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# Reha *Innovativen*

**Weiterentwicklung der medizinischen und medizinisch-beruflichen Rehabilitation**

Further developing medical and medical-vocational rehabilitation

**Background:**

Medical rehabilitation is faced with new challenges resulting from the demographic change, the need to adjust to a continuously changing world of work and a changing spectrum of diseases and treatment options.

To respond to these challenges and ensure the long-term effectiveness of the rehabilitation system, it is necessary to further develop and realign this system on a large scale.

Building on the positive experiences gained from the “RehaFutur” project that was meant to realign vocational rehabilitation and make it fit for the future, the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the *Deutsche Vereinigung für Rehabilitation - DVfR*, launched the “RehaInnovativen” project in June 2015.

**Objective:**

The aim of this project is to determine areas, together with relevant players in the field of rehabilitation, where further insights and developments are required and to seek possible solutions and options for implementation.

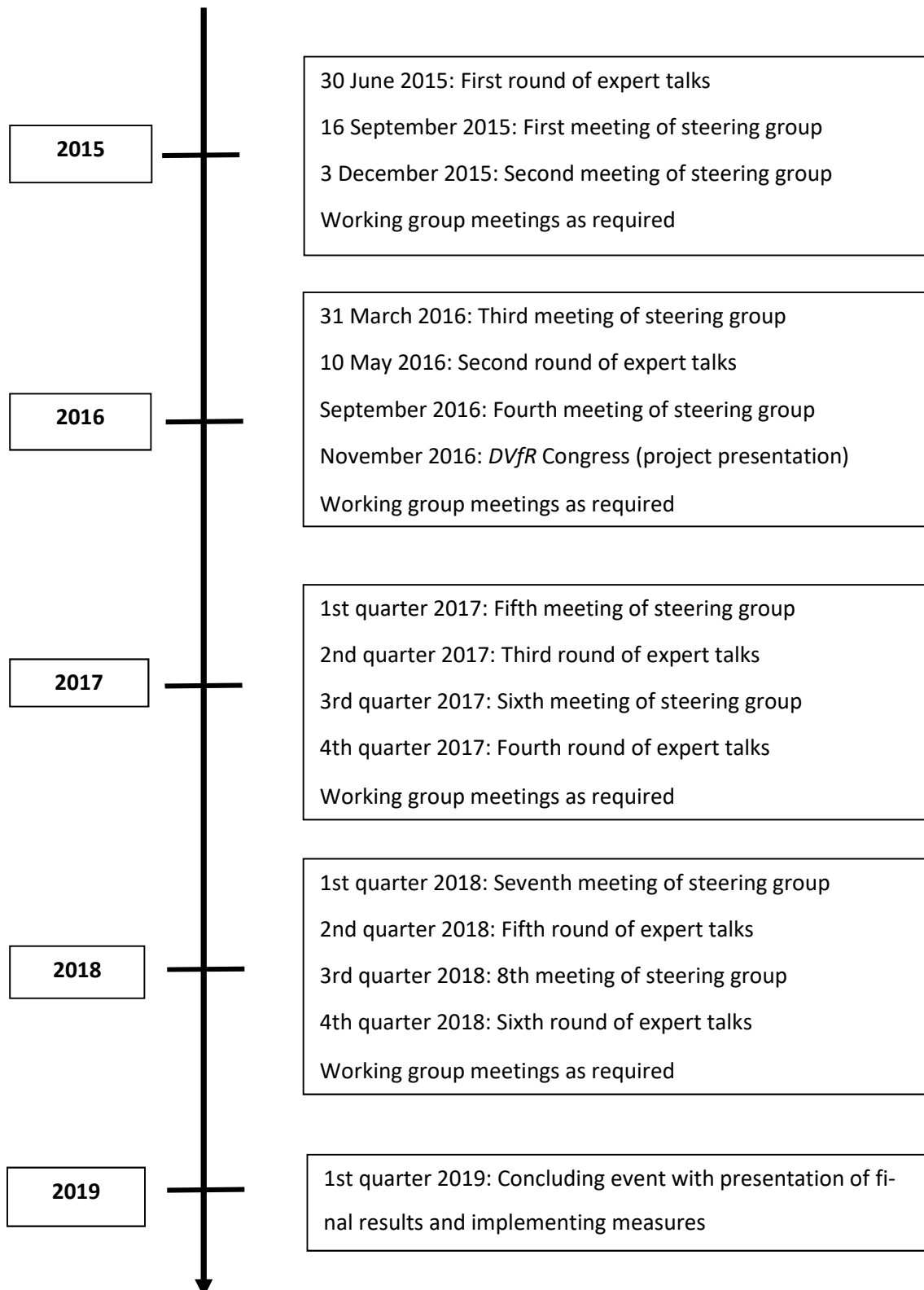
**Agenda:**

The project is scheduled for a period of about four to five years.

The launch event (plenary meeting), which was attended by 35 rehabilitation experts (rehabilitation funds, service providers, social associations, academics as well as affected persons and their representative organisations), took place in Berlin on 30 June 2015. It set the course for further expert talks scheduled to take place every six months.

The steering group and the working groups will meet at regular intervals in the time between the expert talks.

At the concluding event which will take place in early 2019 the final results of the working groups will be presented and implementing measures will be adopted.

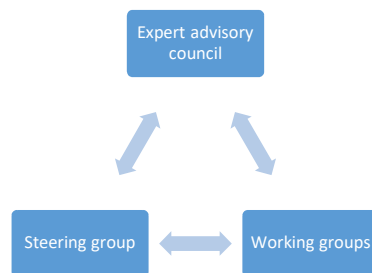


### **Situation:**

The project is focused on the following three fields of action which result from first reflections and talks between the German Labour Ministry and individual rehabilitation experts:

- to individualize rehabilitation,
- to optimize transitions,
- to cooperate on a regional level.

### **Working levels:**



### **Expert advisory council:**

The central role is played by an interdisciplinary expert advisory council (about 35 persons). It consists of representatives of the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, the Federal Ministry of Health, the *Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft für Rehabilitation*, the benefit funds and service providers, social associations, organisations of affected persons and academics.

