Stakeholder involvement in research on health impact of environmental exposure

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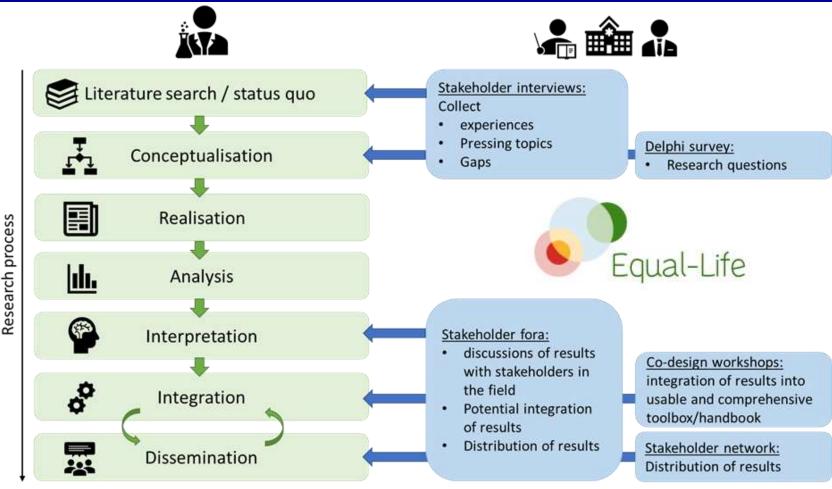


Figure 1: Steps in research process and the integration of stakeholder involvement in the Equal-Life project.

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INTRODUCTION

In the European exposome research project Equal-Life various physical and social environmental influences on children's and adolescents' mental health and cognitive development are studied.1 Stakeholder involvement is a central element of the project to integrate practical perspectives from relevant fields, levels and positions in order to derive meaningful output for interventions and policies based on the project results.

METHOD

Figure 1 shows steps in research process and the integration of stakeholder involvement in the Equal-Life project:

Stakeholder interviews: Collection of practical perspectives, experiences, relevant topics and gaps.

Delphi survey: Iterative method to discuss and adjust research questions, take into consideration the practical input from stakeholders.

Stakeholder fora: Creating space to discuss project results and to reach out for feedback.

Co-design workshops: Small group meetings to condense practical solutions with stakeholders in relevant fields.

Stakeholder network: Valuable instrument of support to distribute results, create exchange between stakeholders and different domains, with the aim to develop meaningful interventions an policies.



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