4.B. Workshop: Data collection during COVID-19 pandemic and its policy impacts

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The workshop has the aims to review practices for reliable and robust data collection during disaster such as the COVID-19 pandemic and to develop implementation practices. Study conduct is even more necessary in times of crises and at the same time more challenging. We review existing practices by bringing together three aspects of study conduct in times of crises: 1) experiences with sampling methods, 2) experiences with exposure assessment and 3) development of evidence based policy guidelines. First, experiences with different sampling approaches to collect longitudinal data on in a multicentre study during the COVID-19 pandemic are presented (Felix Sisenop). Second, exposure assessment methods in different cultural traditions are presented and reflected (Edvaldo Begotaraj). Third, the challenge of rapid evidence based policy development will be reviewed (Marija Jakubauskiene). It will be shown, how data gathered in an international consortium can have impact on a national level through policy advisory. Ensuring the ability to provide robust and reliable data on psychosocial and mental health service responses to crises is an important step for emergency preparedness. The lessons learnt will be discussed with workshop participants.

Key messages:
- Rapid study conduct is necessary in times of crises.
- Methods of rapid study conduct need further development.