The expert talks are being facilitated by Professor Klewer who is a professor for nursing care sciences at the Westsächsische Hochschule Zwickau and has acted as an independent advisor to the German Labour Ministry in medical rehabilitation matters for many years.

### **Working groups:**

Following the launch event on 30 June 2015, three thematic working groups were established:

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| WG1 | • Optimizing transitions (Dr. Seel)                        |
| WG2 | • Individualizing rehabilitation (Dr. Buschmann-Steinhage) |
| WG3 | • Cooperating on a regional level (Prof. Morfeld)          |

The working groups focus on prioritizing the sub-items of the three fields of action identified at the launch event in June 2015. Their major task is an in-depth consideration of these sub-items taking into account the following guiding questions:

- What are the **new challenges** emerging for medical and medical-vocational rehabilitation?
- What are **important approaches** to further developing medical and medical-vocational rehabilitation?
- What are the key issues on which we should concentrate in future?
- What could be the future focus of a **target-group specific rehabilitation**?
- How could we test **concepts of rehabilitation science**? Under what circumstances?

The working groups' spokespersons are responsible for organising the groups' work and its content. The working groups meet once or several times per year as required.

### **Steering Group:**

A steering group was established to ensure the best possible further course of action with the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs as lead ministry.

The steering group consists of representatives of the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, the Federal Ministry of Health, the *Deutsche Vereinigung für Rehabilitation*, the three working groups' spokespersons and the facilitator.

**Working platform:**

An online working platform ensures an ongoing discussion process at and between the different working levels (expert advisory council, steering group, working groups). It is integrated into the online forum "Fragen - Meinungen - Antworten (FMA) zum Rehabilitations- und Teilhaberecht" (Rehabilitation and Participation Law - Questions, Views and Answers) operated by *DVfR* and can be used by project participants after having been activated.

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