

Task force One:

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In the spring of 2023, a personnel change occurred within the Good Healthy Schools Initiative (GHSI). Neele Grandt, the scientific associate, departed from the project in June 2023 due to personal reasons. Subsequently, Maren Jennings joined as the project manager in August 2023. As a result of this transition, there has been a revision in the project timeline, extending the duration of the GHSI until early March 2026.

During the initial phase of the GHSI project, the focus was on identifying both national and international partners with a declared interest in integrating education and health. The primary objective was to establish a network comprising development and implementation partners for the GHSI approach and related concepts. This involved refining and consolidating the concept in conjunction with safety and health issues within the framework of school development.

In the next step conducted a network analysis of potential national and international partners and produced a comprehensive report. Both the analysis and report were then submitted to the German Social Accident Insurance (DGUV is sponsor) as the first milestone of the GHSI project.

The project team designed a brief online survey to gain insights into the various measures related to this school development approach across the 16 Federal States of Germany. Maren Jennings identified survey recipients at each of the 16 Ministries of Education at the state level and sent each recipient a link to the online survey. The survey yielded a response rate of 50%, with 100% of respondents either fully or partially completing the questions in the survey.

In November 2023, Prof. Paulus represented the GHSI project at the 23rd World Congress on Safety and Health at Work in Sydney, where he delivered a presentation titled "Good Healthy Schools - A Key to Promote Vision Zero in Schools and an Essential Condition for the Development of a Culture of Prevention." The aim was to explore potential partnerships in the context of the GHSI.

Looking ahead, the next milestone is an international symposium in an online format focusing on the GHSI theme, targeting stakeholders involved in good healthy schools initiatives. We will also focus on a networking community tool for better exchange with the various stakeholders.