

What does PartNet stand for?

PartNet is the network for **participatory health research** in German-speaking countries.

PartNet is made of people who are interested in, or have experience and expertise with participation in research.

We are researchers, practitioners, committed people from civil society, and experts with lived experience. Our focus is on participatory processes in the health, social, and educational sectors.

PartNet is a partner network of **ICPHR** (International Collaboration für Participatory Health Research).

PartNet represents the working group Participatory Health Research in the German Association of Social and Preventive Medicine <https://www.dgsmp.de/>.

Goals and vision

- Increase understanding and visibility of participatory health* research (PGF) approaches.
- Establish participatory approaches through promotion and further development
- Anchor participatory research projects in the fields of health, social affairs, and education
- Develop a multi-perspective, sustainable, and agile network that promotes critical debate, joint knowledge generation, and networking at national and international level

PartNets-PartNetschaft

PartNet aims to further develop participatory research approaches. For years, members of the network **have been developing initiatives, projects, measures, and programs to advance** the network's central concerns.

For formal reasons, PartNet cannot be a grantee itself. Therefore, these projects have to be handled by the institutions of the respective members. Nevertheless, in order to make clear that such initiatives are located within PartNet and are involved in the active reflexive exchange of the network, they can be marked as **PartNetschaft** after a successful application.

PartKommPlus: PartKommPlus is a PartNetschaft that has existed since 2007. Information can be found here: <http://partkommplus.de/>.

Open access-publications: PartNet Perspectives

We would like to offer participatory researchers the opportunity for visible **open access publication** - also outside of academic institutions. With the publication series, contributions on participatory research strategies and the further development of methodological approaches in particular are to be given a freely accessible platform. This is intended to promote knowledge transfer and exchange in the research community and to support the implementation of participatory project ideas.

Since 2021, the contributions to the series have been published by PartNet Speakers and disseminated via the PartNet member network and the website. For the authorship of the contributions, a multiperspectivity is explicitly desired, e.g. through contributions from science-practice or campus-community partnerships. For more information, please visit: [PartNet Schriftenreihe – PartNet \(partnet-gesundheit.de\)](http://partnet-gesundheit.de)

Activities and events

Exchange via mailing list

3 times per year: network meetings and workshops (digital/Präsenz)

Berlin workshop on participatory research (every spring)

International cooperations (e.g. International Collaboration for Participatory Health Research)

PartNetschaften

Working groups for further development of participatory research

PartNet-publications

National-level strategy development

(Teaching)videos and further tools for participatory methods

How to get involved

How to become a PartNet member? Your perspective is important to us, no matter how long you have been involved with the topic of participation. We are therefore very happy if you would like to share your questions, ideas, or experiences with us and encourage you to get to know our diverse activities (see above).

Working groups: Initiating a working group is possible at any time. If you are interested in joining a working group, please contact the respective contact person directly.

We are looking forward to your involvement! To get in touch with us, please write an email to info@partnet-gesundheit.de. We also would like to invite you to have a look at our website: <http://partnet-gesundheit.de> and to sign up for our mailing list.