

DFG Roundtable Discussion “Public Health Research in Germany: Criteria and Structures”

On January 20-21, 2014 the DFG hosted a Round Table Discussion in Bonn on the topic of “Public Health Research in Germany: Criteria and Structures”. Approximately 30 researchers were invited to exchange views and share their insight and experience. The first conference day dealt with the current state of public health research in Germany contrasting it with other countries such as the Netherlands, Switzerland or the United Kingdom. The second day was dedicated to presentations illustrating the highly interdisciplinary character as well as the broad scope of subject matter and methodology in the area of public health research. In this context, participants discussed the necessity of defining high-quality research criteria and developing such guidelines to aid grant seekers as well as reviewers and grants committees. Finally, the Round Table Discussion served to discuss and plan future public health research activities and how to best incorporate these in the DFG’s funding portfolio.