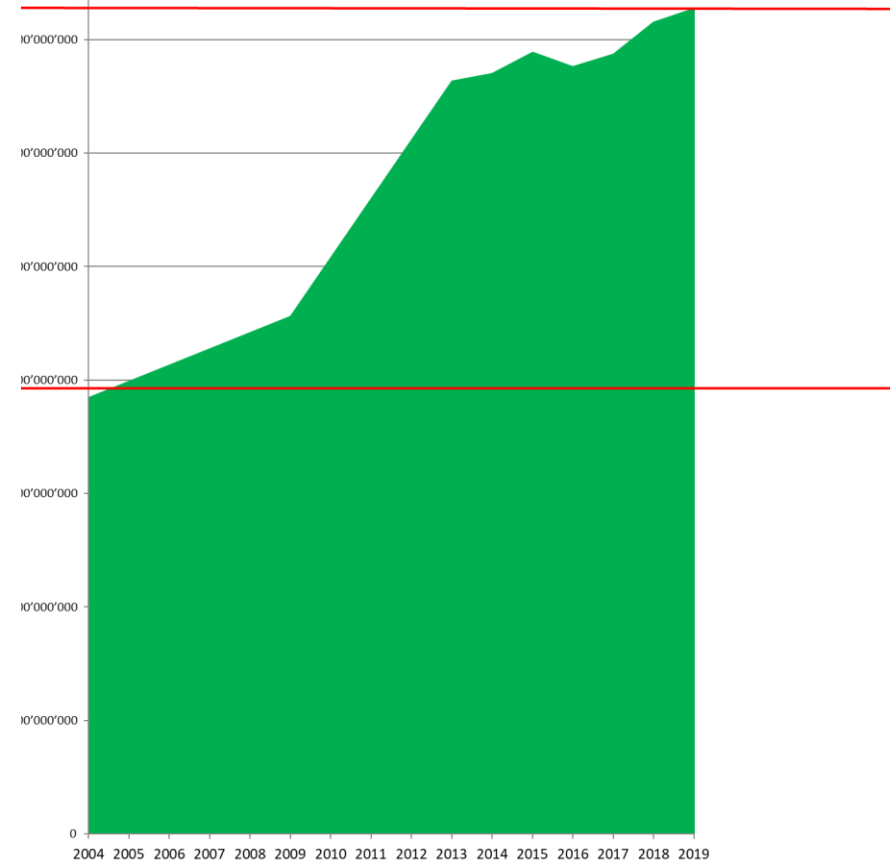
# Where are we coming from?

Central IT budget vs UZH budget

Budget Zentrale Informatik (vor 2014 nicht alle Zahlen vorhanden)



