

Work package title: WP1: Prevalence and related social and economic costs

Presentation title: ASD Prevalence Study in Poland

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Update on activities:

- Part of Warsaw and three areas from the Mazovian voivodeship were selected to develop the prevalence study in Poland. The total number of 7-9 year olds who attend school in this area is 10524 - Sierpecki County (1699 children), Ciechanowski County (2857 children), Płoński County (2968 Children), Warsaw area (3000 children selected from this area)

Mazovian voivodeship:

Children attend regular schools, inclusive schools and special education schools. The epidemiological study started with Teacher Nomination (TN) in May 2016 in 137 Public Schools.

Target population: 10,524;

Support from the Polish Ministry of Education (Superintendent of education office) in obtaining the database of schools with the number of students, but we were not able to get support in contacting the schools and disseminating the information about the project. TN and SCQ have been translated.

Progress:

3034 children were already screened. The TN was performed in 175 classes. 84 children were nominated yet.

Key learning:

What worked well

High level of willingness from the school principals. The principals in Poland have autonomy in decisions regarding participation in research projects. Many of them gave positive feedback and offered help with the project in their schools.

What could be done differently

Information about the project could be sent to the parents before the TN in schools. This could motivate more parents to participate in the project.

Next steps:

- A) Reach all 137 schools from the sample and perform TN in all classes
- B) Enter all data into the database
- C) Administer ADOS to all children with SCQ > 9