

3rd HLCA Consortium Meeting - March 3rd/4th 2016, Essen

The 3rd meeting of the “Health Literacy in Childhood and Adolescence” Consortium (HLCA) focussed on the presentation and discussion on **empirical findings** of the joint research project and its subprojects. The meeting started with a summary and critical reflection on the past half year’s HLCA activities with a special focus on the implementation of the consortium’s dissemination, communication, public engagement and networking strategy.

Particular consideration in the various sessions was given to the projects related to mental health literacy ([NePP](#), [Provider-MHL](#), [Teacher-MHL](#)) and eHealth literacy ([MEDIA PROTECT](#), [ELMi](#), [PrettY](#)). Insights into the recent development of these projects were presented on the first day of the meeting. In the morning of the second day, progress reporting was complemented by the basic research projects ([TeCoMo](#), [MOHLAA](#) and [MoMChild](#)).

The aims were to present and discuss the empirical findings from the field research. The subprojects’ researchers provided insights into their recent work. Each presentation was followed by a fruitful discussion with additional recommendations by both, project members and the scientific advisory board. In addition, members of the ELMi-CH project - to be launched in spring 2016 in Switzerland - introduced their project.

Further session addressed the content-specific understandings of eHealth literacy and mental health literacy, respectively. These sessions aimed to outline the current conceptual understanding within these projects, to figure out common characteristics among the projects as well as to present open questions for discussions.

In the second workshop of the TeCoMo project, a first conceptualisation of health literacy in childhood and adolescence was presented and put up for discussion.

As usual, a closed session of the steering committee and the scientific advisory board took place to discuss future organisational and administrative issues, and the progress of projects.

The 3rd HLCA meeting was closed by summing up the meeting, introducing the recommendations from the scientific advisory board, and giving an outlook to the upcoming meeting in Freiburg.



We are looking forward to informing the audiences around the world on science and research.