

Size: Critical review "Workshops"

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Objectives of SIZE

- *Explain and describe mobility situation for senior citizens*
- *Motivate action from authorities to improve the situation*
- *Provide guidance for implementation*



General objectives of SIZE workshops

- ▲ *To organize and give directions for work*
- ▲ *Preparation of instruments for studies*
- ▲ *Assessment of quality*
- ▲ *Discussions of results*
- ▲ *Working out solutions*
- ▲ *Dissemination of results*



Objectives of Workshop I

Cork, Ireland, February, 2003

- ▲ *Kick off*
- ▲ *Specification of working plan, role of senior citizens*



Objectives of Workshop II

Brno, Czech Republic, February, 2004

- ▲ *Presentation and discussion of qualitative interviews with senior citizens and experts*



Objectives of Workshop III

Lund, Sweden, May, 2005

- ▲ *Presentation and discussion of quantitative results.*
- ▲ *Concepts of possible solutions and dissemination of results*



Objectives of Workshop IV

Brussels, Belgium, March, 2006

- ▲ *Presentation of results from the whole project to representatives of senior citizens associations, industry, policy makers and politicians.*

My comments will concern:

- ▲ *Organization and work directions*
- ▲ *Participants of the workshops*
- ▲ *Discussions of results*
- ▲ *Dissemination of results*
- ▲ *Organisation of workshops*

Organisation and work:

The workshops were important for problem-solving as there were differences in culture, language, economy, scientific tradition, etc among the partners

Questions:

- ▲ *The number of workshops – too few?*
- ▲ *The original project plan included a work plan. Was the project plan flexible? – Was it possible to adjust content and focus of a workshop based on results obtained in a previous one?*



Participants in workshops

- ▲ *Researchers from different scientific disciplines*
- ▲ *Representatives of senior citizens*
- ▲ *Representatives from different countries*
- ▲ *Representatives from authorities*



Participants in workshops

The study focus on senior citizens and they were well represented among the workshops participants

Questions:

- ▲ Were the participants representative for the population of elderly people (with respect to age, health, mobility, country, etc.)?*
- ▲ Did any senior citizens, outside the consortium, and the “workshop” cities take part in any of discussions of results and solutions?*



Discussions and Evaluations

At the workshops there were good opportunities for questions and discussions

Questions:

- ▲ Was there enough time for discussions during the workshops?*
- ▲ Did the discussions during the workshops have any influence on the results of the project?*



Disseminations of results

- ▲ *To authorities*
- ▲ *To experts*
- ▲ *To different countries*
- ▲ *To scientists*
- ▲ *To the senior citizens*



Disseminations of results

One important ambition with workshops was to disseminate the results obtained

Questions:

- ▲ *Were there any results to disseminate during the first three workshops?*
- ▲ *To what extent were results disseminated through alternative channels of information?*

