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## Belgium and Switzerland: a JBI partnership for EBH educational development

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## JBI Belgium and BEST: contexts

- ▶ BICEP, the Belgian Affiliated JBI Group
  - Exists since 2009 (new director in 2018)
    - Small team
    - Dutch-speaking staff + (since 2022) French-speaking staff
    - New name in January 2023: JBI Belgium
  - Belgium, a multilingual country (no English)
  - Difficulties in developing JBI activities in Belgium
  
- ▶ BEST, the Swiss JBI Centre of Excellence
  - Exists since 2012
  - Brings together 6 French-speaking healthcare institutions: 4 academic and 2 clinical
  - Switzerland, a multilingual country (no English)
  - Expertise in developing JBI activities in Switzerland, and on mandate, abroad

# A multilingual international collaboration project



- ▶ Project team
- ▶ JBI grant (2023)
- ▶ Aims
  - To set up a collaboration between
    - the Swiss and Belgian centres through a JBI Mentorship program
    - researchers from Belgian universities, over the boundaries of the national languages

## Mentorship program

- ▶ Main objective =>
  - To discuss best practices regarding the JBI brand, methods and products in Switzerland and consider transferring these to the Belgian context
- ▶ Achieved through a first meeting in Lausanne
  - Exchanges on the functioning, opportunities and risks of our respective centers, as well as on possible lines of action for the Belgian center
  - Face to face meetings with BEST members with different professional backgrounds, functions and years in the organization
  - Visits to 2 libraries of BEST member institutions
  - More informal moments

## Systematic review course

- ▶ Main objective beyond training =>
  - Set up a collaboration between researchers of two Belgian universities, over the boundaries of the national languages
- ▶ CSRTP in Antwerpen
  - Time needed for teams of multilingual researchers to be formed
  - Challenges of collaboration within multilingual research teams from the start
  - Experiments of some participants to use generative artificial intelligence in protocol development

## Methodological support for conducting two reviews

- ▶ Main objective =>
  - To assist in the development of a qualitative systematic review protocol, as a result of collaboration within a multilingual research team
  
- ▶ Current situation
  - In progress
  - Different paces and needs between the 2 research teams
  - Physical distance between people, both the research team members and the support person

## Primary research

- ▶ Collaboration between multilingual teams when conducting a (systematic) review
  - A qualitative study
    - Interviews with researchers from Belgium and abroad
      - Experience, opinions, barriers for multilingual collaboration
  - A quantitative study
    - An international survey (under consideration)

## Planning

### ▶ Done

- Kick off meeting in Lausanne (July 2023)
- Systematic review course: modules 1 (October) & 3 (December 2023)

### ▶ Ongoing

- Methodological support for conducting systematic / scoping review
- Primary studies

### ▶ Next

- Submission protocols / papers for publication
- Evaluation of two branding activities
- Closing event: colloquium (June 2025)



## A few thoughts at this stage: JBI Belgium

- ▶ Teachers: preference for teaching in their own language rather than in English
- ▶ Several ideas
  - Building a strategic vision
  - Creating a website
  - Developing more activities such as glocal solution rooms
  - Developing a collaboration with hospitals or clinics
  - Teaching about JBI recommendations in higher education
  - Thinking about a sustainable structure

What wonderful encounters thanks to this project!

After years of hard work...



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## A few thoughts at this stage: BEST

- ▶ Monitoring and involving research teams can be challenging due to distance and language barriers, but this is at the very heart of the project
- ▶ The benefits of the exchanges between our 2 centres, Belgian and Swiss, go both ways
  - because of certain similarities (our 2 countries are federal states, with several official languages, etc.)
  - but also because of particular organizational and strategic choices

Looking forward to the next stage of the project,  
which will focus on the needs and possibilities to ameliorate the collaboration  
between multilingual research teams



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