

PartKommPlus – German Research Consortium for Healthy Communities through Integrated, Participatory Health Promotion Strategies

Background

- Integrated municipal strategies for health promotion (IMS) are an important means for promoting the population’s health.
- IMS aim to involve at the local level all sectors of the social welfare, educational and healthcare systems, civil society, and the general public in designing long term strategies to improve and maintain the public’s health through the entire life span.
- The German research consortium PartKommPlus (2015-2018) is investigating the factors determining the successful implementation and maintenance of integrated municipal strategies for health promotion.

Methods

- Participatory Health Research (PHR) approach
- Five subprojects in the states of Berlin, Brandenburg, Hamburg, Hesse, Lower Saxony, and Baden-Wuerttemberg with eight case studies
- The process of collectively generating new knowledge takes place at the level of the local case studies and at the national level through the collaborative structures of the consortium.

Conclusions

- New knowledge will be generated on the process of IMS and on the engagement of vulnerable communities in developing IMS.
- PartKommPlus is the first wide scale investigation of IMS in Germany and a rare example of PHR on a national scale.
- PHR will be strengthened within the context of health promotion practice and research in Germany.