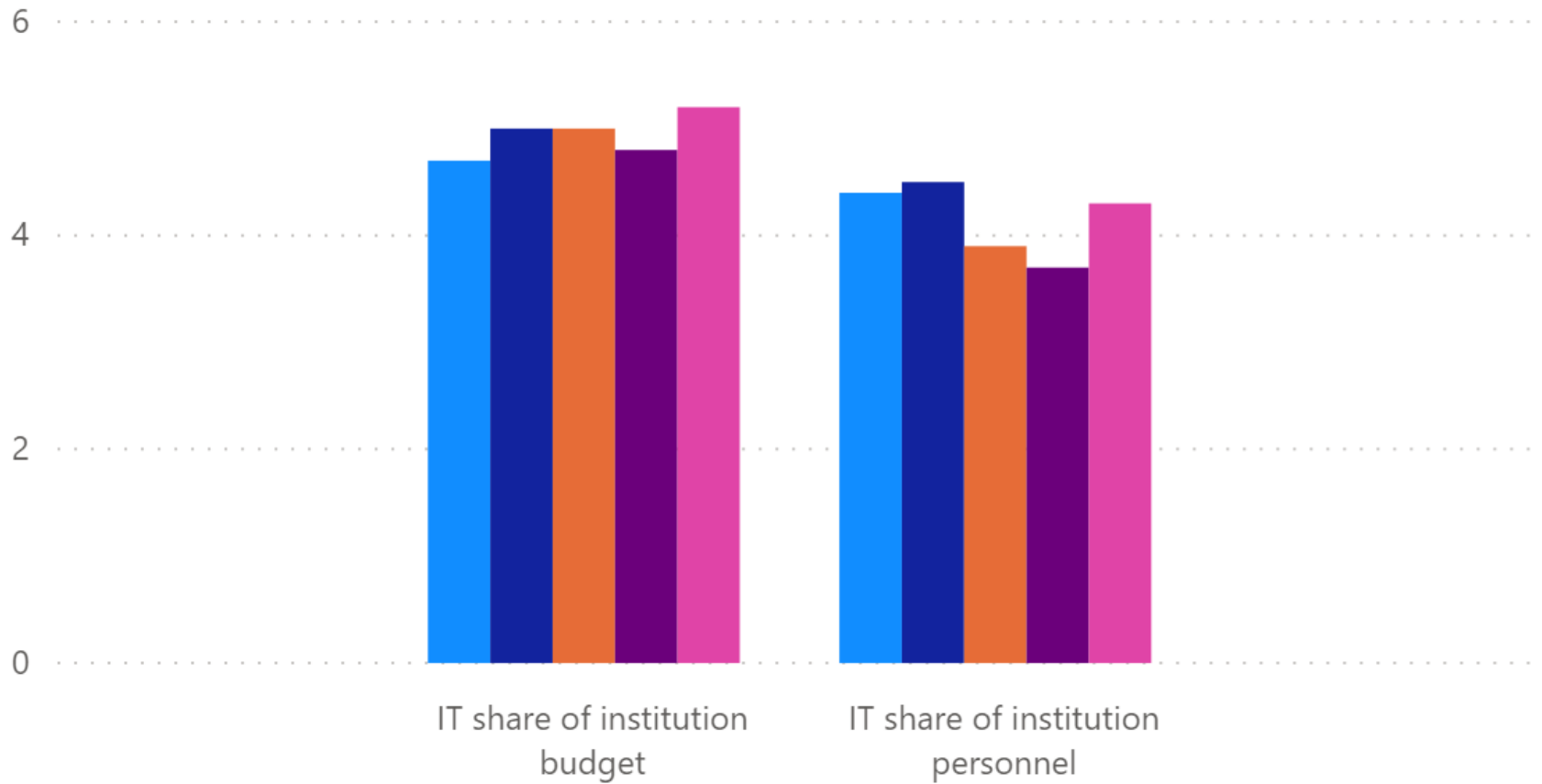
Budget Gesamt UZH in CHF



# Development of university numbers

## IT share (%)

● BM 2015 ● BM 2016 ● BM 2017 ● BM 2018 ● BM 2019



# Content

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- How do we use the benchmark:
  - compare high level numbers
  - development of numbers over time are key
  - detect and understand special effects, and differences, (year to year, between universities etc.)
    - otherwise benchmarks can be misleading
  - communication
- Disclaimer: allways consider 'special effects' with benchmarks – e.g.:
  - ERP without costs
  - IT departements with IT courses, multimedia support
  - decentralised IT numbers
  - special effects from one-time investments
- Development of university, Swiss and overall numbers

# IT costs

IT costs (1000 CHF)	CH UZH	CH UZH last year
Centralized IT costs	42'750 k	45'163 k
IT costs in other central units	0 k	0 k
IT costs in academic units	33'360 k	23'609 k
Unspecified	0 k	0 k
Total IT costs	76'110 k	68'771 k

IT personnel (FTE)	CH UZH	CH UZH last year
Centralized IT personnel	151	147
IT personnel in other central units	0	0
IT personnel in academic units	140	101
Unspecified	0	0

IT share of institution budget	5.2 %	4.8 %
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+39 FTE in 2019 «IT personnel in academic units»

