

Technologies for Public Health

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Our Working Group was formed and officially founded during the course of 2018. The first confirmed members have set up various collaboration tools and took part in Society events and are starting 2019 with work on a joint Research Agenda and exchanges with the established Working Groups.

The objectives of the Technologies Working Group of the Swiss Society for Public Health include advising and responding to proposals and projects on topics of how technology impacts public health, elaborating on the impact of modern information and communications technologies on health practitioners, advising or connecting domain experts, and recommending online platforms for exchange and learning.

At time of writing, the 14 individuals who are active members of the Swiss Society for Public Health and have confirmed their interest to participate and contribute to the group, include: PhD students and Post-docs, technology experts and consultants, and medical practitioners from several fields. Since our initial meetings, it became clear that our members have diverse interests and areas of expertise. We all have perspectives on how technology plays a key role in the research, development and promotional activity in public health.

As a first contribution, the group decided to map the current technology-related public health research in Switzerland, to identify potential evidence gaps and opportunities. We have narrowed the scope of our joint interest to the intersection of Data, Tools and Platforms. Our next step is to publish a survey for the Society's members, collecting the responses into a database.