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Funders roles in Implementation: current practices and implementation workers' needs

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The Topic

Funders requirements, attitudes and types of support are of key importance for the extent and types of implementation research and practice. This session will discuss the types of support that funders from different countries and perspectives (e.g. public, private, research and/or policy oriented) carry out and the rationales behind them. Input will come from the Ensuring Value in Research Funders Forum survey published in 2022 on 6 categories of funders implementation activities. Recent insights from new research will be added. The discussion will focus on the extent funder activity matches the needs of implementation workers and the pros and cons of these practices.

Key issues to discuss

- What requirements and types of support do funders from different countries and perspectives carry out for implementation research and practice?
- Which motivations and rationales lie behind these funders practices and is there evidence for positive effects of these?
- What are needs of implementation researchers and practitioners and are they met by the funders' practices?
- What changes can contribute to improve the match between implementation workers needs and funders practices?

Target audience

Implementation researchers and practitioners who wish to better understand the motives of funders and how to successfully access funding. Representatives from funding organisations and policy makers who want to hear how their practices are received by applicants and how they can be better aligned with implementation worker's needs.