→ no explanation from HR

→ plus CHF 5 Mio. decentral IT costs in 1 year with without explanation

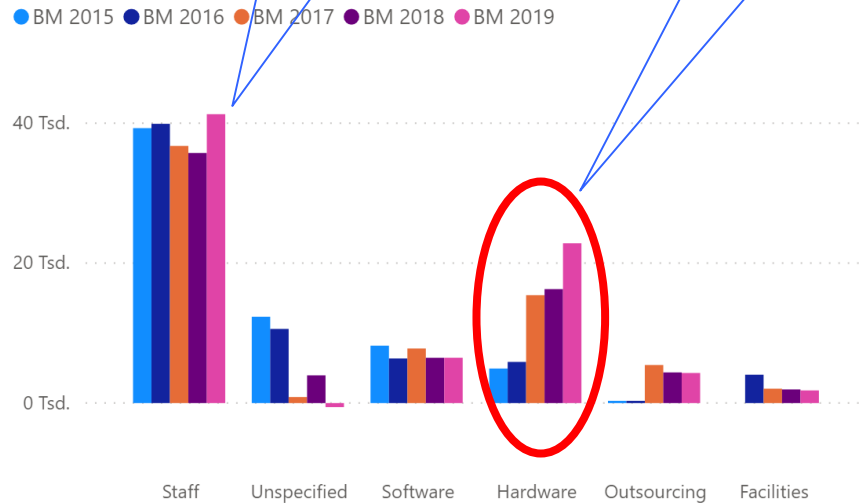
# IT-Benchmark: specific costs

More central (real) and decentral (reason not known) staff

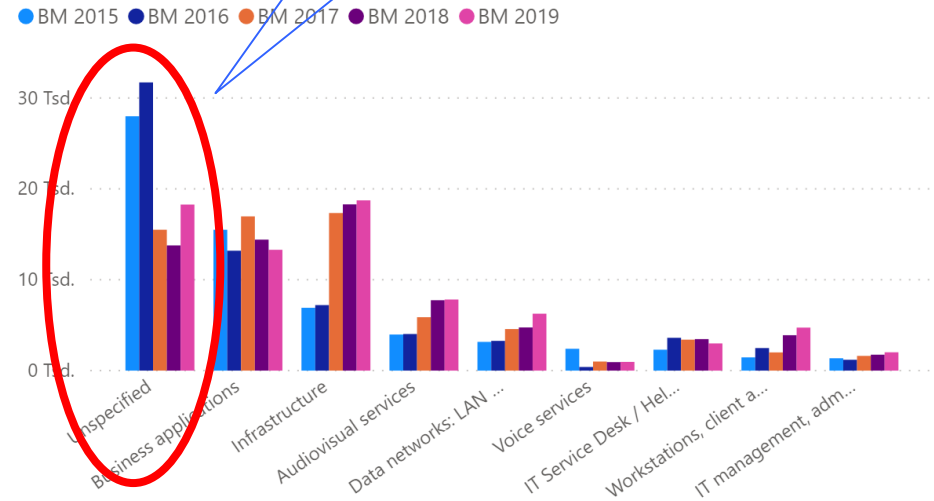
Growing central investments

Better numbers over years of participating

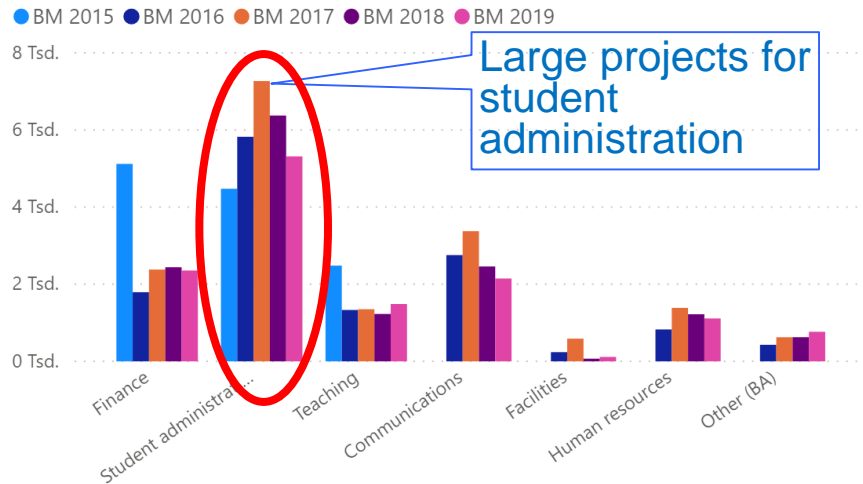
Costs by account (1000 CHF)



Costs by service (1000 CHF)

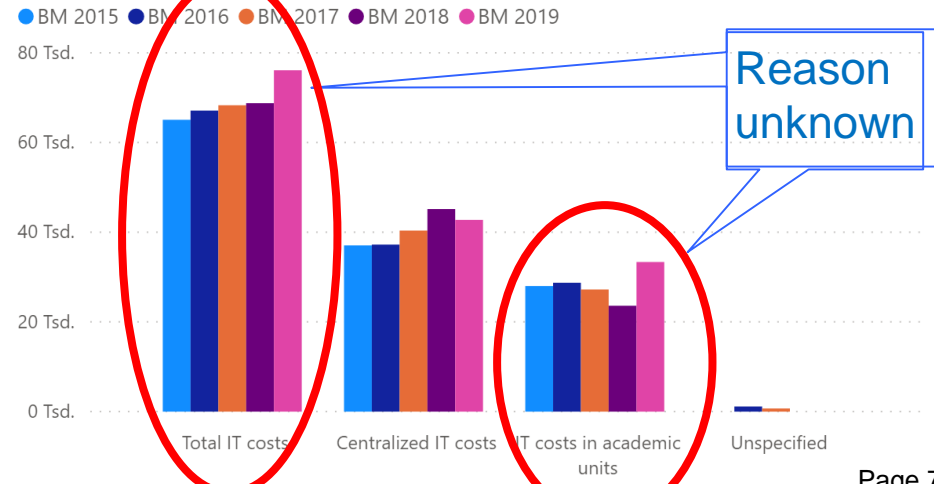


Costs by business applications (1000 CHF)



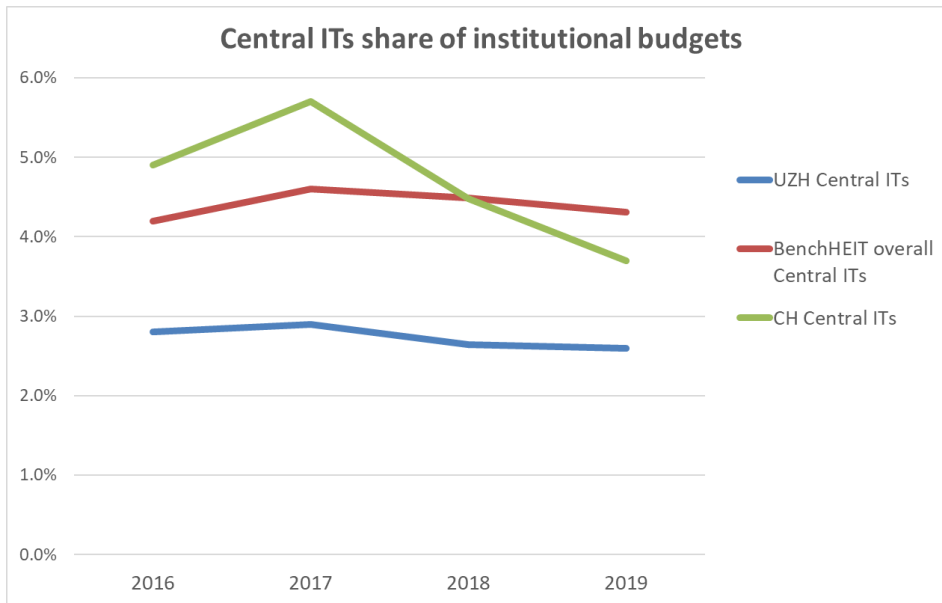
Large projects for student administration

IT costs (1000 CHF)

