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1. PHIRE Innovation Projects

Comments on the national report: impact, policy changes and lessons learned on account of the eight different innovation (tracer) projects.

Does the National Public Health Association (NPHA) have additional information on national impact, policy changes and lessons learned with these eight projects?

Comments on other actions needed to assess impact, policy changes and lessons learned with these projects at national level.

No further contribution is possible beyond the one already collected.
2. Public Health Research System in Germany

Are there clear roles, responsibilities and collaboration between Ministry of Science, Ministry of Health and other funders – regions, universities, independent foundation?

Regarding the organogram, in general fine but:

- Universities are financed by the states. In the organogram one might assume that they are formally linked to the societies and associations (Helmholtz, etc). However this is not the case. Exceptions are professors who have dual appointments at universities and member institutions.

- IQWiG is not part of the Ministry of Health. It is part of the social insurance system (which covers 90% of the people in Germany) and provides evidence syntheses to the Federal Joint Committee which decides on the benefit package of the social insurance system. The description under 3.5.1 is correct.

- You might want to include DIMDI (institute for Medical documentation and Information) in the box together with the RKI.

Is commissioning included within a national strategy for health / public health research?


Commissioning of the Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) has been aligned with them, especially with the “Rahmenprogramm Gesundheitsforschung der Bundesregierung”.

Unfortunately, Public Health as such is not mentioned in both documents. There are few aspects of prevention. In consequence there has been only very limited commissioning of Public Health research in the last years.

Was a full range of public health research fields (including health promotion, health services epidemiology, surveillance, management, wider determinants) commissioned in 2010?

Base on your document Phire_WP5_1stphase_Germany you can argue that the aspects mentioned in the question have been somehow tackled within the different projects and structures commissioned in 2010.
Is public health research open to a wide range of researchers, and including civil society as stakeholders?
It is open to a wide range of researchers. In certain calls different degrees of funding might be applied depending on the institutional status of the applicant. Civil society is usually not an addressee of calls for proposals.

Was the information provided (both the information on programs and calls in Public health research and the STEPs country profile) agreed or revised?
Yes, but without consultation with ministries, institutions, agencies, etc.
3. National and European Research

Do national research programmes cover the areas of the PHIRE innovation (tracer) projects?

Based on the documents provided by PHIRE, a thematic overlap can be envisaged between CHOB (tracer 2) and the CN on obesity; CSAP (tracer 7) and the call for projects on behavioural disorders; and EUCID (tracer 8) and the CN on diabetes mellitus.

Is there a connection between national research and the European Projects, in general?

Respondent is not aware of an explicit connection. In the calls by BMBF there is usually a statement that researchers should check if their project ideas would also fit to an EU-call. In this case they should rather ask for funding at EU.

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<td>HA - Healthy Ageing</td>
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<td>EAAD - European Alliance Against Depression</td>
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