Bachelor Thesis (English)

Conducting and analysing qualitative and quantitative interviews on implementation aspects of “Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMPs)“

Background:
Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are the leading cause of global mortality, responsible for 40.5 million deaths in 2016, which equates to 71% of all deaths. Successful policy actions to address physical inactivity, unhealthy diets and sedentary behaviour have the potential to influence the health and well-being of an entire population. At the public policy level, the initiation, coordination and implementation of policies that enhance opportunities for whole populations to make healthier physical activity- and diet-related choices are necessary.

As part of the Joint Programming Initiative on a Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life (JPI HDHL), 28 research institutes from seven European countries and New Zealand have combined their expertise to form a Policy Evaluation Network (PEN). PEN’s vision is to provide Europe with tools to identify, evaluate and benchmark policies designed to directly or indirectly address physical inactivity, unhealthy diets and sedentary behaviour while accounting for existing health inequities.

SUMPs aim to improve the accessibility of urban areas and to raise the attractiveness, safety and security of walking and cycling, in order to raise physical activity on a population level. SUMPs encourage active transport by improving or developing dedicated infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians to separate them from heavily motorised traffic and by reducing travel distances.

One task is to investigate several aspects of the implementation of SUMPs in European cities and to find characteristics of implementation process, and barriers and facilitators regarding the implementation of SUMPs.
Your tasks:
- Literature Research on the implementation of SUMPs
- Conducting two qualitative and quantitative interviews in English with a political actor from Baden-Württemberg (probably one from Stuttgart and one from Ulm).
- Transcribing the interviews and preparation of data
- Summarise and evaluate the characteristics of implementation process
- Preparation of a written thesis in English

Your profile:
- Bachelor’s student in psychology, sports/health science or similar subject
- Experience in conducting interviews
- High interest in qualitative and quantitative evaluation
- Self-reliant and willingness to travel

We offer:
- Opportunity to develop your knowledge in a European project
- Good prerequisites for your professional advancement
- Continuous support and advice
- Broad-minded and experienced colleagues

Contact & Additional information:
Requirement for this thesis is the enrolment at university.
Please attach a motivation letter and your CV.
You want some more information about the task or the project? Please do not hesitate to contact us (German or English).

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