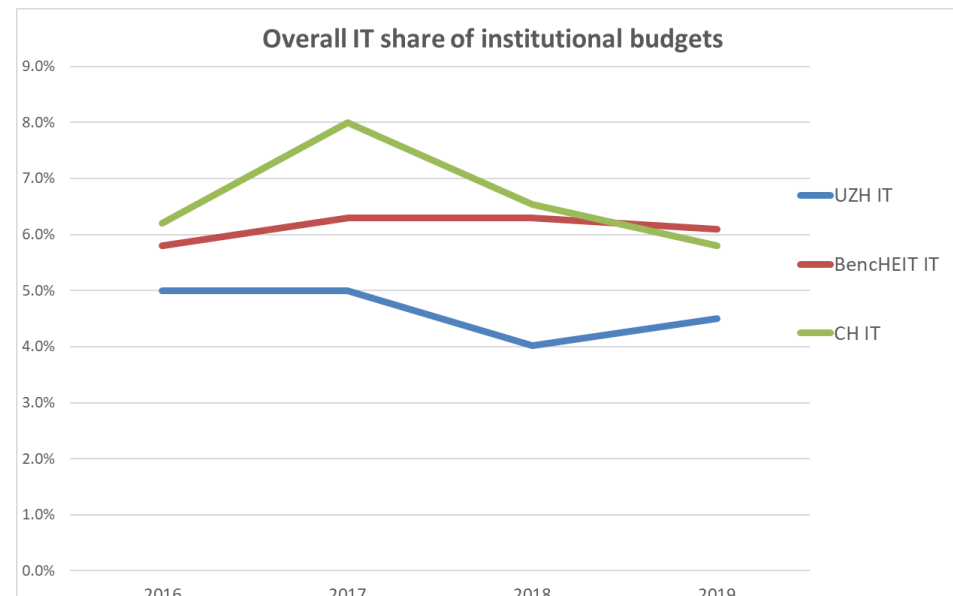
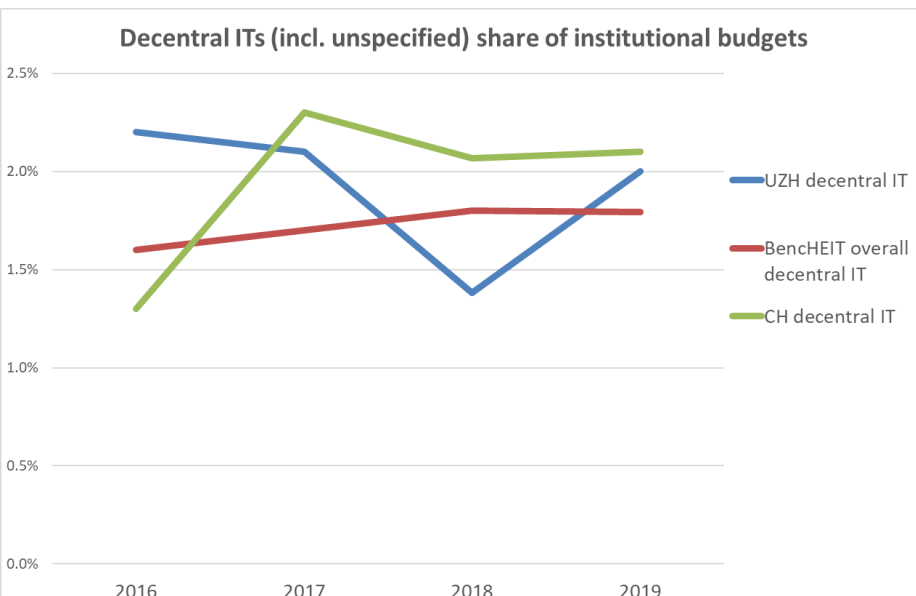


