



Team Focus

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Team Focus

We are an interdisciplinary research team with expertise in social science and social work.

Since 1993 we have been working for different institutions of the City of Vienna, doing research on social issues and providing the scientific foundation for designing social measures and shaping public space.



Goals and values

We work towards ensuring a socially just and sustainable use of public space. We support inclusion and the expansion of options available to disadvantaged people in the city. We take account of people's different requirements and living conditions in order to balance interests in social space. We consider the participation of those affected an essential factor in increasing the effectiveness of social services.

Portfolio



Social space analysis and surveys on social issues

Social research in urban areas in Vienna, such as districts, neighbourhoods or housing estates



Needs analysis and evaluations

Assessment of existing offers and analysis of social services



Social reporting

Collecting data for social planning



Consulting

Based on evidence and on practical experience



Networking

Facilitating the exchange of information between organisations and institutions

Main areas of work



Target groups of social work

Areas of need and conflict in connection with socially disadvantaged and marginalised people



Children and young people

Use and appropriation of and resources and needs in social space



Living together within a community

Housing, neighbourhood and issues related to social housing



Social work and social institutions

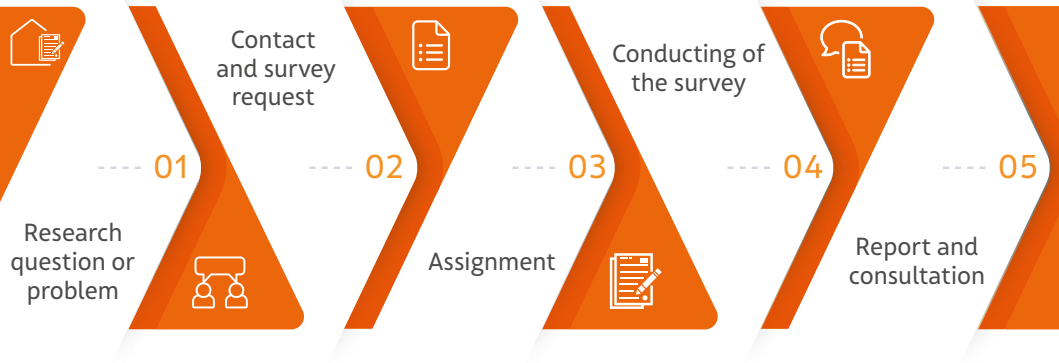
Developments and new demands on social services



Methods

We work in the field of applied social science research. Research interests and research questions determine our choice of methods and guide us in developing a suitable mix of methods from a wide range of available options.

Typically, we conduct qualitative interviews with different stakeholders, such as experts from the social and educational sectors, local politicians, the executive forces, local residents, people engaged in trade and commerce, young people or marginalised people. Another pillar of our work are observations in public space.



You want to commission Team Focus to carry out a survey?

District Chairpersons and institutions of the City Administration can request the conduct of a survey from the Fonds Soziales Wien (Vienna Social Fund – FSW), which will also pay for the related expenses. The survey jobs are assigned by the Fonds Soziales Wien management in consultation with the competent Executive City Councillors.

To date we have conducted approximately 70 surveys based on requests coming from all of Vienna's 23 municipal districts. We also carry out research assignments for the FSW to know more about specific client groups and their structural needs.



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