

PEGNet Survey on the demand for research

Dear colleague,

To improve the communication and cooperation between researchers, development practitioners and policy makers; the PEGNet-Team has developed a survey to assess the demand for research. Our goal is to assess the extent to which practitioners apply research outcomes in their daily work and to determine the main obstacles that hinder cooperation between researchers, policy makers and practitioners. It will take **approximately 10 minutes** to complete this survey. **The PEGNet Team will be very grateful for your cooperation in answering the survey.**

There are **no compulsory questions**, i.e. **you can skip** them if you don't like to answer. But we would very much appreciate if you try to complete as many questions as possible to allow for valid results.

The **anonymized results** of this survey will be published on our website and in a short article in the D+C magazine and will also be presented during the annual PEGNet conference on „How to Shape Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Economies in the Developing World – Global, Regional, and Local Solutions“ which will take place in Copenhagen, Denmark, October 17-18, 2013.

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1. Gender:

- Male Female

2. Age: _____

3. What is your (highest) educational attainment?

- Apprenticeship Bachelor
 Master Magister
 Diplom Ph.D. / Dr.
 Other [...]

Clarify Other: _____

4. In which subject did you receive your training/education?

- Agriculture Business / Management
 Natural Sciences Engineering and Technology
 Medical and Health Sciences Social Sciences (not Economics)
 Information Technology (IT) Law and Public Administration
 Economics Humanities
 Other [...]

Clarify Other: _____

5. How many years of work experience do you have in development cooperation/assistance?

6. Where are you primarily employed?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Development Cooperation (Ministries, GIZ, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Development Cooperation (KfW Development Bank, DEG, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NGO in Development Cooperation | <input type="checkbox"/> For-profit organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consulting Firm | <input type="checkbox"/> Other [...] |

Clarify Other: _____

7. How large is your financial responsibility approximately in Euro (per year)?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 10,000 € | <input type="checkbox"/> 10,000 – 100,000 € |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 100,000 – 1 Mio. € | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Mio. – 5 Mio. € |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Mio. – 10 Mio. € | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10 Mio. € |

8. How many employees are you responsible for?

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 - 20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20 - 50 | <input type="checkbox"/> > 50 |

9. How many days of field work did your work approximately involve last year (non-continuous)?

10. Which regions did your work deal with in the last year?

Multiple answers are possible

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Saharan Africa | <input type="checkbox"/> East Asia and Pacific |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Europe and Central Asia | <input type="checkbox"/> Latin America and Caribbean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle East and North Africa | <input type="checkbox"/> South Asia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> South Asia | <input type="checkbox"/> Worldwide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other [...] | |

Clarify Other: _____

11. To which sector(s) does your work mainly relate to?

Multiple answers are possible

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and Rural Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Policy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private Sector | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development (formal & informal) | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport and Infrastructure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education (Primary, Secondary, Technical, Vocational) | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Sector |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment / Climate Change | <input type="checkbox"/> Migration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Nutrition | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy / Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Sector Governance | <input type="checkbox"/> Trade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Development and Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> IT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Development | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other [...] | |

Clarify Other: _____

12. How would you rate the importance of academic research in your daily work?

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SCALE FROM 1 (NOT IMPORTANT AT ALL) TO 10 (VERY IMPORTANT)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. Do you expect the importance of academic research in your daily work to increase over the next 3 years?

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SCALE FROM 1 (VERY LIKELY TO DECREASE) TO 10 (VERY LIKELY TO INCREASE)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14. What are the main sources of research you use?

Multiple answers are possible

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| <input type="checkbox"/> University research | <input type="checkbox"/> In-house research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Think Tanks (DIE, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Consultancies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other [...] | |

Clarify Other: _____

15. Which type(s) of research-publication do you use?

Multiple answers are possible

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic journals | <input type="checkbox"/> University working paper series |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reports by NGOs | <input type="checkbox"/> Reports by International Organizations (WHO, UNESCO, FAO, UNDP, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other [...] | |

Clarify Other: _____

16. Where do you look for information about recent research?

Multiple answers are possible

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conferences | <input type="checkbox"/> Lectures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Informal discussion with researchers / Cooperation with researchers | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialized magazines (e.g. "e+z: Entwicklung und Zusammenarbeit") |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletters | <input type="checkbox"/> Blogs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media (Twitter, Facebook etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Informal communication with colleagues (Flurfunk) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other [...] | |

Clarify Other: _____

17. How often did you read academic research articles in the last year?

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Every day | <input type="checkbox"/> At least once a week |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At least once a month | <input type="checkbox"/> Several times per year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less frequently | <input type="checkbox"/> Never |

18. How often did you attend lectures, workshops, symposia etc. relating to academic research in the last year?

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> At least once a month | <input type="checkbox"/> At least every 3 month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At least every 6 month | <input type="checkbox"/> At least once a year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Never | |

19. What is your primary motivation for reading academic research?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Research contains technical innovation that is important for my daily work | <input type="checkbox"/> Research contains country/context specific information that is useful for my daily work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research provides me with information on new methods and approaches | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal interest/Own Curiosity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conducting own research | <input type="checkbox"/> I never use research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other [...] | |

Clarify Other: _____

20. Did you cooperate with universities or research institutes (in the last three years)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|

If yes, please name the three most important cooperation partners:

21. Did you write a research article for an academic journal in the last 10 years?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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22. How would you rate the accessibility of academic research that is relevant to your daily work?

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SCALE FROM 1 (VERY HARD TO ACCESS) TO 10 (VERY EASY TO ACCESS)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

23. To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

Scale from 1 (do not agree at all) to 5 (completely agree)

	1	2	3	4	5
A) I KNOW WHERE TO FIND NEW ACADEMIC RESEARCH RESULTS THAT ARE RELEVANT FOR MY WORK OR CORRESPOND TO MY INTERESTS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B) I HAVE EASY ACCESS TO NEW ACADEMIC RESEARCH RESULTS THAT ARE RELEVANT FOR MY WORK OR CORRESPOND TO MY INTERESTS, I.E. I HAVE ENOUGH FUNDS TO BUY THEM OR MY ORGANIZATION HAS A SUFFICIENT RANGE OF JOURNAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C) ACADEMIC RESEARCH IS EASY TO UNDERSTAND IN TERMS OF LANGUAGE.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D) ACADEMIC RESEARCH ACKNOWLEDGES AND INCORPORATES INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCES FROM DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

24. How would you rate the quality of cooperation with researchers overall?

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SCALE FROM 1 (VERY BAD) TO 10 (VERY GOOD)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

25. In your opinion what are the main problems regarding attractiveness / usefulness of academic research?

Multiple answers are possible

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial constraints (e.g. costs of acquiring literature) | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor communication and linkages (e.g. poor international linkages of my department) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High staff turnover at cooperating institution | <input type="checkbox"/> High variation of my daily work's topics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Own time constraints | <input type="checkbox"/> Mismatch of timing between research and praxis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mismatch of interests (Research is too theoretical, research does not address problems of my daily work etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Research is unnecessary for my work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other [...] | |

Clarify Other: _____

*With the preceding questions we have tried to cover as many topics as possible. But since we are only able to cover a limited spectrum of subjects we would ask you to **tell us about issues and topics that we have missed**. Please give us a **constructive feedback** and don't hesitate to be **very critical!***

26. What would make academic research more useful for your daily work?

27. How would you improve cooperation?