Reason unknown

# IT-Benchmark: developments over time

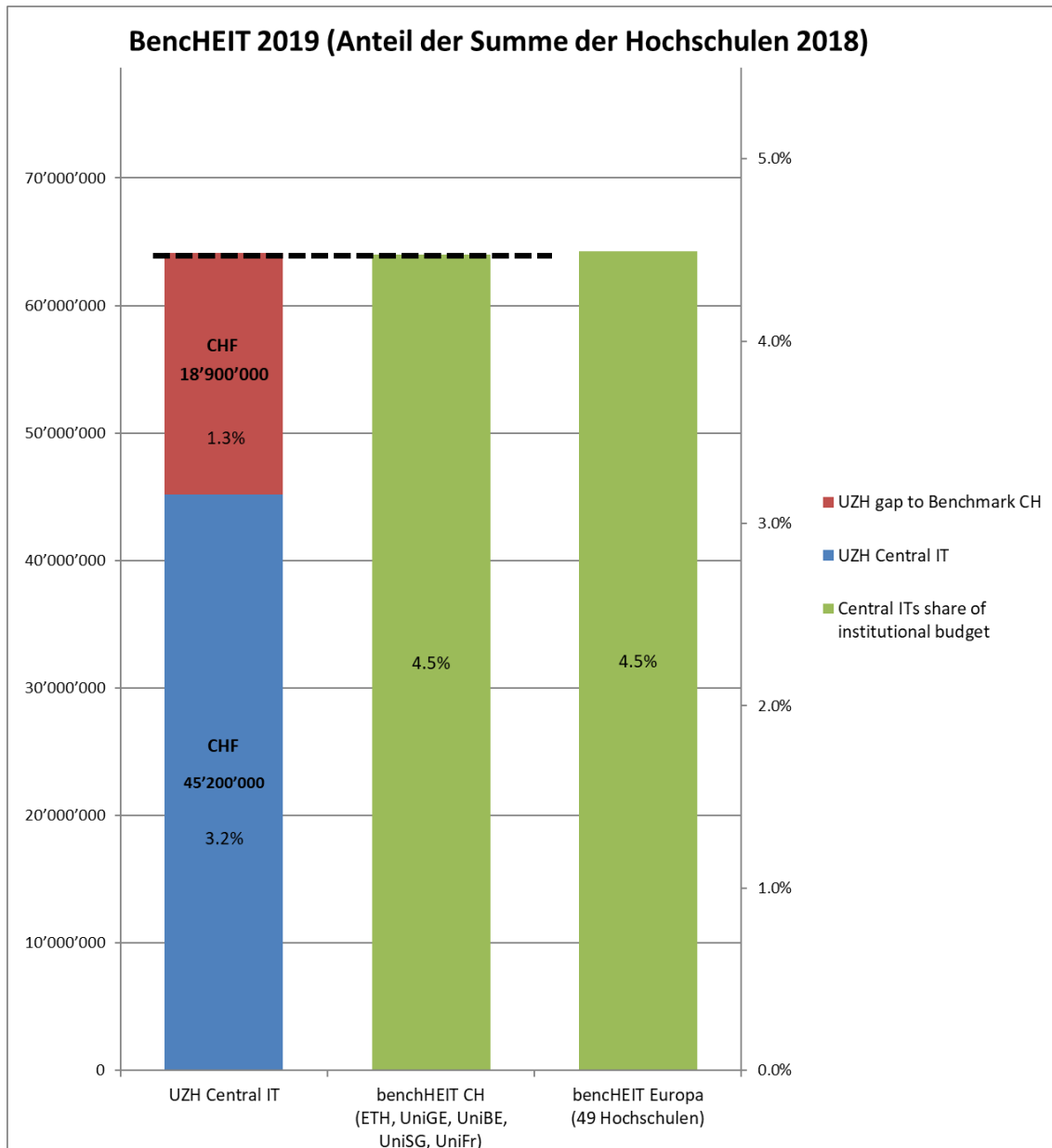


- changing participants
- improvements of data
- ‘special’ effects like growing univiersities, one-time investments etc.





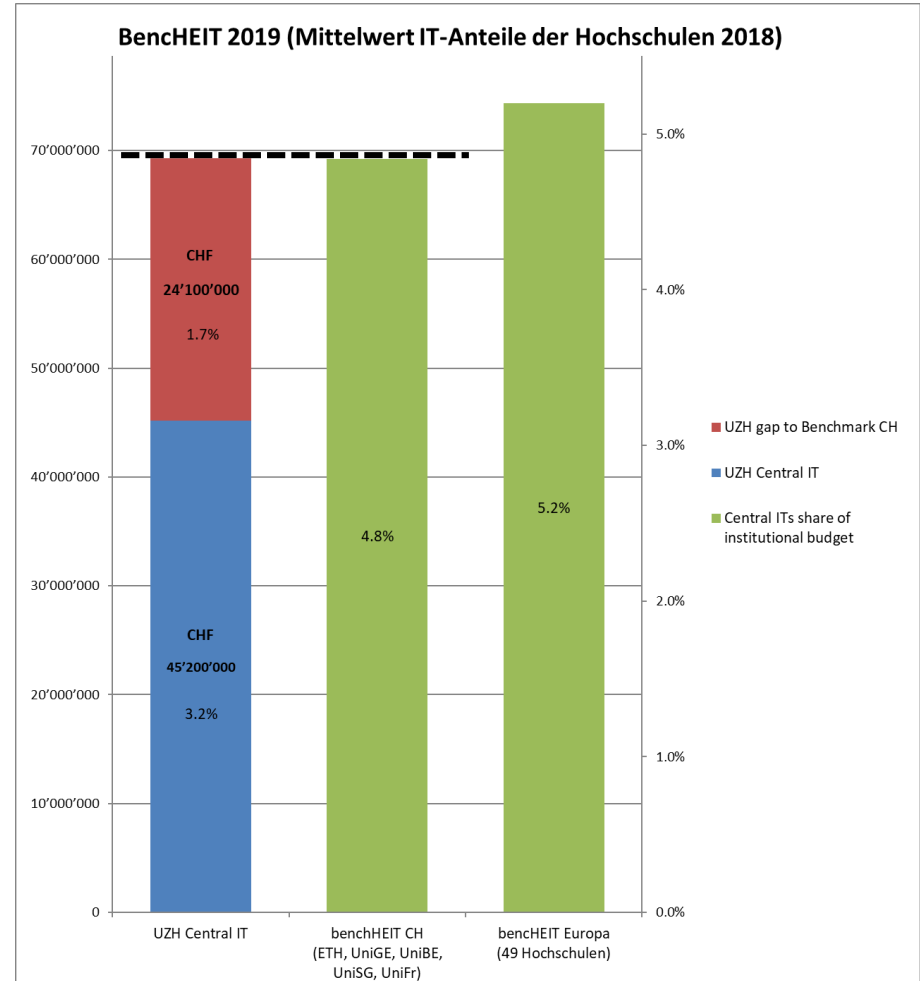
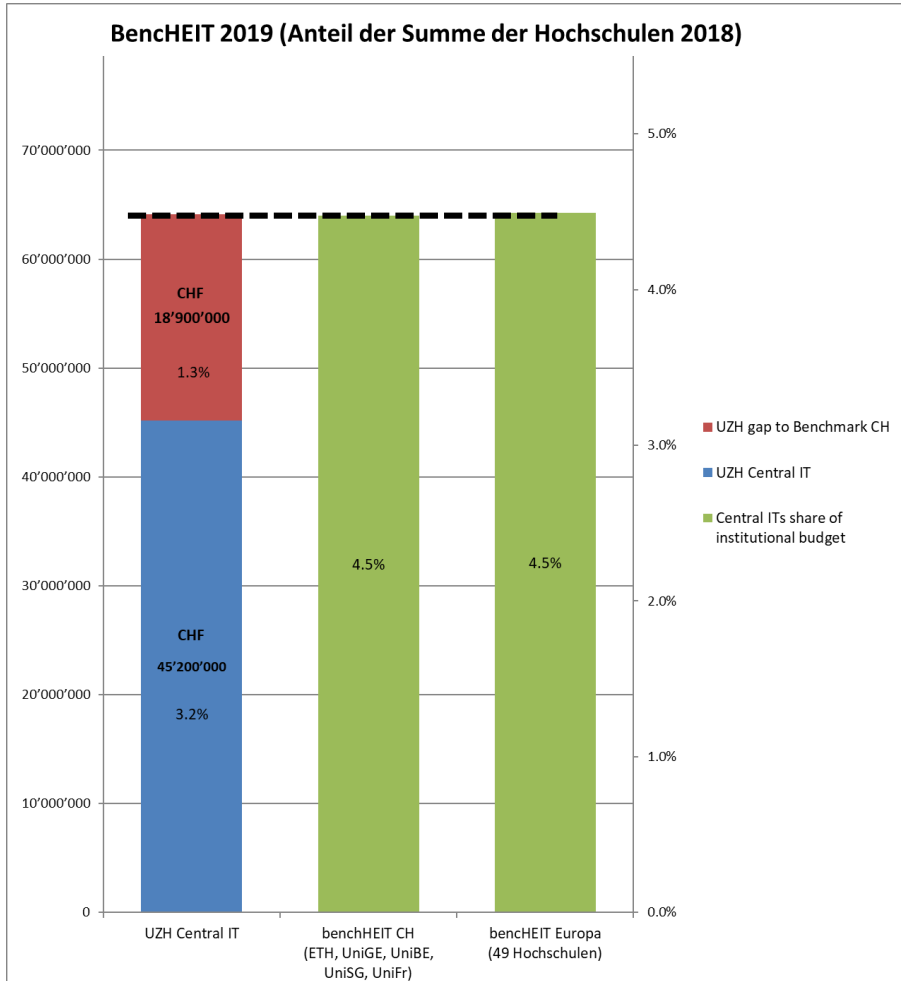
# IT-Benchmark: Budget Central ITs to overall University



