

Dear reader,

Thanks for your interest in the JoinUs4Health project! As we close our first project year, we would like to give you a taste of what is to come and how you can get involved in the project. We will release a newsletter every month, covering our activities, featured topics and the projects within our online platform. In this first newsletter, we introduce “One Health” as the featured topic of our pilot test. Would you like to learn more about us?

Check out our website (<https://joinus4health.eu>) or follow us via Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/JoinUs4Health>).

🟡 We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year 2022!

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Why One Health?

JoinUs4Health has a lot in common with the “One Health” philosophy, which also applies new methods of working together. One Health specifically targets the interface of people, animals and their environment.

Since mid-2021, the Study of Health in Pomerania (SHIP) in Germany examines not just people, but also their animal contacts (dogs, cats, poultry and pigeons). This approach helps to understand the interactions between humans, pets, livestock and their environment and the potential benefits and risks that animal contact in the private household can bring to human health. Have a look at our poster for more information (<https://joinus4health.eu/news-events/news-on-joinus4health/>).



Figure 1. Veterinary staff of the SHIP-NEXT cohort examines a dog during the pilot test in May 2021.

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Different ways of Working

Our approach to One Health: Combining Responsible Research and Innovation and crowdsourcing



Policy maker.



Research Community.



Education Community.



Business & Industry.



Civil Society Organisations.

Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) aims to open up the scientific process to anyone that might be interested to contribute. In RRI, researchers, citizens, students, policy makers and other interested parties work together to set research agendas, produce knowledge and apply findings in local contexts. In JoinUs4Health, we want to implement this RRI framework using crowdsourcing, which allows for a large number of people to contribute to the research process using an online platform.

Our platform will be launched early 2022. Via this platform, contributors can submit suggestions and ask questions about our first focus topic “One Health” and vote on contributions that they think are most interesting. Some of the suggestions that attract interest and volunteering contributors can then be addressed via team exchanges. Those suggestions that are not immediately taken forward will remain available as inspiration for future interactions. The process of collaboration within the platform is described in more detail in Figure 2.

How you can get involved

Become a user in our platform!
We will be recruiting users for the platform from the three cohort regions and beyond via our website and social media channels.
Anyone from the age of 16 can join.
Interested? Contact us via contact@joinus4health.eu

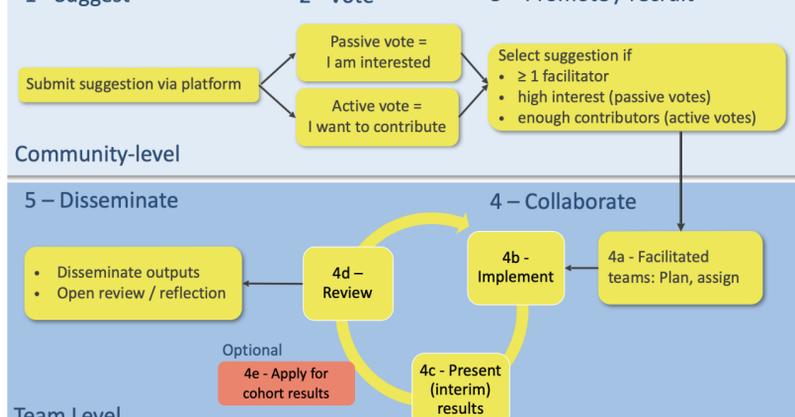


Figure 2. Outline of the JoinUs4Health concept

Join our first team of volunteers to conduct a project in our platform

Would you like to dive into the project even deeper? Then join us as one of our team members to conduct our first research project. From February, you can collaborate with other team members from different backgrounds on a research project related to “One Health”. For a period of three months, the team will meet for around two hours every week and will be supported by a trained facilitator. Interested in joining? Send us an email! (contact@joinus4health.eu)

Give us feedback on our One Health Module in SHIP!

Since May 2021, participants of our third cohort SHIP-NEXT who own dogs, cats, poultry or pigeons are invited to also let their animals join our cohort study. First, the owner or main contact person fills out questionnaires and answers interview questions. Then, the veterinarian clinically examines the animal(s) and collects blood and swab samples. The participant receives a summary of key laboratory results. Based on the study findings, we will develop recommendations and information in relation to the contact with animals in the private household.

We’d love to hear your thoughts about how we’ve gone about conducting this study and what information you would welcome. What should these recommendations entail? What information are you interested in or do you need? Or would you like to explore first results of the One Health Module with team members?

Contact us to submit your suggestions and ideas even before the release of the platform (contact@joinus4health.eu).

Stay up to date with our upcoming news.



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