TRAJECTORIES OF HOMELESS PEOPLE AND OF LOCAL WELFARE NETWORKS ADAPTATIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC

PanHOME

Belspo Post-covid research

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PLAN

- Team
- Belspo Project
- Approach
- Timing
- Towards …

TEAM

- sociologists and social work researchers

- homelessness and public policy research

    - Following up of Mehobel, Trahome and Regional counts etc.

    - From local to regional, federal and European level

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OBJECTIVES BELSPO POST-COVID PROJECT -1

- Belspo call post-covid

- "Stay at home" signified a supplementary stake for people experiencing homelessness

  - New forms of collaboration with health, diagnostical and quarantine services were created in urgent ways

  - Pandemic also showed new forms of non-take-up (of crisis measures and others), an ongoing invisibilization of women and amplified the digital divide

- Pandemic and different health- and welfare policy measures

  - Few knowledge is identified about the workforce of social workers, educators and others in contact with homeless people during the covid-19 pandemic

  - Homeless sector the majority of services (especially shelters) were considered as essential and remained (partially) open

  => implement new procedures and organisation

OBJECTIVES BELSPO POST-COVID PROJECT - II

- Homelessness at the intersection of various social inequalities of **poverty** ('class'), **migration** ('race and ethnicity'), and **place/space** ('rural and urban circumstances'), resulting in old and new manifestations of homeless people's **denizenship** (Turner, 2016).

- Trandisciplinary research and homelessness as a "wicked problem" (De Corte et al, 2017)

- Regional and federal governments insisted on integrated approaches of homelessness before the pandemic

  - Question how the pandemic affected these approaches?

  - What could be learned in order to better understand (non-)take-up of rights?

  - How did the workforce as well as the people experiencing homelessness adapt to changing situations?

  => How could we prepare awareness and raising capabilities of multi-level governance actors regarding future crises?

APPROACH

Investigate local welfare assemblies
- Broad approach comparing 15 cities
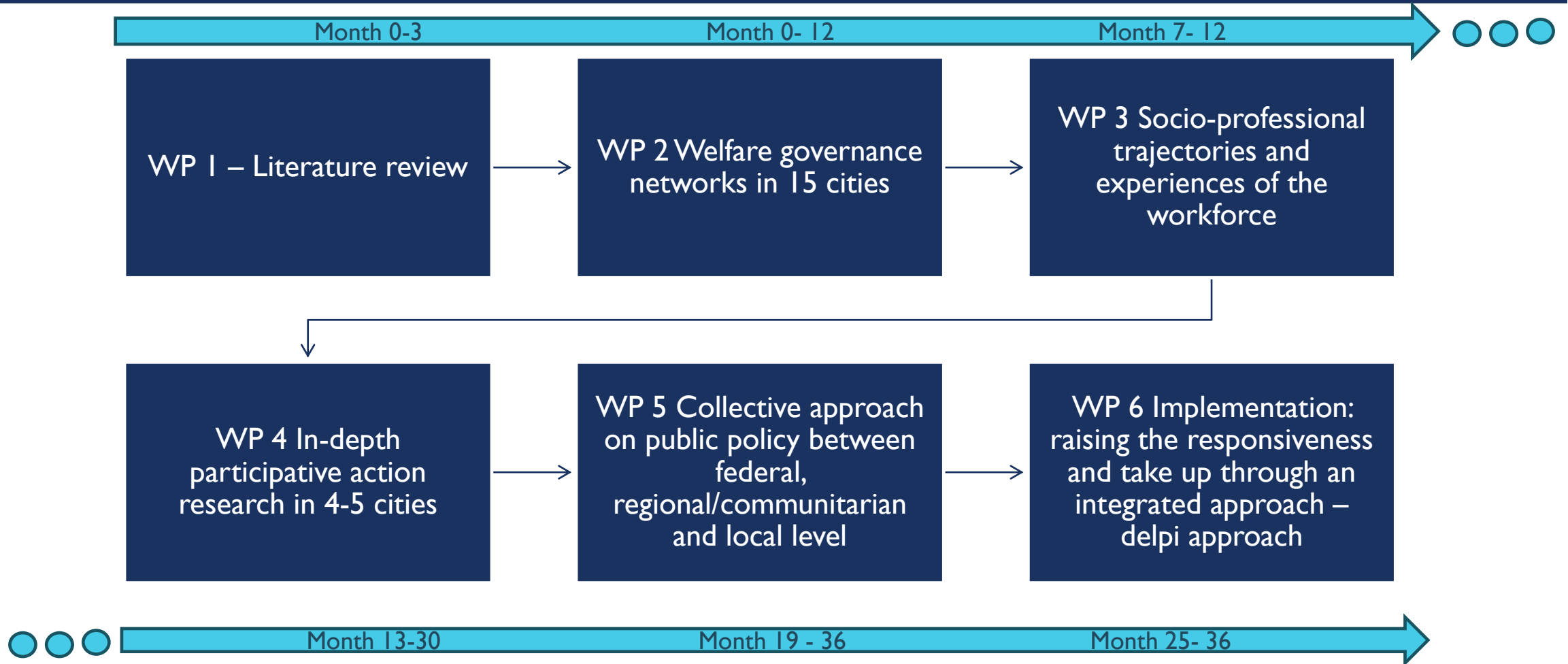- Policy documents and expert interviews

Participatory Action Research
- Fine tuning research and preparing implemantion in 4-5 cities
- With local actors (inadequate housed people, social workers and responsible persons for the implementation for public policy)

Co-construction and implementing
- Action plans based on policy orientations
- Create futur responsiveness and actual take up of social rights

TIMING

Month 0-3 | Month 0- 12 | Month 7- 12

WP 1 – Literature review → **WP 2 Welfare governance networks in 15 cities** → **WP 3 Socio-professional trajectories and experiences of the workforce**

WP 4 In-depth participative action research in 4-5 cities → **WP 5 Collective approach on public policy between federal, regional/communitarian and local level** → **WP 6 Implementation: raising the responsiveness and take up through an integrated approach – delpi approach**

Month 13-30 | Month 19 - 36 | Month 25- 36

- Merci! Bedankt!
  - D'autres questions? Vragen?