



# The Place Standard Tool: German adaptation and piloting in the Ruhr area city of Bochum

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Abstract: The "StadtRaumMonitor" is a survey instrument for designing health-promoting living environments with the participation of citizens. It is an integrated discussion guide in the form of 15 questions about various surrounding aspects determining health, on the basis of which the exchange about a specific living environment is facilitated and promoted. With the participation of citizens, it is possible to work out in detail what strengths, weaknesses and potential for improvement an environment has.

The tool is based on the Scottish "Place Standard Tool – How good is our place?" and was adapted for Germany from 2019-2021 by the Federal Centre for Health Education (BZgA) together with the North Rhine-Westphalia State Centre for Health (LZG.NRW) and the Baden-Württemberg Ministry for Social Affairs, Health and Integration (MSGI) and piloted in municipal practice, also in the Ruhr area, in the city of Bochum-Hamme. Based on the pilot, which was scientifically accompanied by the University of Applied Sciences (Hochschule für Gesundheit) in Bochum, the tool was revised and made available as a new online tool in August 2022.

In the context of the Forum, the revised StadtRaumMonitor will be introduced by an interdisciplinary team of state representatives and practitioners on the community level. We will also introduce qualification possibilities, give an outlook on the new tool model for climate adaptation and discuss chances and challenges when implementing the tool in the context of urban districts.

## References:

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