Health in All Policies. Health promotion calls for wide scale, participatory strategies which generate the resources needed for healthy communities. The European Union has recognized that such strategies require new forms of governance, integrating the various governmental departments, a principle which has become known as Health in All Policies. Such strategies need to be developed by engaging a wide range of citizens, particularly those people most vulnerable to having poor health.

Municipal Prevention Chains. A cornerstone of the German response has been the Coalition for Health Equity (CHE), a national initiative founded in 2003. A central goal of CHE is promoting the establishment of integrated municipal strategies (IMS) for health promotion, also known as "prevention chains." These strategies are intended to provide a coordinated approach to health promotion during the entire life span, with a particular focus on vulnerable communities.

PartKommPlus. How can such strategies be established across the country and how can citizens be engaged in the process? The new research consortium known as PartKommPlus will be applying Participatory Health Research (PHR) methods to ask these questions on a national level in Germany. At the same time, the consortium will be contributing to building the science of PHR.

In this presentation, the structure and goals of PartKommPlus will be presented, providing an opportunity to discuss issues related to participatory research and health promotion on a wide scale.