**Gap Zentrale Informatik zu Benchmark CH: CHF 19 Mio. p.a.**

**Gap Zentrale Informatik zu Benchmark Europa: CHF 19 Mio. p.a.**

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# Swiss effects

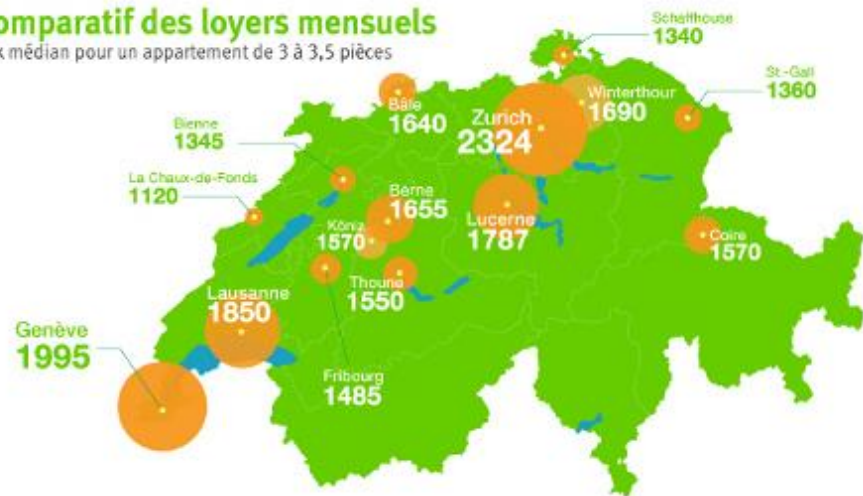
**KINDERGARTENTEACHER STARTING  
BASE SALARY IN SWITZERLAND**



