

Questions, or happy?

In short

Working method to collectively share opinions on the draft research proposal.

Outcome

An overview of the commitment to the plans formulated in the research proposal.

Approach

The working method has three steps:

1. The core team presents the first preliminary ideas on the research approach. When doing so, the project team emphasises that this is a first draft which still allows for a great deal of input. The facilitator asks everyone to write down clarifying questions while listening. The facilitator then goes around the room, asking the participants about their questions and noting them down. The core team answers the questions whenever possible.
2. In this working method, the facilitator ask participants to write down two things after the presentation of the core team (7 minutes):
 - a. This makes me happy or gives me energy.
 - b. I have questions about this.
3. The facilitator goes around the room, asking participants about their answers and writing them down on a whiteboard or flip-over sheet. Then, the group discusses the major themes that have emerged.

Bases

This working method is based on the fact that it is important to know what the opinions and feelings of stakeholders are in developing a research proposal supported by these stakeholders.

Materials

- Whiteboard, flip-over sheet or large sheet of paper
- Pens or markers