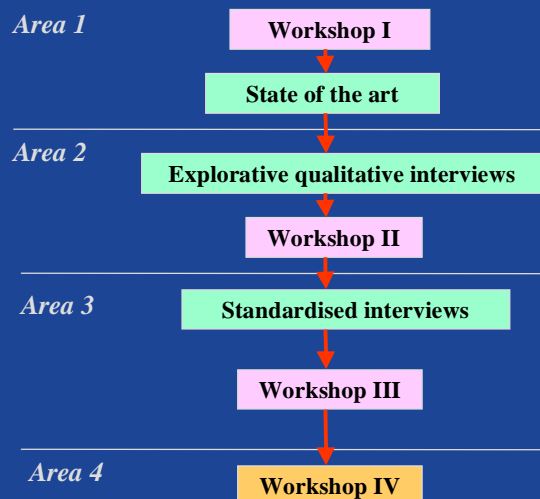


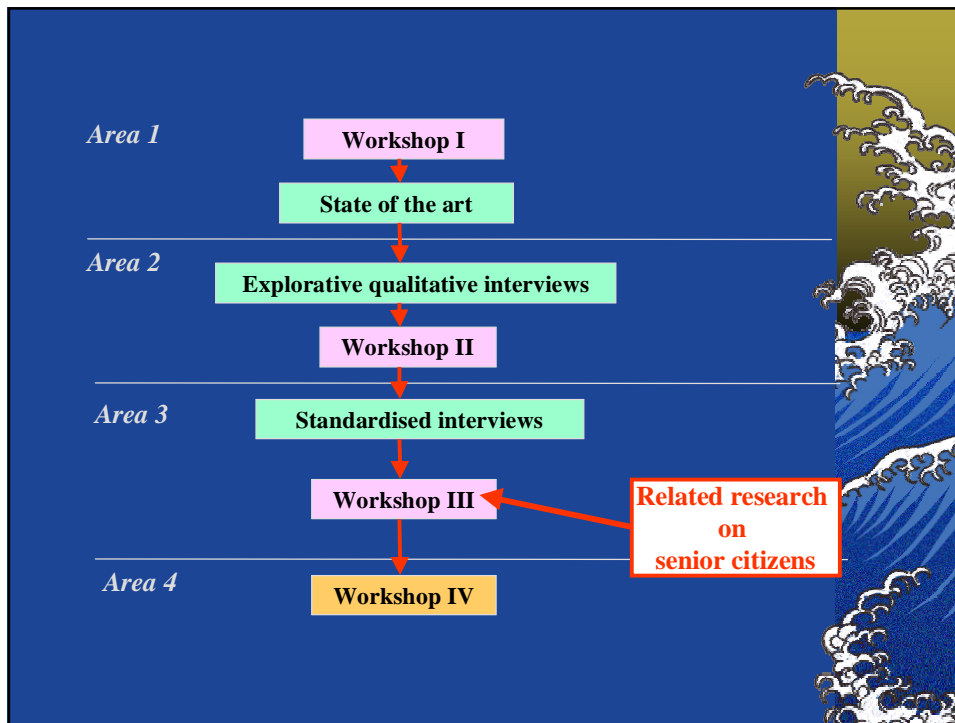
Organization of workshops

The work plan is important for the success of the project – Could anything be learned from the experiences made in SIZE with respect to:

- ▶ *Number of workshops*
- ▶ *Progression of work*
- ▶ *Etc.*

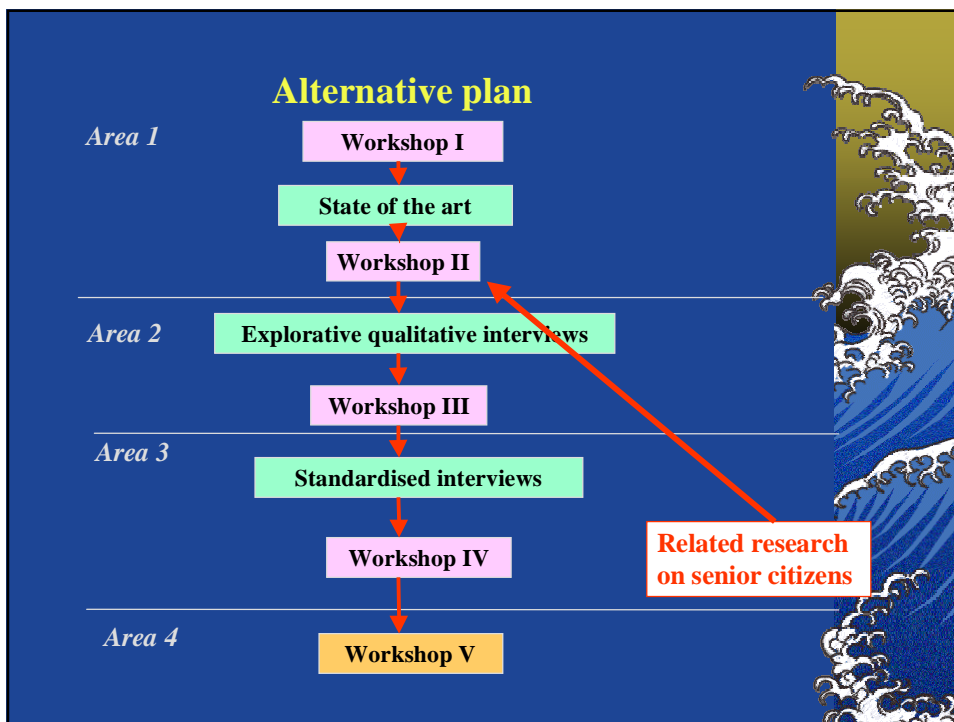
The original plan of work





**Is it possible to improve the
SIZE workplan and
workshops for the future?**

One suggestion!



Summary of comments and questions about Workshops

In the workshops practical problems in the project were solved – but, was the work plan too rigid?

Senior citizens participated in the workshops – but were they representative for the population of elderly?

There were discussions and evaluations of work and results - but, was the time for discussions too short?

There were few results and solutions to disseminate in the three initial workshops

The work plan was ambitious but might be improved for the future.



It has been very interesting to learn about the SIZE project

Thank You!