**EUR 65'000.-**

## Comparatif des loyers mensuels

Prix médian pour un appartement de 3 à 3,5 pièces

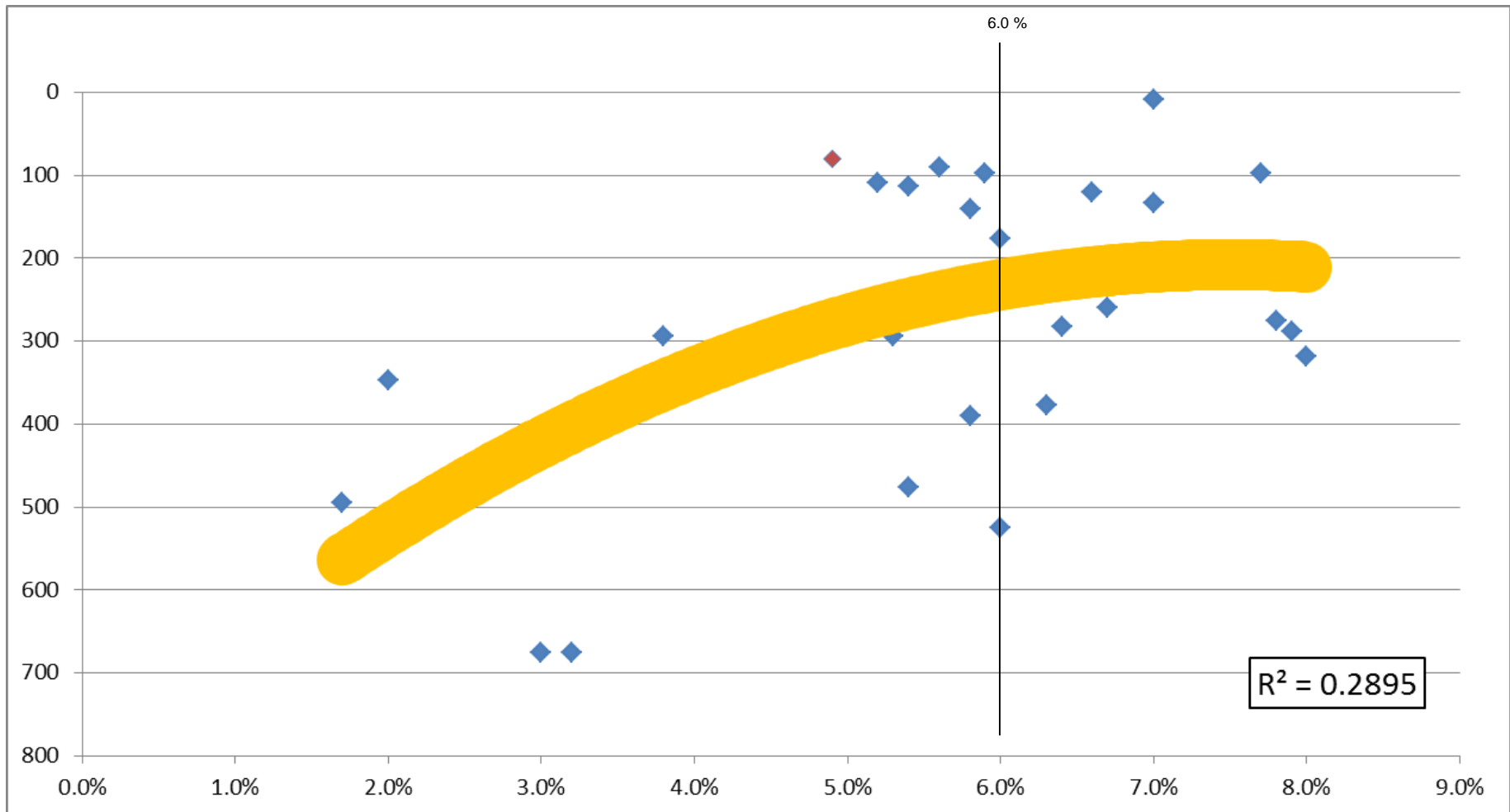


# Swiss effects

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- Cultural and legal effects: e.g.
  - price/cost level:  
absolute numbers cannot be compared with other countries due to different price/costs levels; only relative numbers usable
  - student FTE:  
not known in CH versus student headcounts (used in Switzerland)
  - VAT:  
no deduction, therefore part of relevant costs for university and IT;  
costs excluding VAT determinable
  - decentral culture:  
decentral IT costs large part of overall costs, but estimates very vague

# Eunis Benchmark: Anteil IT Budget vs. World Ranking



2017, overall 57 Teilnehmer, Benchmark all IT budgets: 6.0%, UZH 5.0%

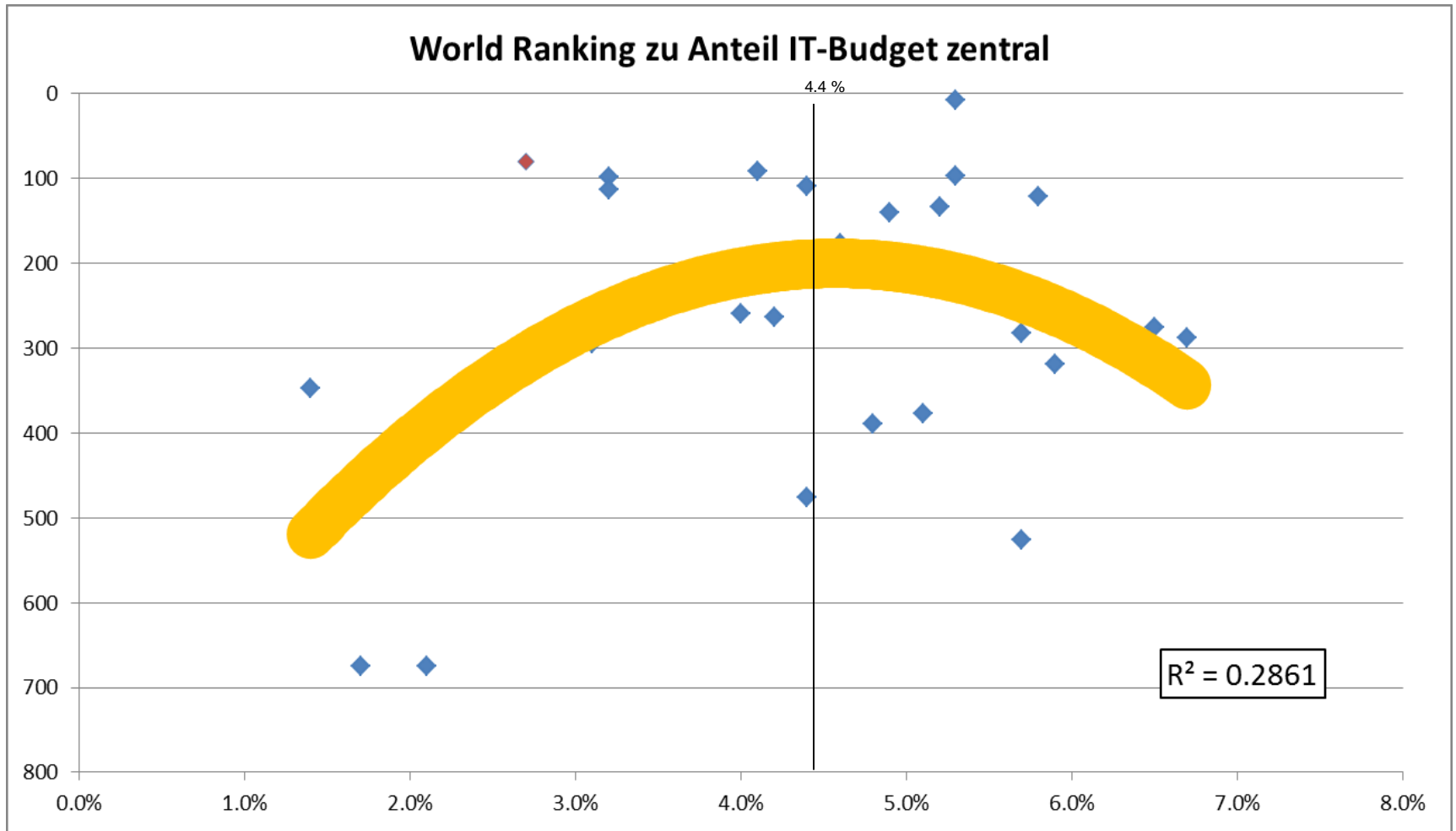
28 Datenpunkte, Trendlinie polynomisch (Reihenfolge 2)

Bestimmtheitsmass ( $r^2$ ) = 29%

Quadrat des Pearsonschen Korrelationskoeffizienten: Gibt an, welcher Anteil der Varianz in beiden Variablen durch gemeinsame

Varianzquellen bestimmt wird. (<http://www.methodenberatung.uzh.ch/de/datenanalyse/zusammenhaenge/korrelation.html>)

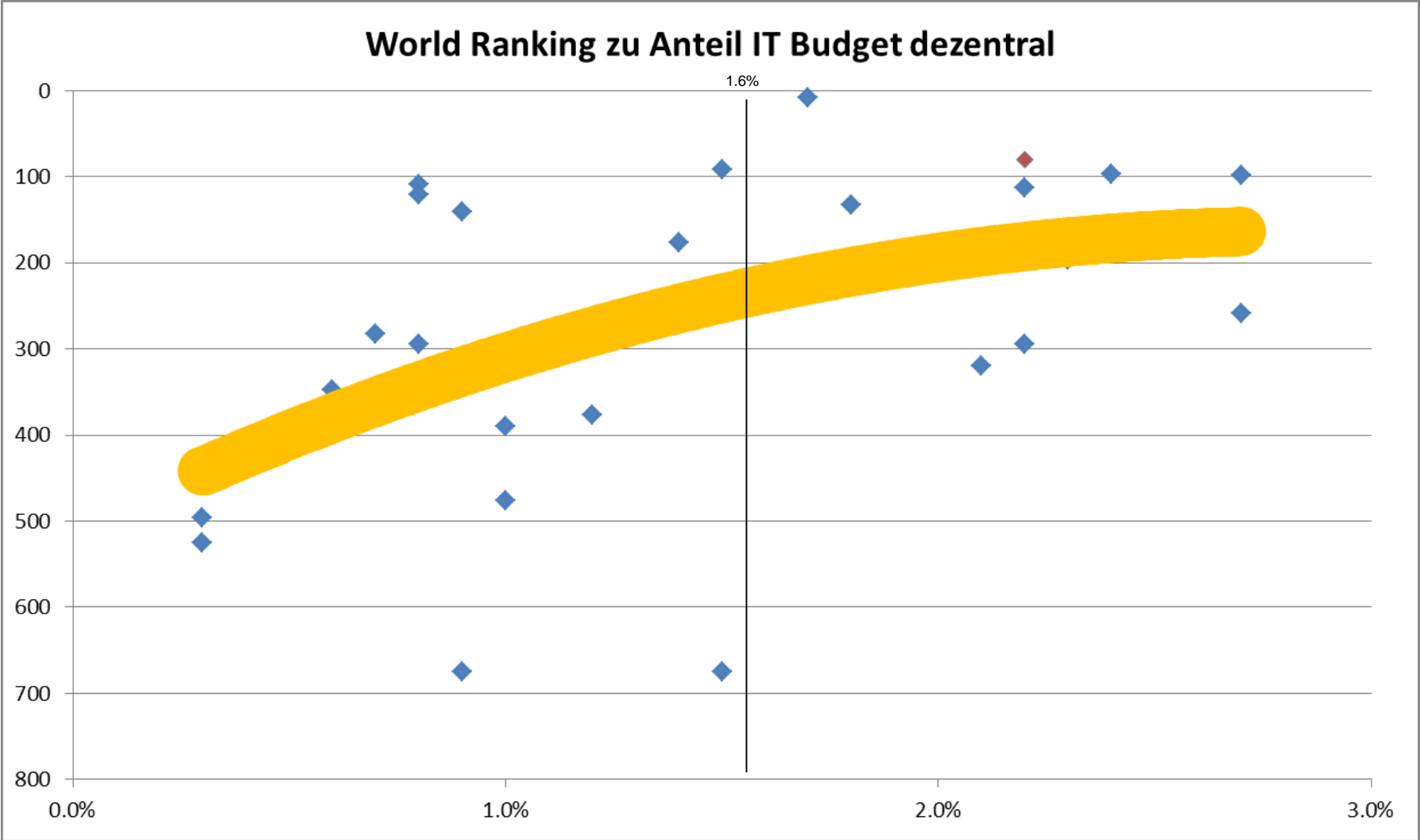
# Eunis Benchmark: share of central IT budgets vs. World Ranking



2017 overall 57 Teilnehmer, Benchmark central IT budgets: 4.4%, UZH 2.7%  
Trendlinie: 28 Datenpunkte, polynomisch (Reihenfolge 2), Durchschnitt 4.3%, max. 4.6%

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# Eunis Benchmark: World Ranking vs. IT Budget Anteil dezentral





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